



University of Illinois Extension

Fulton, Mason, Peoria, and Tazewell Counties

Naturalist Core Education Training 2024



Date	Location	Time	Topic	Notes
Monday – June 3	Zoom Call	5:30pm		Staff and participant introductions
Monday – June 10	Wildlife Prairie Park	9am – 3pm	Mammology – 9 Herpetology – 10 Visit Kim St John Butterfly Habitat	Dennis Johnson Bryant Brumbill Randy Huber/Karla Kane
Tuesday – June 11	Spring Creek Preserve Illinois Central College	9am – noon 1-3pm	Natural Divisions Soils	Nicole Flowers-Kimmerle Pete Fandel ICC
Wednesday – June 12	Tawny Oaks, Singing Woods – PPD	9 – 3pm	Ornithology – 8 Prairies – 3 Forest of Illinois – 4	Mary Zehner Karen Weigelt
Thursday – June 13	Emiquon/UIS – Therkildsen Dickson Mounds Museum	9am – noon noon – 3pm	Wetlands & Aquatics – 5 Archology & Anthropology – 16	Randy Smith/Marie Lemke/ Thomas Rothfus Logan Pappenfort/April Rothenbach
Friday – June 14	Rocky Glen – PPD Alpha Park Library	9am – 11:30 Noon – 3pm	Geology – 13 Environmental Ethics & Philosophy – 15	Ed Stermer ICC Nicole Flowers-Kimmerle
Tuesday – June 25	U of I Extension, Peoria County office Forest Park Nature Center	9 – 11am 11am – 2pm	GivePulse/Vol paperwork/Vol work Intro to the Master Naturalist Prog – 1 Volunteering at FPNC	Tara Heath Christine/Nicole Susie Ingram

Key - Foundation Chapters Ecosystem Chapters Ologies Chapters Supplemental Chapters

Each day of class these 4 topics will be covered.

Botany – 11

Soils of Illinois – 14

Illinois Natural Divisions – 19

Climate & Weather – 17

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Training session location addresses and directions:

Monday – 6/3/2024 – Zoom call <https://illinois.zoom.us/j/85146990390?pwd=dVNibm02QXcwWHVWYm5FVmtYNUtaUT09>

Meeting ID: 851 4699 0390 Password: 983906

Monday – 6/10/2024 – Wildlife Prairie Park, 3826 N Taylor Rd, Hanna City, IL 61536, phone (309) 676-0998 – [Google Directions](#)

Tuesday – 6/11/2024 – Spring Creek Preserve, Washington. [Map of SCP](#) - [Google Directions](#)

Wednesday – 6/12/2024 – Tawny Oak Field Station, Singing Woods Nature Preserve, 715 W Singing Woods Rd, Edelstein, (309) 418-7051
[Google Directions](#)

Thursday – 6/13/2024 – The Nature Conservancy Emiquon, 11304 North Prairie Road, Lewistown (309) 547-2730 – [Google Directions](#)

Thursday – 6/13/2024 – Dickson Mounds Museum - 10956 N Dickson Mounds Rd, Lewistown, (309) 547-3721 – [Google Directions](#)

Friday – 6/14/2024 – (9-11:30am) Rocky Glen, 525 N Kickapoo Creek Rd, Peoria – [Google Directions](#)

Friday – 6/14/2024 – (Noon-3pm) Alpha Park Public Library, 3527 S Airport Rd, Peoria, 309-697-3822 – [Google Directions](#)

Tuesday – 6/25/2024 – (9-11am) U of I Extension, Peoria County office at 4810 N Sheridan Rd, 309-685-3140 – [Google Directions](#)

Tuesday – 6/25/2024 – (11am-2pm) Forest Park Nature Center, 5809 N Forest Park Dr, Peoria Heights, (309) 686-3360 – [Google Directions](#)

Important Notes:

- Bring a water container or traveling mug.
- Dress for the weather because a little rain and cool weather will not keep us in. Only severe weather will stop us from going outside.
- Wear sturdy shoes or boots, something you will not mind getting wet or muddy. Not all terrain is level, if you have a walking stick you may also want to bring that.
- I suggest wearing a hat or bandana while we are on hikes or in the sun. I do have sunscreen and insect repellent available, but you may also want to bring your own.
- Bring a sack lunch & a chair. We will take a lunch break around 12 noon to 12:30 most days.
- Days are shortened to allow time for digital learning.