

The following is a copy of the email I received from the Arboretum trail management. It addresses what we'll be doing and when/where we'll be doing it, as well as what to wear and what to bring. Hope this helps, and of course let me know if you have any questions!

- Brock T; (715) 560-3764

 Volunteer Spreadsheet Fall/Spring 2022-23

E-MAIL:

Project Details

- Project Title & Task: Prairie Restoration; cutting down invasive shrubs and small trees
- Date: Saturday, October 29, 2022
- Time: 9 a.m. to Noon
- Meeting Place: front steps of the Visitor Center (see attached map and directions)
- Arboretum project leader: Marian Farrior, marian.farrior@wisc.edu or 608-265-5214

Safety Information

There are risks to this volunteer work, which include sprains, strains, cuts, broken bones, exposure to sun and cold, exposure to ticks and stinging insects, and exposure to infectious disease. Volunteers must adhere to proper safety procedures, which will be described by the Arboretum project leader at the start of your project.

What to Wear & Bring

Dress appropriately for a safer and more comfortable experience. We do have ticks, mosquitoes, and poison ivy here.



Dress like this!

Not like this!

Required:

- Sturdy closed-toed shoes or boots
- Long pants

Optional:

- Long-sleeved shirt
- Heavy socks
- Hat
- Jacket (no flannel or fleece—burs cling to them)
- Long underwear in the winter
- Preferred garden gloves, sunscreen, or insect repellent
- Water bottle and personal snacks

Don't wear or bring:

- Sandals or flip-flops
- Canvas shoes
- Shorts
- Dress clothes
- Spandex
- Flannel or fleece shirts or jackets
- Cell phones should be kept safe in a bag or pocket.

The Arboretum will provide tools and work gloves.

COVID-19 Policy

Because of the existing health emergency due to COVID-19, we ask volunteers to monitor their health for symptoms of a potential COVID-19 infection, including:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell

- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

Do not participate in this volunteer activity if you possess any of the potential signs of infection. We further require participants to follow UW-Madison and Public Health Madison & Dane County health and safety guidance and instructions of the project supervisor, including maintaining appropriate distancing and wearing a face covering if required.

Cancellations and Rain Plans

We consider volunteers a valuable resource, vital to the Arboretum's success. Please notify Marian Farrior well in advance if your group is canceling. At the same time, this is an outdoor project that is weather dependent. If it is raining, or if it has rained heavily in the 24 hours prior to your project's start time, it will be canceled. Marian or an Arboretum restoration team leader will call you early on October 29th to let you know of any cancellation.

Thank you again for choosing the UW-Madison Arboretum for your service project.

Sincerely,
Judy Kingsbury

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Directions to the U.W. Arboretum Visitor Center

If you are traveling from east to west on the Beltline Highway (US 12-14-18-151), take the Seminole Highway Exit. Turn right at the light after exiting and proceed north on Seminole Highway. At the bottom of the hill you will see the Arboretum entrance (marked by a large sign and two stone pillars). Turn right (east) from Seminole onto Arboretum* Drive and proceed to the Visitor Center.

If you are traveling from west to east on the Beltline Highway (US 12-14-18-151), take the Todd Drive Exit. Turn right (west) at the stop sign onto the Frontage Road. At the stop light turn right and proceed north on Seminole Highway. At the bottom of the hill you will see the Arboretum entrance (marked by a large sign and two stone pillars). Turn right (east) from Seminole onto Arboretum* Drive and proceed to the Visitor Center.

If you are traveling from downtown Madison, take University Avenue west to North Randall. Turn left (south) on Randall Street and get into the right lane. Take a soft right onto Monroe Street. Go southwest on Monroe Street to Nakoma Road. Go left on Nakoma, and go several blocks to Seminole Highway. Turn left on Seminole, and go a few more blocks. The Arboretum entrance will be on your left, before the road starts to go uphill. Turn left onto Arboretum* Drive and proceed to the paved parking lot adjacent to the Visitor Center.

* Arboretum Drive is called McCaffrey Drive on some maps.

Please note: if you use Mapquest or Google or some other online map/direction web site, use 2880 Longenecker Drive, Madison WI as your destination address. This isn't our mailing address.

