

La Crosse River State Trail's
Rockland Prairie
State Natural Area

Prairie Walk
Schedule
2008



Tracking seasonal changes
on remnant prairies along
the trail.

All hikes begin in Rockland, WI
at the trail crossing on Commercial St.
(near I-90 in eastern La Crosse County)

**Always on a Sunday.....
Prairie Walks on
La Crosse River State Trail's
Rockland Prairie**

With local naturalist/columnist Bob Lee

Learn about native wildflowers & grasses and hear anecdotes related to prairies & local history.

2008 scheduled walks:

April 27, Sun. Search for early bloomers such as Pasque Flower, Dwarf Buttercup and Lyre-leaved Rock Cress.

May 18, Sun. Downy Phlox, Hoary Pucoon, Columbine, Violets and Great Solomon's Seal are likely to be in bloom.

June 8, Sun. Search for Hairy Pucoon, Golden Alexanders, Spiderwort, Solomon's Plume, Roses and Lupines.

June 22, Sun.
See Prairie June Grass, Porcupine Grass, Penstemons, Tall Meadow-rue, Thimbleweed, Coreopsis.

July 13, Sun. Turk's-cap Lily, Leadplant, Bergamot, Gray-headed Coneflower and Missouri Goldenrod.

August 3, Sun. Species in bloom may include Spotted Cow-bane, Flowering Spurge, Tall Sunflower, and Naked Sunflower.

August 24, Sun.
See Prairie Sunflower, Switchgrass, Big Bluestem, Cord Grass, and Joe Pyeweed.

September 14, Sun.
Asters will dominate the scene. Bottle Gentian and Gray Goldenrod are usually in bloom at this time as well.

October 5, Sun.
Little Bluestem, Sweet Everlasting, and Downy Gentian are among the plants you will see.



Meet at the trail crossing on Commercial St. (CTH "J") in Rockland, WI (eastern La Crosse Co.).

All walks begin at 1:30 p.m. Wear comfortable walking shoes and dress for the weather. A hat to block the sun is recommended. These are leisurely walks on level terrain. Please come and enjoy the afternoon along the trail! Questions? Call Wildcat Mountain State Park Work Unit at 608.337.4775 or Bob Lee 608.486.2154

Also....

On National Trails Day
Saturday, June 7,
Join Bob for a 10:00 a.m.
Walk on the trail near Sparta.
Meet at the Sparta Depot, 111 Milwaukee St. in Sparta.
Join us as we explore a few remnants of the area's original plant community.
Refreshments afterwards.
For more information on this walk call the Sparta Area Chamber of Commerce at 800.354.2453