

Morning Programming Schedule

10:00 – 10:45 AM

Title	Leader	Description	Difficulty
Wind, Water & Time Forces of Nature	Dan Kane <i>Executive Director</i>	Learn how the land itself contributes to this unique place. Dan will share his thoughts on how Water, Wind and Ice have shaped the land we now call Kinnikinnick Creek Conservation Area.	Standing/seated (bring a chair)
Tree & Shrub Identification	Ben Davies <i>Natural Areas Technician</i>	Join this guided hike to explore the different trees and shrubs found in Kinnikinnick Creek Conservation Area. Ben will share information about the native and invasive tree and shrub species and how to identify them. There will also be a discussion of threats to conservation and the importance of these species.	Moderate walking/hiking (.25 mile)
Natural History of Kinnikinnick	Aarron Minson <i>Natural Areas Manager</i>	Explore Kinnikinnick's rich natural history by discussing how humans have interacted with and shaped the landscape. (Hint: we'll be talking about fire!)	Some walking on uneven terrain
Prairie Exploration Hike	Jack Shouba <i>Volunteer</i>	Meet Jack, a prairie steward and enthusiast for over 50 years, to learn more about prairie plants and this amazing habitat here in Boone County.	Walking/hiking uneven terrain
Habitat Helper Projects	BCCD Staff & Volunteers	Help collect native plant seed to help restore future conservation areas. Other options may also include brush trimming and litter pick up	Vigorous physical activity

11:00 – 11:45 AM

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Kinnikinnick Creek Habitat Project Overview	Josh Sage <i>Director of Natural Resources</i>	Hike with Josh through the heart of Kinnikinnick Creek Conservation Area. Participants will be able to see firsthand habitat projects that have been completed and are currently in progress. We will discuss succession, technique, reasoning, goals, and partnerships. This hike will expand on Aarron Minson's program, 'The Natural History of Kinnikinnick Creek Conservation Area.'	Moderate walking/hiking (1.25 miles)
Northern Illinois Historical Surveyor	Fred Durrenberg <i>Historian</i>	Learn the "how and why" of land ownership in Northern Illinois. Fred is an expert on historical surveying and will showcase the surveying techniques and tools used during the 1830s.	Standing/seated (bring a chair)
Woodland Wildflower Hike	Brian Hale <i>Volunteer</i>	Join Brian on a walk through a restored oak/hickory woodland to explore the habitat in this lovely section of a dedicated Illinois Nature Preserve.	Moderate hiking over hilly terrain
Pollinator Hike	Joel Neylon <i>Field Technician</i>	Take a hike with Joel to learn more about native pollinators, how to spot them, and ways you can help support them. There have been sightings of the federally endangered rusty patched bumble bee at Kinnikinnick Creek Conservation Area.	Moderate hiking over hilly terrain
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Creek Stompin' & Sasquatchin'	Tina Dawson <i>Education Director</i>	Join our education staff on our quest for adventure! We will be stompin through the creek and stompin through the trees exploring the woods like Big Foot to see what we can discover. Creek Stompin' requires that you wear shoes and clothes that can get wet and muddy. ABSOLUTELY NO FLIP FLOPS! <i>Bring a water bottle and bug spray.</i>	Ages 6 years and up