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Supporting parks, trails, wildlife areas, waters, and outdoor recreation in Greater Jefferson County- join today

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

1:00 pm – Mounds of Garman Nature Preserve (B. Birmingham)

1:35 pm – Encouraging biodiversity at Garman and at home – removal of invasive plant species (K. Wiesmann presents; J. Scherer display with q & a)

2:05 pm – Hike at Garman Nature Preserve to observe mounds and invasive plant areas (J. Crave)

2:30 pm – Bat presentation and house-building demonstration (C. Carlson or Bat COW and 4H)

All afternoon – display re: Rock River Coalition local stream monitoring (Volenecks); display re: invasive plants (J. Scherer); treats provided by Crave Brothers Farmstead Cheese and Friends of GHA

EVENT DETAILS

The Friends of the Glacial Heritage Area is hosting its 3rd annual Winter Fair on Saturday, February 13 from 1 – 4 pm at the Waterloo Regional Trailhead Facility (760 McKay Road). All are welcome!

The Friends of Glacial Heritage Area (Friends of GHA) is a local nonprofit organization in support of county parks, state trails and state wildlife areas in the Greater Jefferson County region. The Friends work to connect citizens and communities to these natural and recreational resources.

An environmental education-based event, this year's Winter Fair includes a presentation on local Native American mounds, a talk about biodiversity through invasive plant control, a short hike at nearby Garman Nature Preserve to observe local mounds and invasive plant areas, a bat house-building demonstration, displays on invasive plants and local volunteer stream monitoring, and treats from Crave Brothers Farmstead Cheese.

At 1 pm, Robert Birmingham, former State Archaeologist and executive director of the Friends of Aztalan, will speak about the history and significance of the conical mounds at Garman Nature Preserve, a 40-acre Jefferson County property adjacent to the Trailhead Facility in Waterloo. Garman Nature Preserve is home to 22 mounds.

Next, Jefferson County Parks Operations Supervisor Kevin Wiesmann will talk about plans to encourage plant biodiversity through removal of invasive plant species from Garman Preserve's oak woods. In addition, DNR's Jeanne Scherer will provide displays about how homeowners can identify invasive plants and how to report invasive plants seen throughout the area.

Next, those interested in seeing Garman's mounds and invasive plant areas can join local educator Joni Crave on a short hike through Garman Nature Preserve. The hike will be about 20 minutes; please note that the topography is steep - use your own discretion and bring appropriate hiking gear.

On return to the Trailhead, we will have a bat house-building demonstration by Waterloo 4-H, including a short presentation on the importance of aiding these furry critters.

In addition, local Rock River Coalition stream monitor volunteers Sue and Bob Volenec will be on hand to talk about their work and display equipment. Don't forget to enjoy the delicious treats provided by Crave Brothers Farmstead Cheese and the Friends of GHA! The event is free, and donations are welcome. For more information, contact Clare at friendsofgha@gmail.com or visit www.glacialheritagearea.org.