

For Immediate Release:

‘A Butterfly Festival!’

On Saturday afternoon, August 29, the Northwest Illinois Audubon Society will sponsor a ‘Butterfly Festival’ at its Elkhorn Creek Biodiversity Preserve south and east of Freeport. The public is welcome – especially families who are looking for a fun and educational event in the out-of-doors.

The 43 acre Elkhorn Creek Biodiversity Preserve is a remnant of some original Illinois prairie and wetland communities. It provides home to hundreds of diverse species, and on Saturday the 29th of August, some of its beautiful butterflies will be featured.

Each hour on the hour from 1 to 4 pm, three professional naturalists and entomologists will be available to lead ‘Butterfly Identification Excursions’ on the prairie. Meadow Fritillaries, Monarchs, Common Wood Nymphs and Buckeyes will become your friends. A pocket butterfly and moth identification guide will be provided to each family at no charge while supplies last. A shady rest area with chairs, a restroom, water and snacks will be available.

Come join the Audubon folks for this no charge exploration of one of our unique local environments. The Elkhorn Creek Biodiversity Preserve is located about three miles southwest of Forreton at the intersection of Freeport and West Grove Roads. Parking is off West Grove Road just east of the Freeport-Sterling blacktop. The public is welcome. There is no charge.

Visit the Northwest Illinois Audubon Society website at nwilaudubon.org for more details about the preserve and the Audubon Society.

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