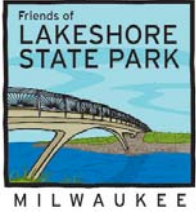


Water's Edge

Friends of Lakeshore State Park Newsletter - Summer 2010



**GATHERING
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An Urban Outdoor Experience on Milwaukee's Lakefront

Lakeshore State Park

June 12, 2010 • 11am to 7pm

A National *Get Outdoors Day* Event

Off the freshwater coast of Summerfest



FREE Event Including:

- REI Paddle Sports Demos for Canoeing & Kayaking
- DNR Fish and Fly Fishing Clinics - We Supply the Poles
- Bike Village
- Boat and Bike Rides
- Rock Wall Climbing
- Kite Flying
- Wellness and Freshwater Exhibits
- Healthy Lawn and Garden Demos
- Park Passport for Door Prizes
- Loads of Activities for Kids & Adults
- Music and Picnic Areas
- Local Food, Beverages and More for Purchase

Exhibits and Demonstrations 11 to 5pm
Rip Tide Beach Party and Music 11 to 7pm

A great place to watch the Milwaukee Air Show!

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Spring in the Park

Spring arrived early this year. The prairie grasses were up a full month earlier than last year. All last year's plantings are much larger this year, so watch for a lot of color in the prairie beds. We put additional grasses in the beds, planted the lower bioretention basins with sedges, rushes and wild iris, and put about 300 plants in a nursery area for transplanting later.

It has been a good spring for birds at the Park. Our birders are regularly doing species counts and updating the e-Bird database. View the Park's list at ebird.org. Click on "View and Explore Data" and search for Lakeshore/Harbor Island. It appears that both song and savannah sparrows are nesting in the big prairie. Most of the tree swallow nesting boxes are being used. Caspian terns, horned grebes and willets (a shore bird) have been seen at the park, along with a variety of warblers, cormorants, and kingfishers. In addition, the grey fox has been making frequent daytime appearances and appears to be more comfortable around people.

We just completed our summer hiring process. Nathan and Jake are returning for the third year. Jeremy will be back for his

second year. We also have two new hires. Patrick will be working on the field crew. Emma is an Assistant Naturalist who will be developing our children's programs and overseeing the volunteers. She will also assist in the development of new evening and weekend adult/family programs. A program schedule should be available mid-June. Go to the Friends' website www.friendslsp.org for the listing.

We are now recruiting volunteers for a variety of tasks at the Park, including Park Ambassadors, Citizen Scientists, Volunteer Naturalists and Lakeshore Caretakers. Call or e-mail me to get on the list or to receive additional information.

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April Tweetup



Thanks to everyone who joined us for our first Tweetup at Rip Tide Seafood Bar & Grill on April 1.

A special thanks to Hans Weissgerber, owner of Rip Tide, and his great staff who provided snacks and drinks.

We welcome the many new members who signed up that night and look forward to more events like this!



Board Member Candidates

Are you interested in becoming a member of the Friends of Lakeshore State Park board of directors?

We invite you to email Friends' Vice-President Bob Gosse at rgosse@summerfest.com for details.

Volunteer at Gathering Waters

You can be an important part of the Gathering Waters Festival!

Volunteer a few hours of your time while you're at the festival.

Contact Kae DonLevy at 414.588.0617 or kdonlevy@aol.com for details.



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