

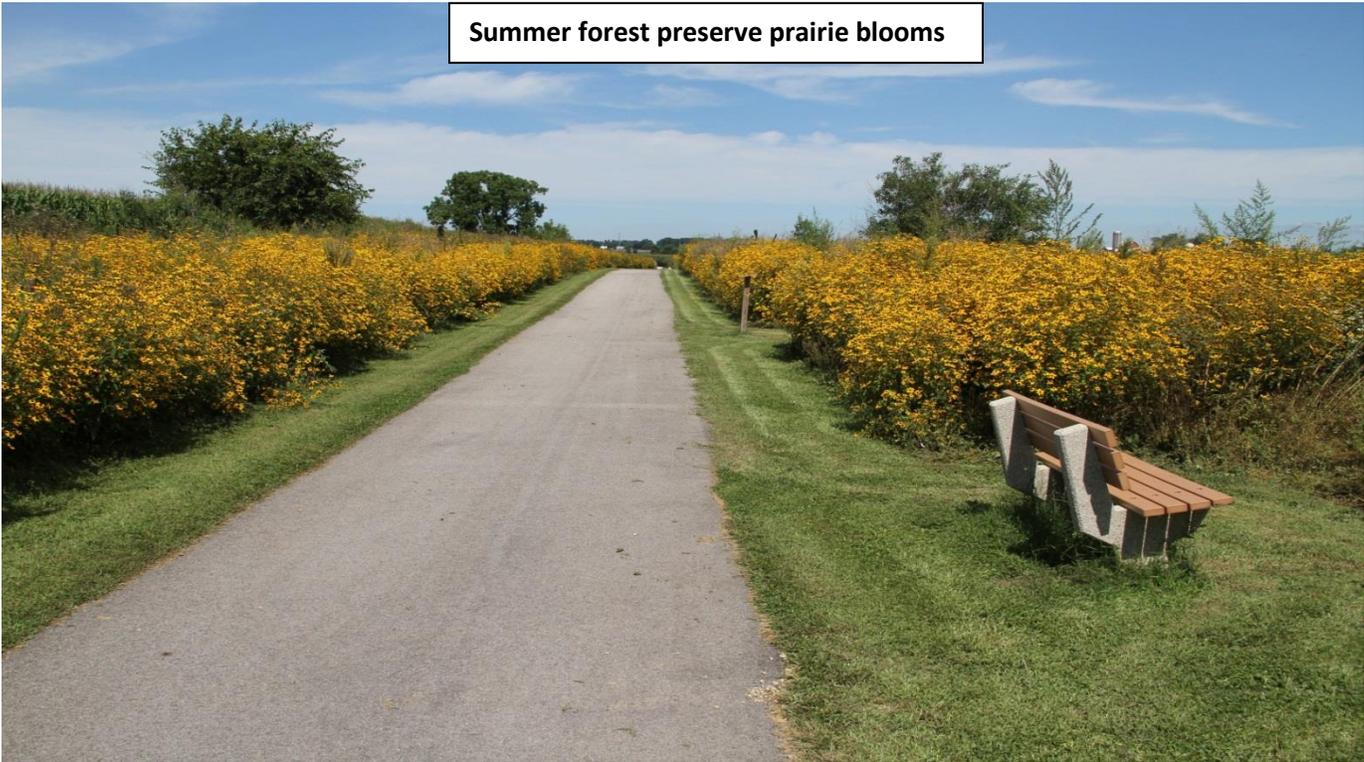
June 2015 . Maintenance and safety checks of buildings and grounds, seasonal mowing, firewood cutting splitting and stacking, storm clean-up, shelter house and toilet cleaning, litter pick-up and disposal, road grading, trail maintenance, equipment maintenance, scheduling shelter rentals and collecting shelter and camping fees, drinking water sampling . Shelter houses and Lodge are used every weekend by scouts, families and other groups. Natural Resource Center Educational Staff teaching school groups at Russell Woods and making classroom visits. PDRMA Risk Management and Loss Control review and preserve safety in progress for 2014 /2015 compliance.



Annual "Tour De Farms" MS 150 Ride and rest stop at Merritt Prairie



Summer forest preserve prairie blooms



Bald Eagles are not uncommon to see at Potawatomi Woods and Russell Woods along the Kishwaukee Riverthis year Bald Eagles have been seen at Afton



Family hikers at Afton....man on left is a 95 year old WW2 veteran with son in-law Viet Nam veteran



Matt Searls Eagle Scout project at Afton...40 Pin, Bur and White Oaks were planted in picnic areas replacing dead Ash trees killed from Emerald Ash Borer.



Robert Searls (on left) planted oak trees a few years ago for his Eagle Scout Project at the Afton South Prairie...this year younger brother Matt and scouts planted more oaks at Afton for his Eagle Scout project. An interesting note: Their grandfather Royal Searls name is written in the old concrete bridges at Afton...a long time ago Royal Searls helped the McGirr family build the bridges across Little Rock Creek. A nice family tradition at Afton

