

Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie


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Midewin Programs and Volunteer Days April - June 2018

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FREE Tours and Programs. Click for 2018 Programs & Events Brochure	Volunteer Days for Restoration	Volunteer Training	SPECIAL EVENTS	 Children are always welcome, but these activities are more appropriate
	Volunteer Days for Educators			

Date	Time	Meeting Location	Activity
Every Saturday and Sunday (May 6 – October 28)	11:00am-12:00pm 	Iron Bridge Trailhead	Midewin Ranger Hike: Join a guided hike to the bison pasture. You may or may not spot the bison, but you will learn about Midewin's unique past, present and future in a fun, interactive way. No reservations required.
5 April Thursday	9:00am – 2:30pm	Horticulture Bldg.	** General Restoration Volunteer Day. Scroll to bottom for important details.
12 April Thursday	9:00am – 2:30pm	Horticulture Bldg.	** General Restoration Volunteer Day. Scroll to bottom for important details.
19 April Thursday	9:00am – 2:30pm	Horticulture Bldg.	** General Restoration Volunteer Day. Scroll to bottom for important details.
26 April Thursday	9:00am – 2:30pm	Horticulture Bldg.	** General Restoration Volunteer Day. Scroll to bottom for important details.
28 April Saturday 	8:30am – 12:30pm	Horticulture Bldg.	Earth Day Celebration. Volunteer with us at Midewin to help remove garlic mustard and other invasives. Complimentary lunch provided. Must RSVP. Scroll to bottom for important details.
3 May Thursday	9:00am – 2:30pm	Horticulture Bldg.	** General Restoration Volunteer Day. Scroll to bottom for important details.
5 May Saturday 	9:00am – 4:30pm	Iron Bridge Trailhead and Welcome Center	Red Carpet Corridor Day. Stop in the Welcome Center for a special commemorative button. Visit our natural resources expo at the Iron Bridge Trailhead parking lot and explore the prairie! Wear comfortable clothing for hiking and bring your own water and snacks. Don't forget your binoculars to better spot the bison herd. No reservations required.
10 May Thursday	9:00am – 2:30pm	Horticulture Bldg.	** General Restoration Volunteer Day. Scroll to bottom for important details.
12 May Saturday	9:00am – 12:00pm	Welcome Center	Geology of Midewin. Car caravan tour on unimproved roads; gravel and potholes can be expected.
17 May Thursday	9:00am – 2:30pm	Horticulture Bldg.	** General Restoration Volunteer Day. Scroll to bottom for important details.
24 May Thursday	9:00am – 2:30pm	Horticulture Bldg.	** General Restoration Volunteer Day. Scroll to bottom for important details.
26 May Saturday	10:00am – 12:00pm	Welcome Center	Memorial Day Tour – “Thank You For Your Service”. Car caravan tour on unimproved roads; gravel and potholes can be expected.
28 May Monday	Midewin Welcome Center CLOSED Memorial Day. Trails are always open from 4am-10pm.		

31 May Thursday	9:00am – 2:30pm	Horticulture Bldg.	** General Restoration Volunteer Day. Scroll to bottom for important details.
2 June Saturday	8:30am – 10:30am	Welcome Center	Birds of Midewin – West Side. Driving tour. Binoculars encouraged, photography welcome.
5 June Tuesday	10:00am – 12:00pm	Welcome Center	Midewin For Kids – Fun With Fossils. Ages 6 – 12.
6 June Wednesday	10:00am – 12:00pm	Welcome Center	Midewin For Kids – Bird’s the Word. Ages 6 – 10.
7 June Thursday	9:00am – 2:30pm	Horticulture Bldg.	The Wetlands Initiative Corporate Donor Day. Volunteer to help with restoration efforts at Midewin. Complimentary lunch provided. Must RSVP. Scroll to bottom for important details.
7 June Thursday	10:00am – 12:00pm	Welcome Center	Midewin For Kids – Prairie Detectives. Ages 4 – 8. Wear pants, closed-toed shoes and socks.
9 June Saturday	8:30am – 10:30am	Welcome Center	Birds of Midewin – East Side. Walking tour. Binoculars encouraged, photography welcome.
13 June Wednesday	9:30am – 12:00pm	Welcome Center	Midewin For Kids – Buzzing About the Prairie. Ages 4 – 12.
14 June Thursday	9:00am – 2:30pm	Horticulture Bldg.	** General Restoration Volunteer Day. Scroll to bottom for important details.
16 June Saturday	8:30am – 10:30am	Welcome Center	Birds of Midewin – West Side. Driving tour. Binoculars encouraged, photography welcome.
19 June Tuesday	10:00am – 12:00pm	Welcome Center	Midewin For Kids – Pond Life. Ages 7 – 12. Dress for getting a bit dirty.
20 June Wednesday	6:30pm – 8:30pm	Welcome Center	Evening Hike on the Prairie. Walking tour. Great for families.
21 June Thursday	9:00am – 2:30pm	Horticulture Bldg.	** General Restoration Volunteer Day. Scroll to bottom for important details.
21 June Thursday	10:00am – 12:00pm	Welcome Center	Midewin For Kids – Croaking Around. Ages 5 – 12.
23 June Saturday	8:30am – 10:30am	Welcome Center	Birds of Midewin – East Side. Walking tour. Binoculars encouraged, photography welcome.
23 June Saturday	10:00am – 1:00pm	Welcome Center	Ghosts of the Ammunition Plant Tour. Car caravan tour on unimproved roads; gravel and potholes can be expected.
26 June Tuesday	10:00am – 12:00pm	Welcome Center	Midewin For Kids – Crayfish Corner. Ages 5 – 10.
27 June Wednesday	7:30pm – 9:30pm	Welcome Center	Midewin For Kids – Batty Evening. Recommended for families. Wear long sleeved shirts, pants, close-toed shoes and socks. Bring bug repellent.
28 June Thursday	9:00am – 2:30pm	Horticulture Bldg.	** General Restoration Volunteer Day. Scroll to bottom for important details.
28 June Thursday	10:00am – 12:00pm	Welcome Center	Midewin For Kids – The Bison Project. Ages 6 – 12.
30 June Saturday	9:30am – 11:00am	Iron Bridge Trailhead	Prairie Farmstead Tour – “Preferable By Far to the Timberlands”. Walking tour.
30 June Saturday	10:00am – 12:15pm	Welcome Center	Midewin by Auto Tour. Car caravan tour on unimproved roads; gravel and potholes can be expected.

To RSVP for Tours and Programs: Space is limited and registration is required. Please call 815-423-6370 or e-mail Midewin_RSVP@fs.fed.us to guarantee your seat. Review [2018 Programs & Events Brochure](#) for full details.

To RSVP for Volunteer Days or Trainings: Please contact Kathryn Gorman, Assistant Volunteer Coordinator, by phone at (815) 423-2148, email kathryngorman@fs.fed.us or use your [Volgistics account](#).

**** General Restoration Volunteer Days** - The activities for these days will be based on need and weather conditions. Activities may include seed harvest, seed processing, planting, invasive removal, seed broadcasting, trail maintenance, and more. Please RSVP for these volunteer days as they do fill up. Knowing how many volunteers will attend allows our project leaders to plan appropriately, and we can contact you in

case of cancellations or changes. Bring a lunch if you are staying until 2:30 pm, or you can leave when the volunteer group returns to the horticulture building for lunch around 12:30 pm.

Activities may be indoors or outdoors. Please dress appropriately for the weather. We suggest wearing breathable layers that can be taken on or off as needed. You must wear long pants and field shoes or boots. Absolutely no shorts, open-toed shoes, or sandals allowed. Midewin will provide tools, materials, safety gear, and drinking water. For your comfort, you may want to wear your own work gloves. Please bring your own sunscreen, insect repellent, hat, sunglasses, lunch, and water bottle.

Midewin's volunteer program is coordinated through a partnership between the U.S. Forest Service and The Nature Conservancy.

