

Suburban Soles 2023 season



FRIENDS OF
GRANT
PARK

Guided Nature Walks



- May 7th** **Friends with Feathers** *"Seasons Turn, with Migration of Birds"* **8:30 - 10:30am** - Area 5A Shelter
- May 21st** **Know your IQ... No, your WQ!** *"Watershed & Water Quality challenges"* **10am - Noon** - Oak Creek
- June 4th** **Wonders of Wil-O-Way** *"Plants, Plants, Plants"* **10am - Noon** - Wil-O-Way
Join us for a tour lead by 3 Master Gardeners of the grounds, gardens and green house at Wil-O-Way, Grant Park. Learn the history of the area, the facility and its secret gardens. As part of the activities participate in a planting demonstration, plant give-away and plant sale.
- June 18th** **Going Batty** *"Hanging with the Homies"* **Evening 8pm -9:30pm** - Area 5 Parking Lot
Discover the fiction, folklore, and facts on our neighborhood bats. Join Wehr Nature Center naturalist Howard April to see how bats - with amazing and downright jaw-dropping adaptations - make life better.
- July 2nd** **Using Senses to Make Sense of Beauty** **10am - Noon** – Beach parking
lot: Join Wehr Nature Center's Brooke Gilley, joined by Jan Marsh to walk different habitats to connect more deeply with nature through sensory exploration, then capture shared impressions to create a nature essay on the morning that will be shared on the FOGP Facebook page.
- July 16th** **Native/Non-Native Plants of Grant Park** *"Can the natives and the non-natives coexist?"* **10am - Noon** - Area 5
Join MATC Horticulture Instructor, Delisa White, as we walk the trails in Grant Park woods and ravines, locating both native and non-native trees, shrubs, and herbaceous plants. Grant Park is ecologically diverse and the location of the first Milwaukee County nursery and greenhouse. See many non-native plants that may have been planted on site in the 1920's and '30's.
- July 30th** **To be announced**
- August 13th** **Dragons of Grant Park** *"Dragonflies & Damselflies"* **Afternoon 1pm – 2pm** - Mill Pond
Join Jamie Schiesel of Mequon Nature Preserve (MNP) and current board member of the Wisconsin Dragonfly Society for a tour around the Mill Pond and possible East Oak creek Parkway down to the beach in search of dragonflies and damselflies. Learn about some of the many species that call Milwaukee home, and what gear is used in the field for catching and observing them. Nets will be provided (but feel free to bring your own!) as we sample the Mill pond for species. A small anatomy lesson will also be given once specimens are caught.
- August 27th** **Tree-Mendous Love for Trees** *"Photosynthesize Connections, with Leaves & Trees"* **10am - Noon** - Area 5
Join Brian Morrison, a master naturalist with a degree in horticulture and biology, park caretaker for Ozaukee County Parks and lover of all things green, as we discover how trees communicate, how photosynthesis works on a biological level and how we can identify the gentle giants of Grant Park, trees.
- September 10th** **Legal - Not Legal** *"Patrol Grant Park with Warden Anderson"* **10am - Noon** – Beach parking lot
Join Warden Anderson, a native of Milwaukee that enjoys all of the different recreation opportunities that Milwaukee has to offer. The main focus for wardens are enforcing laws regarding hunting, fishing, recreational vehicles, the environment and having full police authority on state lands. One of his favorite places to patrol is the Oak Creek in Grant Park during the fall fish run.
- September 24th** **A Fungus Among Us** *"Find Function, from Formidable Fungi"* **10am - Noon** - Area 5 parking lot
Alan Bunde, former president of the Wisconsin Mycological Society, digs in to explain four general types of fungi, basic physical characteristics, and the difference between underground fungi, the mushrooming form on the forest floor, and others growing on trees, stumps or downfalls.

Events held rain or shine.

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