



Volunteer Restoration & Native Plant Nursery Workday Schedule

JULY – SEPTEMBER 2022



Volunteer workdays give forest preserve fans a way to help restore biodiversity and function to our native ecosystems. Each [restoration](#) workday is planned by a site steward (who are also dedicated volunteers themselves) and includes orientation, a safety talk and a hands-on natural-areas-management project. From late fall to early spring, they work to remove invasive species usually using cutting tools (loppers and bow saws) or disperse native seed to increase diversity in degraded areas or where invasive plants have been removed. In spring, summer and fall, volunteers also do invasive species removal and hand collect seed from native plants when they are ready. At the [native plant nursery](#), volunteers assist staff with various tasks like weeding, watering, collecting seeds, planting plugs and maintaining walkways. As a volunteer, you'll not only give the forest preserves a much needed helping hand but also learn about native plants and how to use them in your own backyard. Nursery workdays run from late April – November.

Registration

Registration is important. When site stewards and staff know in advance how many volunteers to expect, they can bring the right amount of supplies and equipment to ensure safe, productive workdays. Registrants will also receive a map specifying where to park within the preserve. Please make sure to review all requirements before attending.

Individuals must register at least five business days before a workday either online at <https://apm.activecommunities.com/fpddc/Home> by searching for the activity number listed next to the workday, by emailing nrvolunteer@dupageforest.org, or calling (630) 206-9630. You'll need to provide your name, phone number, and an email address. For any dates listed under "Partner Organization Workdays," please follow the instructions listed. **Individuals cannot apply workdays toward court-ordered community service. For these types of service projects, call the Forest Preserve District's Human Resources department at (630) 933-7682.**



Young volunteers and organized groups of five or more — such as, students fulfilling service-learning or class requirements, and religious, corporate or Scout groups — must register 10 business days before the workday at (630) 206-9630, or by emailing nrvolunteer@dupageforest.org. You'll need to provide your name/name of the group, phone number, email address and the number of participants.

Restoration workdays are appropriate for individuals 8 and older. For children ages 8 to 10, there must be one adult for every two children; for children ages 11 to 18, there must be one adult for every eight. Nursery workdays are for individuals 12 and older. A parent will need to stay at the workday if their child is under 18, but high school students have the option to bring a friend to fulfill this requirement.

Waiver Requirements

All volunteers who are not badged District volunteers must submit a signed waiver form to the site steward at the beginning of the workday. Volunteers under 18 must have their parents or guardians sign their waivers.

How to Prepare

Dress in layers, and wear sturdy shoes or boots, long pants, and long-sleeved shirts. Because you'll work in thorny, brushy areas and occasionally among poisonous plants, do not wear shorts or thin leggings. Flip-flops, sandals and open-toe shoes are not allowed. If possible, bring your own work gloves. Water, sunscreen, and bug spray is also recommended. Most of the work areas are off trail on uneven terrain.

Cancellations

Cancellations occasionally occur due to weather, especially when a forecast calls for extreme high or low temperatures, sub-zero wind chills, or when there's lightning or heavy rain. Do not go to a workday if there is a strong chance of severe weather. A workday will likely take place if there's only a slight drizzle, but for the safety of our employees and volunteers, we will cut it short if there's lightning or thunder. For this reason, participants will need their ride on site in case severe weather moves in before the workday is scheduled to end. If you have questions or concerns or if you are no longer able to attend, please call the contact number on the notice you receive after you register, or call (630) 206-9630 Monday-Friday 7am-2:30pm.

JULY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2 Churchill Woods CHW-Glacial Ridge
3 Churchill Woods	4 Churchill Woods	5	6 Blackwell Nursery	7	8	9 Churchill Woods
10 Churchill Woods	11 Blackwell Nursery	12	13	14	15	16 Blackwell Nursery <i>Elmhurst G.W. Prairie</i>
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24/31 24-Churchill Woods 31-Churchill Woods	25	26	27 Blackwell Nursery	28	29 Blackwell Nursery	30 Churchill Woods CHW-Glacial Ridge

Forest Preserve District-led Workdays

Workday activities are up to the site steward's discretion and vary throughout the year between brush cutting, seed collecting, seed and/or plug planting and non-native weed removal. Register at least 5 days before a workday. Visit dupageforest.org and click "Registration and Permits." In the search box, enter the five-digit activity number listed next to the workday, click search and then the "more" dropdown. Add to cart and create an Active account to complete your registration. Registration can alternately be done by calling (630) 206-9630 or email nrvolunteer@dupageforest.org.

Date	Time	Preserve	Town	Online Activity #	Steward/Staff
July 2	8:30 – 11 am	Churchill Woods	Lombard	21903	Ron F.
July 2	9 am – 12 pm	Churchill Glacial Ridge	Glen Ellyn	21904	Bruce B.
July 3	8:30 – 11 am	Churchill Woods	Lombard	21905	Ron F.
July 4	8:30 – 11 am	Churchill Woods	Lombard	21906	Ron F.
July 6	8 – 11 am	Blackwell Nursery	Warrenville	21884	John O.
July 9	8:30 – 11 am	Churchill Woods	Lombard	21907	Ron F.
July 10	8:30 – 11 am	Churchill Woods	Lombard	21908	Ron F.
July 11	8 – 11 am	Blackwell Nursery	Warrenville	21885	John O.
July 16	8 – 11 am	Blackwell Nursery	Warrenville	21886	John O.
July 22	8 – 11 am	Blackwell Nursery	Warrenville	21887	John O.
July 23	8:30 – 11 am	Churchill Woods	Lombard	21909	Ron F.
July 24	8:30 – 11 am	Churchill Woods	Lombard	21910	Ron F.
July 27	8 – 11 am	Blackwell Nursery	Warrenville	21888	John O.
July 30	8:30 – 11 am	Churchill Woods	Lombard	21911	Ron F.
July 30	9 am – 12 pm	Churchill Glacial Ridge	Glen Ellyn	21912	Bruce B.
July 31	8:30 – 11 am	Churchill Woods	Lombard	21913	Ron F.

Partner Organization Workdays (registration requirements listed)

July 16	9 am – noon	<i>Elmhurst Great Western Prairie</i>	Elmhurst	Workday through Elmhurst Park District. More information on their website https://www.epd.org/parks/elmhurst-great-western-prairie . Contact Volunteer Steward, Eric Keeley, to register ahead of the workday, keeley.eric@gmail.com or (630) 336-1852.
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AUGUST

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Blackwell Nursery	2	3	4	5	6 Blackwell Nursery Churchill Woods
7 Churchill Woods	8	9	10	11	12 Blackwell Nursery	13 Churchill Woods CHW-Glacial Ridge
14 Churchill Woods	15	16	17 Blackwell Nursery	18	19	20 <i>Elmhurst G.W. Prairie</i>
21	22 Blackwell Nursery	23	24	25	26	27 Blackwell Nursery Churchill Woods
28 Churchill Woods	29 Churchill Woods	30	31			

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Aug. 1	8 – 11 am	Blackwell Nursery	Warrenville	21889	John O.
Aug. 6	8 – 11 am	Blackwell Nursery	Warrenville	21890	John O.
Aug. 6	8:30 – 11 am	Churchill Woods	Lombard	21914	Ron F.
Aug. 7	8:30 – 11 am	Churchill Woods	Lombard	21915	Ron F.
Aug. 12	8 – 11 am	Blackwell Nursery	Warrenville	21891	John O.
Aug. 13	8:30 – 11 am	Churchill Woods	Lombard	21916	Ron F.
Aug. 13	9 am – 12 pm	Churchill Glacial Ridge	Glen Ellyn	21917	Bruce B.
Aug. 14	8:30 – 11 am	Churchill Woods	Lombard	21918	Ron F.
Aug. 17	8 – 11 am	Blackwell Nursery	Warrenville	21892	John O.
Aug. 22	8 – 11 am	Blackwell Nursery	Warrenville	21893	John O.
Aug. 27	8 – 11 am	Blackwell Nursery	Warrenville	21894	John O.
Aug. 27	8:30 – 11 am	Churchill Woods	Lombard	21919	Ron F.
Aug. 28	8:30 – 11 am	Churchill Woods	Lombard	21920	Ron F.
Aug. 29	8:30 – 11 am	Churchill Woods	Lombard	21921	Ron F.

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August 20	9 am – noon	<i>Elmhurst Great Western Prairie</i>	Elmhurst	Workday through Elmhurst Park District. More information on their website https://www.epd.org/parks/elmhurst-great-western-prairie . Contact Volunteer Steward, Eric Keeley, to register ahead of the workday, keeley.eric@gmail.com or (630) 336-1852.
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SEPTEMBER

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				1	2 Blackwell Nursery	3 Churchill Woods CHW-Glacial Ridge
4 Churchill Woods	LABOR DAY 5 Churchill Woods	6	7 Blackwell Nursery	8	9	10 Churchill Woods
11 Churchill Woods	12 Blackwell Nursery	13	14	15	16	17 Blackwell Nursery <i>Elmhurst G.W. Prairie</i> Springbrook Prairie
18	19	20 Springbrook Prairie	21	22	23 Blackwell Nursery	24 Churchill Woods CHW-Glacial Ridge
25 Churchill Woods	26	27	28 Blackwell Nursery Oldfield Oaks	29	30	

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Sep. 2	8 – 11 am	Blackwell Nursery	Warrenville	21895	John O.
Sep. 3	8:30 – 11 am	Churchill Woods	Lombard	21922	Ron F.
Sep. 3	9 am – 12 pm	Churchill Glacial Ridge	Glen Ellyn	21923	Bruce B.
Sep. 4	8:30 – 11 am	Churchill Woods	Lombard	21924	Ron F.
Sep. 5	8:30 – 11 am	Churchill Woods	Lombard	21925	Ron F.
Sep. 7	8 – 11 am	Blackwell Nursery	Warrenville	21896	John O.
Sep. 10	8:30 – 11 am	Churchill Woods	Lombard	21926	Ron F.
Sep. 11	8:30 – 11 am	Churchill Woods	Lombard	21927	Ron F.
Sep. 12	8 – 11 am	Blackwell Nursery	Warrenville	21897	John O.
Sep. 17	8 – 11 am	Blackwell Nursery	Warrenville	21898	John O.
Sep. 17	9 am – 12 pm	Springbrook Prairie	Naperville	21949	Joe S.
Sep. 20	9 am – 12 pm	Springbrook Prairie	Naperville	21950	Joe S.
Sep. 23	9 am – 12 pm	Blackwell Nursery	Warrenville	21899	John O.
Sep. 24	8:30 – 11 am	Churchill Woods	Lombard	21928	Ron F.
Sep. 24	9 am – 12 pm	Churchill Glacial Ridge	Glen Ellyn	21929	Bruce B.
Sep. 25	8:30 – 11 am	Churchill Woods	Lombard	21930	Ron F.
Sep. 28	9 am – 12 pm	Blackwell Nursery	Warrenville	21900	John O.
Sep. 28	9 am – 12 pm	Oldfield Oaks	Darien	21951	Steph S.

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COVID-19 Precautions

In accordance with the CDC's updated masking recommendations and a mandate by the Illinois governor, the Forest Preserve District updated its mask guidance as follows:

District employees, volunteers, contractors, and visitors will **no longer be required to wear masks** indoors at District facilities.

- Any employee or visitor who prefers wearing a mask for any reason, regardless of vaccination status, is encouraged to continue to do so.
- For projects with canvas gloves – a pair can be issued to borrow for the event. If possible, we suggest that volunteers bring their own work gloves to the workday.
- Volunteers should bring their own water or snack if needed. For hot days please bring extra water. We will not be able to provide snacks or drinks.
- Volunteers should bring their own sunscreen and/or bug spray if needed.
- **MOST IMPORTANTLY, if any volunteer is sick, is home with someone who is sick, or is showing any symptoms of COVID-19, PLEASE DO NOT ATTEND THE WORKDAY.**

If ANY District volunteer is sick or is home with someone who is sick:

- The volunteer must notify his/her supervisor of the illness or exposure to illness.
- The volunteer must immediately send an email to HR representatives, Christina Watson and Megan Denniger, to notify them of the illness / exposure to illness.
- If a volunteer reasonably connected with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, please notify HR immediately.
- BEFORE the volunteer returns to the District, a conversation between the volunteer, HR and Volunteer Services must take place to confirm the steps that will be required to authorize a return to the District. The volunteer may not return without approval from HR.

HR contacts: Christina Watson cwatson@dupageforest.org 630-933-7679

Megan Denniger mdenniger@dupageforest.org 630-933-7677, 630-200-6426 (Cell)

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