

# Suburban Soles



GUIDED NATURE WALK  
2026 SCHEDULE



## May 3, Birds ■ 8am, Area 5

Join **Betsy Abert** and another to witness the annual spring migration along our lakefront flyway, walking along paved and unpaved trails. If you have them, bring your own binoculars. All skill levels are welcome. Rain will postpone to Sunday, May 10.

## May 17, Birds in the City ■ 8am, Area 5 parking lot

Join staff from Milwaukee County Parks and Wisconsin DNR to discover birds that live in our urban green spaces. Learn the basics of birding while spotting a variety of birds found throughout Grant Park. Staff will highlight actions and tools urban communities can implement to coexist with our native bird species. Binoculars suggested; loaners will be available. Dress appropriately for weather conditions with sturdy shoes along with bug spray, sunscreen, etc.

## May 31, Invasive Landscape Plants in Native Ecosystems ■ 10am, Area 5 parking lot

Walk through the Seven Bridges to look at the impacts of ornamental landscape plants in a native plant community with **Marcia Wensing**, from Invasive Plant Association of Wisconsin (IPAW). We will look at how these invasives find their way into our woodlands and what can be done to reverse their impact. Discussion will tie into the Seven Bridges Ravine Restoration Concept Plan. Seven Bridges area is highly used due to how special this area is to both humans and wildlife alike.

## June 14, Grant Park Nature Photography for Beginners ■ 8am, Area 5A brown pavilion

Join **Keith Orcholski** and **Violette Wood**, frequent photo contributors to Friends of Grant Park Facebook Page to connect with nature through photography and get tips to improve your shots and enhance your time in the field. Focus is on stills rather than videos. (Bring your cameras & photo gear)

## June 28, Reforestation of Grant Park ■ 10am, Area 5

Join **Sarah Long**, Milwaukee County Parks and **Rick Kaiser**, Friends of Grant Park (Fogp) for a walk in Grant Park. Learn the key concepts and facts about Great Lakes coastal forests, benefits of trees and tree identification. See past restoration work and hear about future restoration goals for Fogp.

## July 12, Marvelous Moths ■ 8:30pm, Wulff Lodge fire pit

July 23-31 is National Moth Week. This family friendly program celebrates these amazing creatures. Naturalist **Brooke Gilley** will bring special mothing equipment and her secret recipe for finding moths in Grant Park. She'll share stories and resources to participate in National Moth Week. We hope to make a "Moth-er" out of you! Bring a chair in case bench seats are taken.

## July 26, South Milwaukee Takes Root ■ 10am, Grant Park Clubhouse South Parking Lot

Join local historian **Nels Monson** as we learn about South Milwaukee's first settlers— the family of John Fowle and the family's impact on the founding of both South Milwaukee and of Grant Park. The south parking lot is near the site of their original 1835 log cabin. We will walk to the mouth of the Oak Creek where some of South Milwaukee's earliest enterprises were located.

## August 9, Benefits of Walking with Children in Nature ■ 10am, Area 5 parking lot

Join retired physician **Mike Minter** to learn the multiple benefits of walking with children in nature as well as a review of safety measures to consider. Children and adults of all ages are welcome.

## August 23, Tree-mendous Love for Trees ■ 10am, Area 5A

Join **Brian Morrison**, Wisconsin Master Naturalist, park caretaker at Virmond Park in Ozaukee County, and chair of the Events & Education committee for the Cedarburg Bog to learn foolproof ways to identify native trees! Why are some species so common in this area? And is it true that trees can communicate with one another? Let's discuss photosynthesis on a biology level and discover the miracle of this intimate, mutualistic relationship we hold with nature.



Free to attend. All events held rain or shine unless noted.  
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