

Summer
2019

Nature Center Hours

May 1 - Oct 31
8:30 am – 4 pm
Monday – Saturday

Nov 1 – April 30
9 am – 3 pm
Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri, Sat

Hiking Trails
6 am – 8 pm daily

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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!

Summer hit fast and hard! As I write this, we are in the midst of an excessive heat warning. Stay safe. Get outdoors early and late in the day. At some point, head over to Havenwoods to smell the basswood tree flowers!

Fields, woods, & wetlands

Jesse, Jane, Ester, Chris, and Wilson continue to work on managing the vegetation and keeping things running outdoors. Jesse, lead worker, says that we could use help with the following projects. You can contact him (jesse.hill@wi.gov) for more information, tool access, and locations:

- Clearing overgrowth along trails.
- Weeding in the kids' garden area or the Naturalist's Backyard. Talk to Beth to get direction.
- Filling pot holes in the service drive with limestone
- Woodchipping the landfill prairie and forested paths.
- Removing teasel & other invasives.
- Picking up trash along Hopkins -- an ongoing need :(

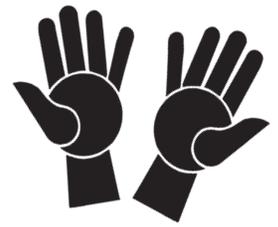
Thank yous!

We know that many of you do things behind the scenes, and we are grateful. When you do volunteer, be sure to sign in on the volunteer sheet so that we can track all volunteer hours and occasionally acknowledge the contributions that you make to Havenwoods' success. Here are a few outstanding thank yous. We apologize if we missed you. Don't hesitate to remind us!

- To **Cathy Harrison** for faithfully coming every Monday to do whatever needs to be done!
- To **Dennis Kaehny, Jim Goetz, Diane Warner, and Judy Dollhausen** for mowing, trimming, and pulling weeds around the building.
- To **Judy Dollhausen, Gaylord Yost, and Cheri Briscoe** for "manning" the Havenwoods information table at events.
- To the **SEW Master Gardeners** for maintaining the Heritage Gardens so wonderfully.
- To **Angela Vickio and Melissa Cook** for continuing to provide staffing, expertise, and support even though there is more than enough for them to do at Lakeshore State Park and Hank Aaron State Trail.
- To **Rachel Jones, Jim Goetz** (Popcorn King), and **Dennis Kaehny** for helping with Shakespeare in the Park.
- To **George Morrison and Jim Goetz** for watering trees and woodchipping trails.

Upcoming Events

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



Shakespeare in the Parks

July 29, Monday (7 pm)

If you plan to come see the Summit Players' unique version of *Romeo & Juliet*, come a little early to greet visitors, help with parking, and answer questions. OR stay a little late to help clean up and secure the building at the end of the event.

Stewardship Saturdays!

Third Saturday of the month (10 am to noon)

Join Sierra Club Great Waters Group and Friends of Havenwoods to cut invasives, plant trees, and enjoy one of the best places in Milwaukee. No experience or equipment is needed, just appropriate clothing. If you have questions, you can contact Dan Buckler at <daniel.c.buckler@gmail.com>

Land Steward Work Day

August 12, Monday (9 - noon)

Karen Felder is organizing a work day at Havenwoods! Join her to do some trash pickup and invasive plant removal. All ages are welcome! Please dress for the weather and bring a water bottle and gloves if you have them (we have some if you don't have your own). Snacks, trash bags, and specific areas that need help will be provided. In case of severe weather, this event will take place on Tuesday, August 13.

Wish Lists

These lists include jobs and new and/or lightly used random things that we need in no particular order!

Things!

- **Peanut butter jars:** Plastic jars with peanut butter, labels, and gummy residue removed for use as *insect hotels* in our education program.
- **School supplies:** Markers, crayons, glue sticks, watercolors, and sidewalk chalk for storytimes, drop-ins, and special programs. We have found that Crayola products last longer. "Washable" is preferred!
- **Art supplies:** High-quality colored pencils (e.g., PrismaColor) for staff to use for signs & exhibits.
- **Weed trimmer:** Battery-operated string trimmer for use by volunteers on landscape areas.

Doors Open Milwaukee

September 28 and 29, Sat & Sun
(10 am to 5 pm)

We know that Havenwoods is always open and always free, but Doors Open gives others the chance to discover our hidden gem. Staff will conduct hikes, share our animals, and present history programs. We need a few volunteers to greet visitors, answer questions, and provide hospitality!

Milwaukee Public Museum

Kohl's on the Move! - Beautiful World of Butterflies

September 7, Saturday (10 to 11 am)

MPM's staff will allow visitors to get up close and personal with butterflies from their Vivarium. Come greet visitors and answer questions before & after.

On the Road – Again

Havenwoods is often asked to go "on the road" to community events. . . sometimes on short notice! Would you be interested in being "on call" to accompany them? Your job would be to help set-up the display, answer questions, smile, and help take down at the end of the event. It would be great to have a list of people who we could call when these events come up.

People!

- **Writer:** To send thank you notes to individual volunteers and groups after events.
- **Nature Center Hosts:** To greet visitors, answer phones, and do what needs to be done for a morning or afternoon on a somewhat regular basis. This is an ongoing need. During the busy season (May - October), we often scramble to find staff to cover the front desk. During the rest of the year (November - April), we often have one staff person working in the building alone. Flexibility is key! Sometimes there will be projects to work on; sometimes there won't. Talk to us if interested.