

2017 BIOBLITZ

Saturday, June 24, Glacial Lakes State Park



WHAT IT IS

The BioBlitz is an amazing day where community members pair up with local experts to learn about and identify as many native species as possible in a specific area in a given amount of time. It's a day of bugs and plants, exciting finds and shared experiences!

WHERE AND WHY

The 2017 BioBlitz focuses on public lands managed by the MN Department of Natural Resources, US Fish and Wildlife Services and local farmers. We will be based at the Glacial Lakes State Park Group camping site, from 8 am to 6 pm, with special dawn and evening events.

THE DETAILS

This event is free and open to the public. Contact Robin Moore (below) with questions or to sign up. Camping at Glacial Lakes State Park is available upon request. Sign up on line at SignUp.com, project name "Chippewa River 2017 BioBlitz" or visit our webpage at landstewardshipproject.org.



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Not sure what a BioBlitz is?

A BioBlitz is an intense period of biological surveying in an attempt to record as many living species possible in a designated area. Groups of scientists, naturalists, and volunteers conduct this survey over a specific period of time. This BioBlitz focuses on learning about our local prairies and teaching each other about what lives there, about understanding the biological wealth that we have in our western Minnesota communities, and about sharing our excitement and passion for this precious resource. Our goal is to create a species list for the prairie parcels at this event, hoping to document as much diversity as possible. We will catalog our findings on the citizen science website iNaturalist.org, where our project name is LSP Glacial Lakes Region BioBlitz.

Who can participate in the BioBlitz?

Anyone! We need two types of volunteers:

Leaders: those with above-average skills in identifying one or more category of prairie species and are willing to lead and help educate small groups of volunteers (Eyes and Ears). We are especially in need of those able to identify insects, bats and frogs.

Eyes and Ears: volunteers to learn about and then help spot and record as many species as we can on Saturday.

Highlights

- Birding, plant id, and more with local experts
- Children's programming ages 6-12 with DNR naturalists
- Dragonfly Society presentation and survey groups
- How to grow/promote native plant growth 101 presentation
- Potluck community dinner with grass-fed burgers provided
- Great for classes, clubs and interest groups of all ages!

Schedule

- Dawn - 7:30 am: Bird surveys
- 8:00 am: welcome, orientation, ground rules
- 8:30-11:30 am: Survey groups go out on different prairie parcels, learn and count! Various presentations at the group camp site. Children's programming.
- 12-1:00 pm: Lunch
- 1:30-6:00 pm: Survey groups, children's groups, and presentations
- 6:00 pm - Local, grass-fed beef burgers and participant potluck (bring something to share!)
- 7:00 pm-dark: Evening creature surveys
- All are welcome to join us at any point of the day and stay for as long as they like!

Ways To Sign Up!

- To register at SignUp.com, type in the web address: <http://signup.com/go/8bigf8> which will take you to project name: Chippewa River BioBlitz 2017. This site will give you options to sign up as a Leader, as Eyes and Ears, or general help in several shifts or "All Day Long".
- Contact Robin Moore at Land Stewardship Project, rmoore@landstewardshipproject.org or 320-321-5244.
- Contact Peg Furshong at Clean Up our River Environment (CURE), peg@cureriver.org or 320-269-2984.

FYI

The event is free, but vehicles without a MNDNR State Park Pass will pay \$5 at the Glacial Lakes State Park entrance for the day. This is a per vehicle charge, so carpooling is advised. We will provide a shuttle service to get people to the different regions of the park and outside of the park. We will provide light breakfast and lunch fare. We apologize, but we cannot accommodate for all special diets. For the evening meal, LSP will provide local grass-fed beef burgers, and all other dishes will be a potluck. Please bring something to share. Camping for 50 is available at the Glacial Lakes State Park group camp spot on a first come, first serve, basis. Please contact Robin Moore to reserve spots. Please contact Robin Moore or Peg Furshong to RSVP or with questions.

