

Spring  
2019

April–May

### Nature Center Hours

Nov 1 – April 30

9 am – 3 pm

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri, Sat

May 1 - Oct 31

8:30 am – 4 pm

Monday – Saturday

### Hiking Trails

6 am – 8 pm daily

### Phone

414.527.0232

### Address

6141 N. Hopkins Street

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1 block west of

Sherman Blvd.

### Website

[dnr.wi.gov/topic/parks/  
name/havenwoods/](http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/parks/name/havenwoods/)



### Friends of Havenwoods

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# Volunteer Connection



## Greetings!

It has been a while since you heard from us. That doesn't mean that we haven't been thinking about you! It has been a challenging and interesting winter as we adapt to staff changes at the property. We will need your talents and your time more than ever as we navigate the coming busy season. We ask for your patience and forgiveness. If we are missing something, let us know. We will do our best!

## Who to contact for what!

You will find that there are different people staffing the building every day. If you need to contact us, email might be the best option.

- General stuff, building scheduling, field trips - Beth.Mittermaier@wi.gov
- Anything related to finances and budgeting - Angela.Vickio@wi.gov (Angela works at Lakeshore State Park, but will be at Havenwoods at least one day a week)
- Land management, trail maintenance, invasives - Jesse.Hill@wi.gov (Jesse also works at Lakeshore and Hank Aaron State Trail)
- Friends group and partnerships - Melissa.Cook@wi.gov (Melissa is the Land Manager at Hank Aaron State Trail)

We are thrilled to have Andy, Kali, and Christee back on the Naturalist staff. We wish Sarah the best in her new position with Neighborhood House. And, we look forward to welcoming new seasonal staff in the weeks to come.

## Nature Center Hosts Needed

### Saturdays

Do you have a regular Saturday morning or afternoon that you could volunteer to host the nature center. Sometimes there will be projects, but much of the time you could plan to read, knit, or work on your own projects while being available to answer phones and help visitors.

### Week days

There will be times this spring, summer, and fall when all available staff will be either teaching or working on the property. In order to maintain regular nature center hours, we would love to have some people who could act as center hosts. Our greatest needs are Tuesdays and Wednesdays from about 9 to 11:30 and 12:30 to 2:30. Email Beth for details.

## Stewardship Saturdays!

Third Saturday of the month (10 am to noon)  
Join Sierra Club Great Waters Group and Friends of Havenwoods on the third Saturday of the month to cut invasives, plant trees, and enjoy one of the best places in Milwaukee. No experience or equipment is needed, just appropriate clothing. Dan Buckler is a new board member and heads up this effort. If you have questions, you can contact him at <daniel.c.buckler@gmail.com>

## Explore the Forest!

The birds are coming back! Birders have seen meadowlarks, woodcock, kinglets, and the first of the warblers. You can borrow binoculars!



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## Dates on the Horizon

Our naturalists will be “on the road” with live animals and information about Havenwoods. It would be great if we had a volunteer to go with them. Your job would be to help out where needed: haul stuff, set-up the display, answer questions, smile a lot, and be there to help take the display down. Here are some upcoming events:

- Woodlands - June 8 from 10 am to 2 pm
- Mill Road Fair - June 22 from 11 am to 2 pm
- Wauwatosa Farmers’ Market - TBD
- Shakespeare in the Park - June 21 - at Havenwoods
- Shakespeare in the Park - July 29 - at Havenwoods

## Upcoming Events

We have several events coming in the next months that could use extra hands!

### Milwaukee RiverKeeper & Big Clean

April 27, Saturday (9am to noon)  
There is a whole winter’s worth of trash around the perimeter of Havenwoods. We will have crews working along Lincoln Creek, Hopkins, and the railroad tracks. We will have gloves and bags. If you have a litter gripper, bring it!

### Work Play Earth Day

May 4, Saturday (9 am to 2 pm)  
Join Friends of Havenwoods, staff, and other volunteers to plant trees, repair trails, and pull

invasives. After work, stick around for a nature hike. Call 414.527.0232 to reserve your appreciation gift.

### Wisconsin Public Radio

May 4, Saturday (10 am to noon)  
WPR will be holding a Listener Appreciation Event at Havenwoods. They have some great activities planned. We could use an extra person or two to answer questions, help orient visitors to the property, and serve as host by keeping the snack table organized and washing mugs as needed.

