



MASTER GARDENERS
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LCMGA AUGUST FIELD TRIP TO KANKAKEE SANDS

Tuesday, August 20th
10:00 a.m.



Master Gardeners join us on a guided tour of **Kankakee Sands**, home to the largest planted prairie in the country. Kankakee Sands boasts over 7,000 acres of restored grassland teeming with native grasses and plants. More than 600 species of native plants have been used to plant the prairies of Kankakee Sands and as a result, the land is teeming with native wildlife - Kankakee Sands provides habitat for more than 240 bird species.



Kankakee Sands is also home to 70 species of butterflies, including the state-endangered regal fritillary butterfly, and more than 900 species of moths! Dragonflies, bees, frogs, lizards, snakes, badgers and bison all hover, slither, and roam at Kankakee Sands.

This remarkable ecosystem is a testament to the dedication and hard work of conservationists who have brought this once-dominant landscape back to life. To manage and maintain this precious resource, a herd of bison was introduced to the prairie. These iconic animals play a vital role in shaping the ecosystem, their grazing habits promoting a rich diversity of plant life and creating a habitat for countless species.



This remarkable preserve, carefully nurtured by The Nature Conservancy, is a sanctuary for both wildlife and human spirits. The tour will be around one hour and then you will have time on your own to explore trails or the birding station, etc.

Kankakee Sands is located off U.S. 41 in Newton County. The address is 3294 North U.S. 41 Morocco, IN. Transportation to Kankakee Sands will not be provided. We will meet as a group at the Kankakee Sands Office at 10:00 a.m.

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