

# The Prairie Enthusiasts



## Work Parties – Winter 2018-19

Dane, Sauk, & eastern Iowa  
Counties

”Preserving and protecting our prairie heritage”

Help is needed this winter with: - tree/brush removal & **brush pile burning**

Be sure to wear appropriate clothing for the weather (dress in layers) and for burning brush piles. For burning piles, wear old clothes that you do not mind getting holes in from fire brands. Do not wear synthetic fabrics, they ignite too easily. Wear sturdy footwear and work gloves. Bring drinking water. Chainsaw operators with their own equipment are welcome, but must have safety chaps and headgear. Bring pruners or loppers, if you have them, otherwise they will be provided.

Winter work parties are dependent on weather & snow conditions; snow need/tolerance varies depending upon activity planned. Therefore, check with contact person the night before to confirm.

Dec. 8 (Sat) – Smith-Reiner Drumlin  
Dec. 8 (Sat) – Black Earth  
Dec. 13 (Thur) – Schurch-Thomson  
Dec. 15 (Sat) – Moely Prairie  
Dec. 15 (Sat) – Erbe Grassland  
Dec. 20 (Thur) – Schurch-Thomson  
Dec. 23 (Sun) – Schurch-Thomson Pr  
Dec. 27 (Thur) – Schurch-Thomson  
Dec. 29 (Sat) – Foxglove Savanna  
Jan. 5 (Sat) – Schurch-Thomson Pr  
Jan. 12 (Sat) – Smith-Reiner Drumlin  
Jan. 12 (Sat) – Foxglove Savanna  
Jan. 13 (Sun) – Erbe Grassland  
Jan. 16 (Wed) – Schurch-Thomson Pr

Jan. 19 (Sat) – Moely Prairie  
Jan. 26 (Sat) – Foxglove Savanna  
Jan. 27 (Sun) – Schurch-Thomson Pr  
Jan. 30 (Wed) – Schurch-Thomson Pr  
Feb. 2 (Sat) – Smith-Reiner Drumlin  
Feb. 3 (Sun) – Schurch-Thomson Pr  
Feb. 9 (Sat) – Foxglove Savanna  
Feb. 10 (Sun) – Schurch-Thomson Pr  
Feb. 16 (Sat) – Moely Prairie  
**Feb. 23** (Sat) – Foxglove Savanna  
**Feb. 24** (Sun) – Erbe Grassland  
Mar. 9 (Sat) – Smith-Reiner Drumlin  
**Mar. 16** (Sat) – Moely Pr

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Black Earth - Rettenmund Pr. (West of Black Earth)

Contact: Kathie Brock (kmbrock@charter.net)

**Dec. 8** (Sat.) – 1:00 to 4:00. Tree/brush removal. Burn brush piles.

Erbe Grassland (SW of Mt. Horeb)

Contact: Erik Goplin (608-437-4879; egoplin@mhtc.net)

**Dec. 15** (Sat.) – 1:00 to 4:00. Brush removal

**Jan. 13** (Sun.) – 1:00 to 4:00. Brush removal

**Feb. 24** (Sun.) – 1:00 to 4:00. Brush removal.

Foxglove Savanna (SW of Sauk City)

Contact: Jeb Barzen, 608-544-2107, 608-370-3122 (cell);  
jeb@privatelandsconservation.org

**Dec. 29** (Sat.) – 10:00 to 4:00. Tree/brush removal. Burn brush piles. **Lunch provided**

**Jan. 12** (Sat.) – 10:00 to 4:00. Tree/brush removal. Burn brush piles. **Lunch provided**

**Jan. 26** (Sat.) – 10:00 to 4:00. Tree/brush removal. Burn brush piles. **Lunch provided**

**Feb. 9** (Sat.) – 10:00 to 4:00. Tree/brush removal. Burn brush piles. **Lunch provided**

**Feb. 23** (Sat.) – 10:00 to 4:00. Tree/brush removal. Burn brush piles. **Lunch provided**

Moely Prairie (Prairie du Sac)

Contact: Denny Connor (608-798-4185)

**Dec. 15** (Sat.) - 9:00 to Noon. Cut trees/brush &/or burn brush piles.

**Jan. 19** (Sat.) - 9:00 to Noon. Cut trees/brush &/or burn brush piles.

**Feb. 16** (Sat.) - 9:00 to Noon. Cut trees/brush &/or burn brush piles.

**Mar. 16** (Sat.) - 9:00 to Noon. Cut trees/brush &/or burn brush piles.

Schurch-Thomson Prairie (S of Blue Mounds)

Contact: Rich Henderson (608-845-7065; tpe.rhenderson@tds.net)

**Dec. 13** (Thur.) - 1:00 to 4:00. Cut trees &/or burn brush piles.

**Dec. 20** (Thur.) - 1:00 to 4:00. Cut trees &/or burn brush piles.

**Dec. 23** (Sun.) - 1:00 to 4:00. Cut trees &/or burn brush piles.

**Dec. 27** (Thur.) - 1:00 to 4:00. Cut trees &/or burn brush piles.

**Jan. 5** (Sat.) - 1:00 to 4:00. Cut trees &/or burn brush piles.

**Jan. 16** (Wed.) - 1:00 to 4:00. Cut trees &/or burn brush piles.

**Jan. 27** (Sun.) - 1:00 to 4:00. Cut trees &/or burn brush piles.

**Jan. 30** (Wed.) - 1:00 to 4:00. Cut trees &/or burn brush piles.

**Feb. 3** (Sun.) - 1:00 to 4:00. Cut trees &/or burn brush piles.

**Feb. 10** (Sun.) - 1:00 to 4:00. Cut trees &/or burn brush piles.

Smith-Reiner Drumlin (SW of Cambridge)

Contact: Gary Birch (608-873-8837)

**Dec. 8** (Sat.) - 1:00 to 4:00. Cut trees/brush &/or burn brush piles.

**Jan. 12** (Sat.) - 1:00 to 4:00. Cut trees/brush &/or burn brush piles.

**Feb. 2** (Sat.) - 1:00 to 4:00. Cut trees/brush &/or burn brush piles.

**Mar. 9** (Sat.) - 1:00 to 4:00. Cut trees/brush &/or burn brush piles.

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## Directions:

**Black Earth** From Black Earth, take County KP west for 1 mile. Then turn left (south) on to Co. F and go 0.1 miles and turn right (west) on to Fessenfeld Rd. Proceed 0.2 miles to the preserve entrance on the left side of the road. Park on the north side of the road.

**Erbe Grassland** From Mt. Horeb, take US Hwy 18/151 west for 2 miles. Turn south (left) on Erbe Road. Meet at the preserve's parking lot and kiosk, which is 0.7 miles south on Erbe Road the right.

**Foxglove Savanna** Site is located off of Hwy 60, between Spring Green and Sauk City, on Round River Trail; 8 miles east of Spring Green or 13 miles west of Sauk City. On Dec. 29 & Jan.12, meet in the cul-de-sac at end of Round River Trail. On all other days, meet at the Barzen residence at S-122213 Round River Trail.

**Moely Prairie** Meet at the end of Alban Lane in Prairie du Sac. This is in the Westwynde Subdivision south of County PF.

**Schurch-Thomson Prairie** From the intersection of US Hwy 18-151 and County F (south of Blue Mounds in western Dane County), take F approximately 5 miles south. Turn right onto Reilly Road, and proceed to barn at the end of the road. (Note: 1/2 mile down F from 18-151, pay close attention to the road signs, for F turns to the right & the straight ahead becomes County Z. Stay on F.)

**Smith-Reiner Drumlin** From the intersection of Highway 12/18 and Highway 73 (two miles west of Cambridge, WI) go south on Highway 73 for 1.5 miles, then east on County Highway PQ for 1 mile, then south on Clearview Road for 0.5 mile. Park in the small parking lot off of Clearview Road and walk west .25 miles on an old farm lane into the natural area.

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