



April 18, 2023 e-Newsletter

Reminder of LCF Hikes

Bluebells at Brady Woods Nature Preserve

April 22, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
(Rain date, April 29, same time)

Brady Woods dazzles the eye with a carpet of wildflowers in the spring along with huge sycamore and silver maple trees. The property was dedicated as a Nature Preserve in 2021, a reflection of its outstanding quality.

Join LCF director, Beth Beauchamp and Brady Woods neighbor, Lynn Smith, on a walk through this amazing site to see what is blooming - bluebells? trout lilies?

Brady Woods is located at 10 CR 1800 N, Seymour. **Contact Beth Beauchamp for more information, eabeauchamp559@gmail.com or 217-369-2788.**

Because there is no parking lot, please park along the road edge.

Spring at Mettler Woods Nature Preserve

May 13 Time 10:00-12:00

Join the Meyen family as they lead us through Mettler Woods Nature Preserve. Cassandra, Tom, Andara, Anton, Tayanna, and Callia serve as Mettler Woods site stewards, so they know the site well!

This Nature Preserve is a valuable remnant of the woods that once covered a large part of Illinois. What might we see – besides cutleaf toothwort, May apple, and buttercup, you can find sweet cicely and green dragon! You can also see many bird species including many of our woodpeckers – downy, red-headed, and red-bellied and more!

Directions to Mettler Woods is easy – From Champaign, take I-72 west and then exit 172 on to IL-10, toward Clinton. Pass through Clinton, then turn left on Green Valley Rd (500 or 5000 Rd). Mettler is 3.5 miles west of Clinton on Route 10. Watch for the brown Mettler Woods Nature Preserve signs.



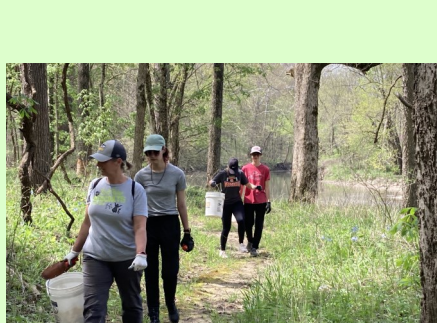
Mettler Woods Nature Preserve Successful Workday on April 14!

We all need to thank the Meyen family - Tom, Cassandra, Adara, Anton, Callia, and Tayanna - for the successful cleanup they organized at Mettler Woods on Friday, April 14. Metal debris had existed across a portion of the site that is seldom visited since the 2003 tornado. After all these years, the Meyens organized a group to collect and drag a huge amount of metal to the parking lot, pound it all flat, and load it into their van to haul away to recycle! What a major accomplishment! Thank you everyone who helped!



Mouth of Jordan Reserve Successful Workday on April 15!

Thank you to John Marlin, LCF president, for organizing a successful workday at the Mouth of Jordan Reserve on April 15. A group of energetic volunteers removed garlic mustard and honeysuckle, cut downed trees, bagged and hauled away trash - and much more. Thank you, Steve and Wendy, LCF board directors, and Vern, Brooklyn, Aiden, Scott, Mary, Henry, Nancy,



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