

Friends of Cherokee Marsh newsletter

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The Cherokee Marsh News

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We hope you like our new, more web- and device-friendly format for the newsletter. If you have comments, let Jan know at janaxelson@gmail.com or 608 215 0426.

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Third storm water pond planned for Wheeler Road

Madison's Engineering Division, in cooperation with Madison Parks, has proposed constructing a third storm water pond in Cherokee Marsh Conservation Park's South Unit. The pond will be just north of Wheeler Road near Bonner Lane and Northland Drive. City staff presented the plans at a public meeting at Black Hawk School on April 11. [Read more](#)



Changes planned for South Unit's entrance

A need for improvements to the waste oil dropoff site has triggered a plan for changes to the entrance to Cherokee Marsh Conservation Park's South Unit at the corner of Wheeler Rd and School Rd. City Engineering staff explained the

changes at a neighborhood meeting on May 16. [Read more](#)



Sign up to become a Master Naturalist this summer!

The Wisconsin Master Naturalist Program is a statewide effort to promote awareness, understanding, and stewardship of our natural resources. Master Naturalists are trained volunteers who provide service in education & interpretation, stewardship, and citizen science.

Master Naturalist training is being offered on Madison's North Side this summer (and also at the UW arboretum). Class size is limited so sign up soon if interested.

Find out more here:

<https://www.wimasternaturalist.org/getinvolved/vols>



Housing ready for purple martins

Thanks to the generous donation of time, funds, and expertise by Friends member Mike Rewey, Cherokee Park (the neighborhood park on Burning Wood Way along Cherokee Lake) has a new purple martin house awaiting residents. [Read more](#)



Submit your photos for the Madison Parks 2017 calendar

Submit your photos for consideration to help ensure that Cherokee Marsh Conservation Park is represented in the 2017 Madison Parks calendar.

The deadline is August 31, 2016, so there is plenty of time to get new photos or search your archives.

Details here:

<http://www.cityofmadison.com/parks/blog/?Id=9365>



Thanks to our volunteers

A big THANKS to all of the volunteers who helped out pulling garlic mustard this spring. The results are in the expanses of colorful native wildflowers in the woods.

Upcoming events

[See full calendar](#)

Bird and nature walk

Sun, June 5, 1:30pm – 3:00pm

AND

Sun, July 3, 1:30pm – 3:00pm

AND

first Sunday of every month, ALWAYS 1:30pm – 3:00pm

Cherokee Marsh Conservation Park, North Unit, 6098 N. Sherman Ave.

[\(map\)](#)

Free, family-friendly bird and nature walk. Cherokee Marsh Conservation Park, North Unit, 6098 N. Sherman Ave. Follow N. Sherman Ave. north to the parking lot at the end of the gravel road. Sponsored by Madison Parks, the Friends of Cherokee Marsh and Madison Audubon Society.

Butterflies of Cherokee Marsh

Sat, June 25, 10am – 12pm

Cherokee Marsh Conservation Park, North Unit, 6098 N. Sherman Ave.

[\(map\)](#)

Observe a variety of butterflies as they take nectar from wildflowers, and learn about their identification, behavior, and lifestyle. Bring binoculars if you have them, but a few extra pairs of binoculars will be available. Sponsored by the Southern Wisconsin Butterfly Association, Madison Audubon Society, and Friends of Cherokee Marsh.

Tour the marsh by canoe

Sat, July 9, 9am – 12pm

Upper Yahara River at Cherokee Marsh

Take a quiet, relaxing trip through Cherokee Marsh. Enjoy wildlife and a possible trip to Token Creek or the upper Yahara River. Ages 16 and older. Canoes provided. Cost \$30. Sponsored by Madison School & Community Recreation. More information and registration at:

<http://mscr.org/our-programs/outdoor-adventures>

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