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RIVERWAY BOARD TO HOST FORESTRY FIELD TRIP ON JUNE 13TH

MUSCODA...The Lower Wisconsin State Riverway Board will host a forestry focused field trip at sites in Sauk and Richland counties on Thursday, June 13th, beginning at 1:00 p.m. The field trip is the third in a series to commemorate the 35th anniversary of the creation of the Riverway. The field trip will be led by Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Forestry Team Leader Mike Finlay, along with Forest Ranger Scott Lancaster, Forest Technician Landan Nielsen, and Riverway Board Executive Director Mark Cupp. Participants will learn about white oak and swamp white oak regeneration in a floodplain forest at the first stop and challenges with black locust control in a dry prairie setting associated with a former agricultural field at the second stop.

“Oak regeneration and locust control are two of the more challenging forest issues facing landowners within the Riverway,” said Finlay, “we look forward to presenting these sites and will be available to answer to any questions about these specific projects or other general forestry questions facing Riverway landowners.”

Both sites will involve hiking on relatively flat ground for one-half mile each way. Participants should dress appropriately with long pants, long-sleeved shirts, sturdy footwear, and hats recommended. Be prepared to encounter pesky insects and bring bug repellent. Bring your binoculars for bird watching.

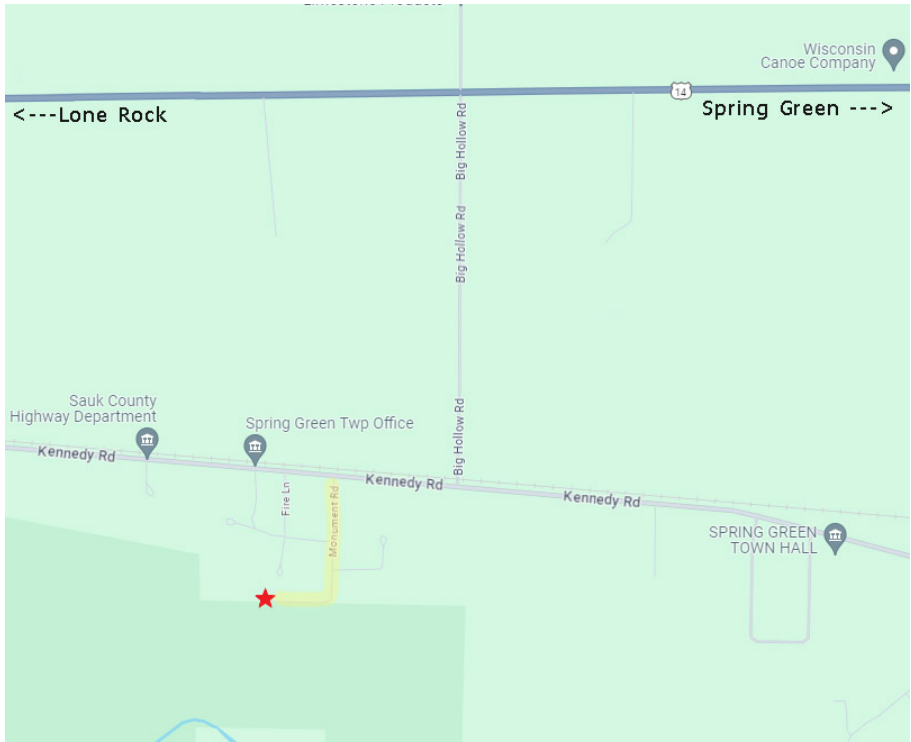
The tour will begin in the Town of Spring Green, east of Lone Rock, near the intersection of Kennedy Road and Monument Road. Follow Monument Road to the south and park at the end of the road. The tour starts at 1:00 p.m. The second stop will take place in the Town of Buena Vista at the end of Moore Road near the intersection with Highway 14 west of Lone Rock, a short distance west of the Cruson Slough access. Arrival at the Moore Road site is slated for 2:30 p.m. The field trip will conclude at approximately 3:30 p.m. The tour will take place rain or shine unless there is lightning in the area.

Cupp said, “The Riverway Board appreciates our strong partnership with DNR foresters in the Riverway and their efforts to educate landowners about unique habitats and opportunities for management in the Riverway. The June 13th field trip will be of interest to anyone who appreciates the diversity of habitat types in the Riverway, from the moist bottomland forest seen at the first stop to the dry, sandy prairie conditions of the Gotham Sands State Natural Area seen at stop two. All are welcome to join for what promises to be a great learning experience.”

Pre-registration for the tour may be done by calling Marsha Curtis, Riverway Board Executive Assistant, at 608-261-9520 or 608-739-3188. Maps of the locations may be found at the Riverway Board website <http://lwr.state.wi.us> or Facebook page.

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For further information regarding the June 13th field trip, contact Mark Cupp at (608) 739-3188 or by e-mail at mark.cupp@wisconsin.gov.



Monument Road location.



Moore Road location.