

On Saturday October 10th, join us as we tour Pleasant Valley Conservancy, owned by Tom and Kathie Brock. Tom and Kathie have lived in WI for 38 years and have always been intensely involved in the management of their property. As a retired professor of environmental biology, Tom has reverted to his first love, plant ecology, and has thrown himself wholeheartedly into restoring his land. Kathie, a retired microbiologist, has been his coworker.

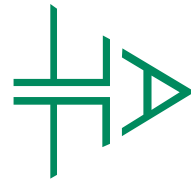
Pleasant Valley Conservancy is a 140 acre preserve in western Dane County, Wisconsin. It consists of extensive restored oak savannas, dry, mesic, and wet prairies, wetlands, and oak woods. Scenic views and wildlife viewing are excellent. Especially noteworthy at Pleasant Valley are the fine oak savannas, once common in the Midwest but now very rare. The Preserve has many large open-grown white and bur oaks, Red-headed woodpeckers, and over 300 species of flowering plants have been recorded, including the State Endangered purple milkweed.

Pleasant Valley Conservancy is a prime site of The Prairie Enthusiasts (TPE), an organization active in the upper Midwest. Part of the Conservancy is owned by TPE and the rest is permanently protected by a conservation easement donated to TPE by Kathie and Tom Brock.

During a field tour, you will learn about the detailed history of oaks in Wisconsin and their importance to wildlife, the prairie restoration method using prescribed fire, and other components landowners should consider when managing their woodlands. Several experts will take you on a walking tour of the property providing an opportunity to see some beautiful country and learn about Wisconsin's woodlands. Lunch will be provided.

The **Center for Conservation Solutions (CCS)** of the American Forest Foundation works in partnership with resource agencies, non-profit organizations, and research partners to provide family forest owners with the necessary tools to manage their lands for both ecological and economic gains.

The American Forest Foundation (AFF) is a non-profit organization working to ensure the sustainability of America's family forests for present and future generations. AFF implements programs and initiatives through three centers: the **Center for Conservation Solutions**, the **Center for Family Forests** which supports and mobilizes an 80,000-strong community of forest owners and a diverse, nationwide network of organizational partners all committed to sustaining multi-generational forest stewardship, and the **Center for Environmental Learning** which undertakes both formal and non-formal education programs for youth, families, and other targeted audiences.



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**WANT TO LEARN HOW TO MANAGE
YOUR OAK WOODLANDS?**



Join Us for a **Conservation Forestry Field Day**

Saturday, October 10, 2009

9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

**Pleasant Valley Conservancy
Dane Co. WI**

In partnership with:



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Registration information inside
Questions? Contact the Prairie Enthusiasts at (608)577-0584

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Landowners Don't Miss Out!

Create a legacy for future generations! Learn about Wisconsin Oak Woodlands, Prescribed Fire, Wildlife, and other management activities!

Field Day Schedule

GUIDED TOUR WILL START PROMPTLY at 9:30 a.m.

- 9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. Registration, Donuts and Coffee
- 9:15 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Welcome
- 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Field Tour with Speakers
- 1:00 p.m. Lunch
- 1:30 p.m. Closing Remarks and Drawing for Door Prizes
WIN EQUIPMENT FROM BEN MEADOWS

Speakers and Topics

Site History and Current Management
Tom and Kathie Brock

Setting your goals... wildlife, timber or recreation
Bob Wernerehl – Native Thumb Environmental Consulting

History and Significance of Oaks in Wisconsin
Brad Hutnik, WI Dept of Natural Resources

Fire Effects on Oak Ecosystems
Rich Henderson – WI Dept of Natural Resources

Woodland Advocate Program
Doug Duren – Wisconsin Family Forests

Directions



Pleasant Valley Conservancy
4609 Pleasant Valley Road, Black Earth, WI 53515
www.pleasantvalleyconservancy.org

From the West:

- East on US Highway 151 to Blue Mounds
- Left on County Highway F- 9 miles to Pleasant Valley Road
- Right onto Pleasant Valley Road- Conservancy entrance at Fire Number 4609.
- Park along the road

From the East and South:

- Interstate 90/94 to north and west to Madison, Wisconsin
- Take US 12/14 around Madison (South Beltline Highway) to Middleton.
- Take US 14 west to Black Earth.

- Connect with County Highway F - Follow Highway F through Black Earth
- Turn left onto Pleasant Valley Road - Entrance at Fire Number 4609.
- Park along the road

From the North.

- Take Interstate 90/94 south
- Proceed west on Highway 19 to County Highway F.
- Take Highway F South to Black Earth
- Continue on Highway F through the village and proceed 5 miles
- Turn left onto Pleasant Valley Road - Entrance at Fire Number 4609.
- Park along the road

REGISTRATION

MANAGING YOUR WISCONSIN WOODLANDS...
WHAT TO DO?

To register, mail this form to:

The Prairie Enthusiasts
c/o Conservation Forestry Field Tour
PO Box 1148, Madison WI 53701-1148

Space is limited so register today! Registrations must be received by **Oct 2nd**. After that date, call Carol Winge at The Prairie Enthusiasts at (608)577-0584 to find out if space is still available.

Please provide the following information when registering:

Name

Address

City/State/Zip

Daytime phone

E-mail address

Acreage owned (This information is used solely for grant reporting purposes to indicate the total acreage potentially impacted by information presented at the field day.)

Are you a member of ___ Tree Farm ___ Forest Stewardship ___ WFF ___ PE(s)

Please include a \$10 per person registration fee made payable to *American Forest Foundation*. Checks only. Registration is non-refundable.

Note: This will primarily be a walking tour through the open woodlands with several stops allowing speakers to address a range of topics. Please wear appropriate clothing and bring rain gear if inclement weather is forecasted. Participants will be notified by email or phone should the field day be cancelled. Participants providing an email address will receive a reminder email the Monday prior to the field day.

In addition to our partners, special thanks go to our speakers, and the organizations and individuals who volunteered their time and resources to help make this field day possible.