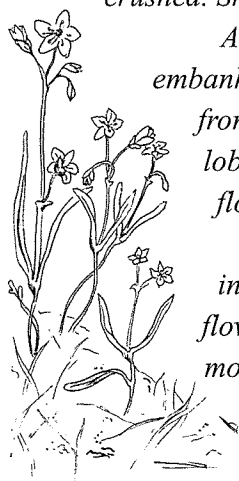


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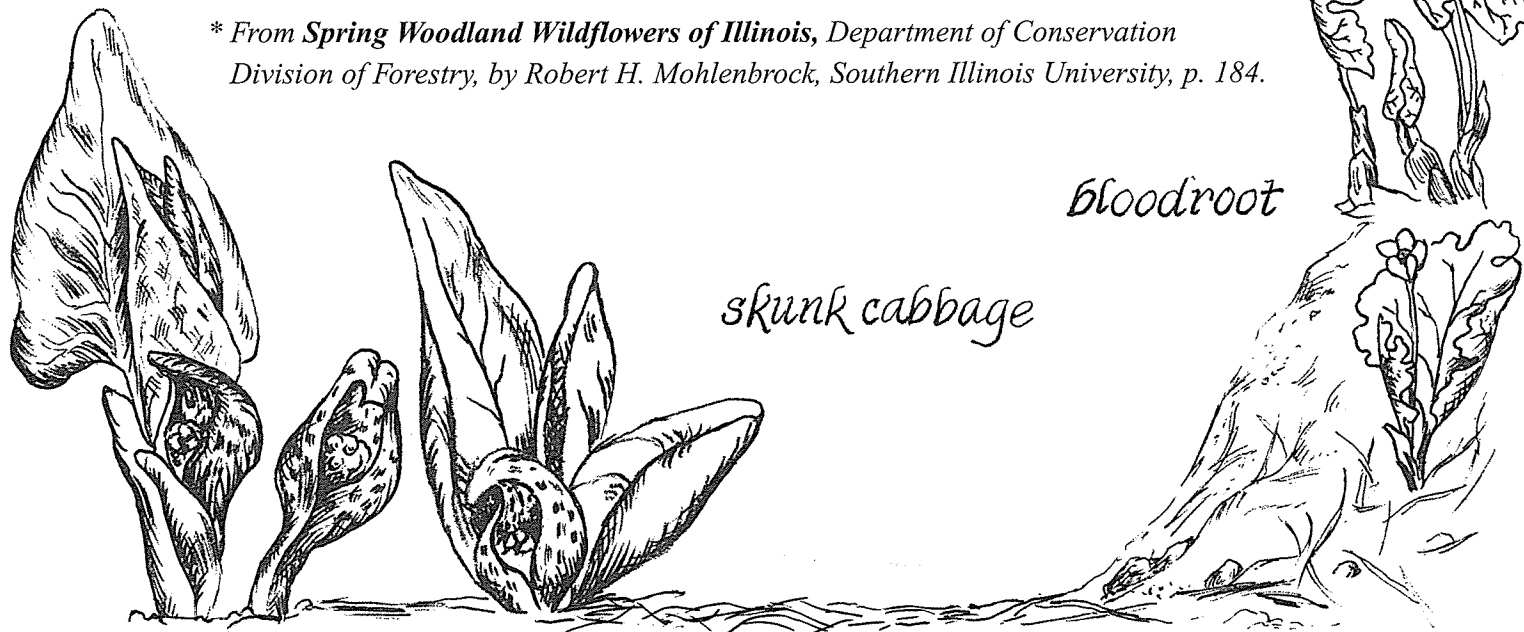
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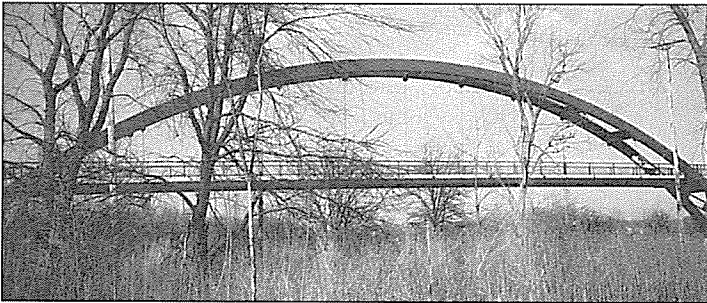
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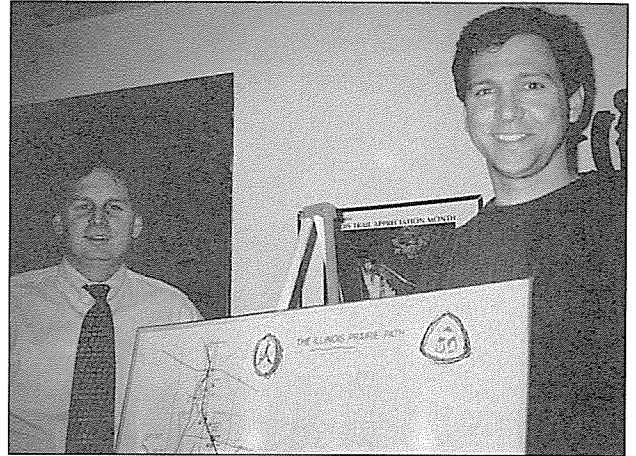
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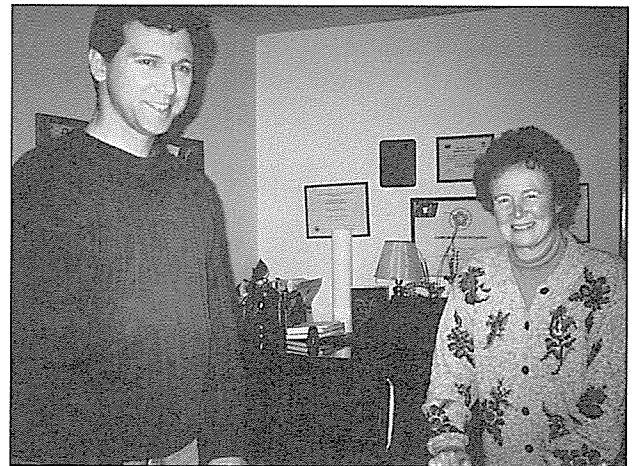
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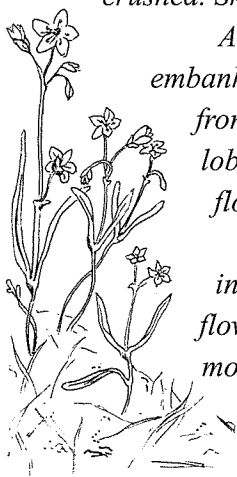
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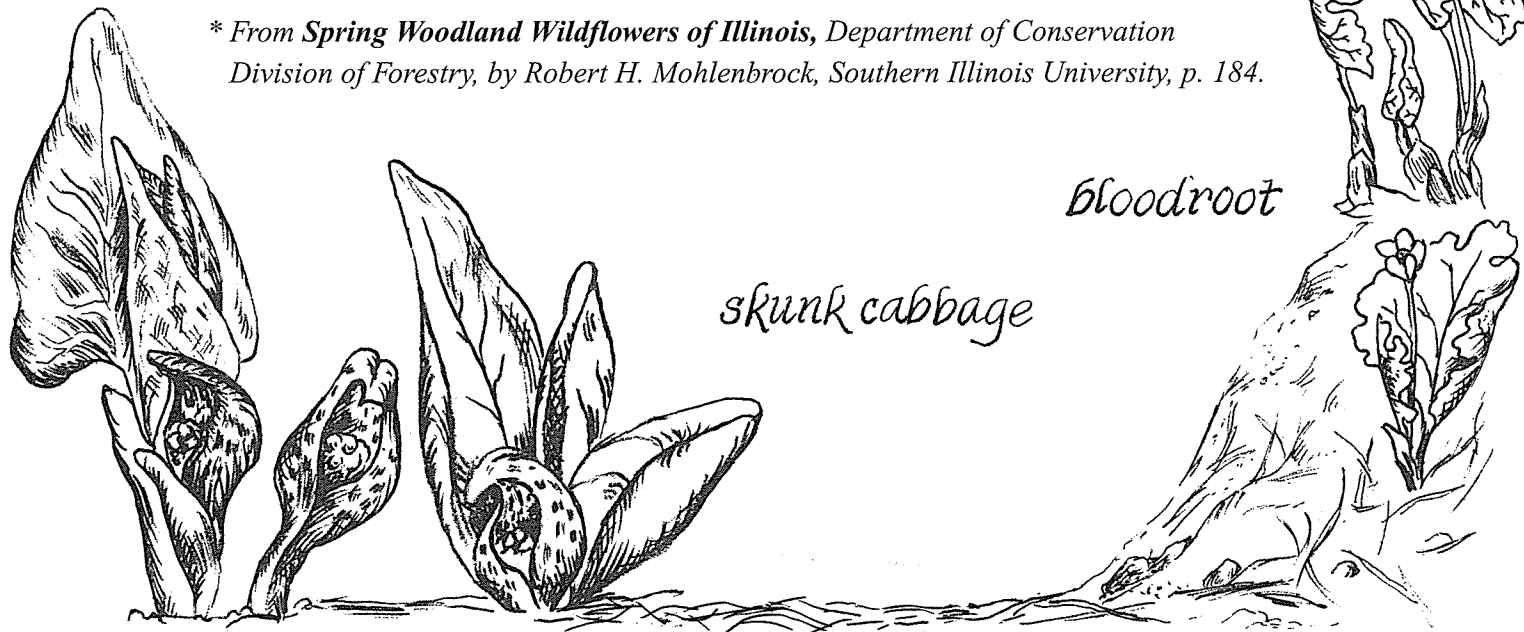
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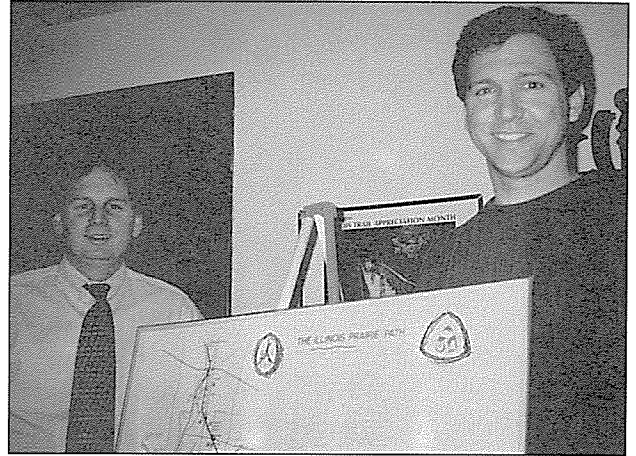
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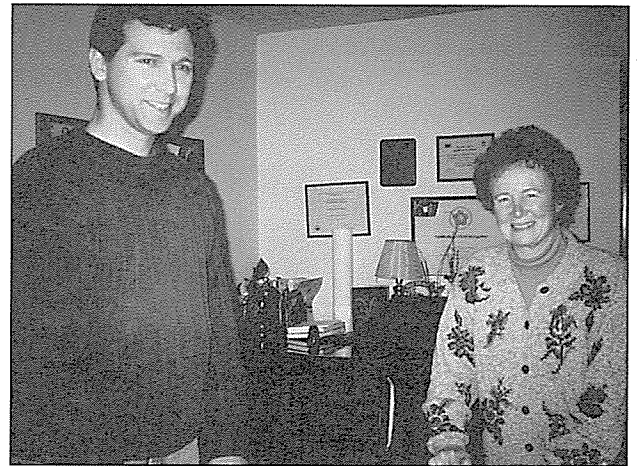
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Begin in Lockport with a stop at I& M building. Then on to Joliet for another stop (late morning/early afternoon). Continue on to I&M Canal. Stop at Morris for the night.
Cities: Lockport, Joliet, Channahon, Morris.

Monday, May 13 33 Miles Bicycle
Travel I&M Canal from Morris to Utica, making any needed stops, spend night in Utica or at Starved Rock State Park.
Cities: Morris, Marseilles, Ottawa, Utica

Tuesday, May 14 36.3 Miles Bicycle, Hike, Horse
Leave Starved Rock or Utica and get to LaSalle-Peru for morning meetings with local officials (need to make appointments). Then head to Lock 8 on the Hennepin Canal and continue to Lock 13 (access from county road 1670E). *We may walk* this section of the canal. Spend night in Princeton, or other nearby community.
Cities: LaSalle-Peru, Spring Valley, to Hennepin Canal.

Wednesday, May 15 26 Miles Horse, Hike, Bike
Bike or hike from Lock 13 to the visitor's center for a stop. *Horseback* from visitor's center to Lock 23. Camp here, or find other lodging.
Cities: All day on Hennepin Canal

Thursday, May 16 16.8 Miles Horse, Canoe
Horseback 8 miles to Geneseo for a stop. Get into canoe at Geneseo boat ramp. *Canoe* 8.8 miles to Lock 26.
Cities: Geneseo

Friday, May 17 18 Miles Hike, Bike, Horse
Begin at Lock 26 and use county roads for stops in Colona and Green Rock. Continue into Rock Island and the beginning of the Ben Butterworth Trail. Stop here for the day.
Cities: Colona, Green Rock, Quad Cities

Saturday, May 18 18.5 Miles Hike, Bike
Begin day on Ben Butterworth Trail with an event. *Bicycle* the trail 12 miles north to Hampton with possible stops along the way. *Hike* the 6.5 miles from Hampton to Port Byron along Highway 84.
Cities: Quad Cities, Hampton, Port Byron

Sunday, May 19 21.5 Miles Hike, Bike
Hike from Port Byron to north of Cordova (5.9 miles). *Bicycle* from Cordova to Albany (8 miles). *Hike* from Albany to Fulton (7.6 miles). Make any necessary stops in these towns.
Cities: Port Byron, Cordova, Albany, Fulton

Monday, May 20 20.7 Miles Hike, Bike
Hike from Fulton to Thompson (7.3 miles). *Bike* from Thompson to Savanna, with possible stops. Continue on to Mississippi Palisades State Park for the night (13.4 miles).
Cities: Fulton, Thompson, Savanna, Mississippi Palisades State Park.

Tuesday, May 21 29.5 Miles Bike
Bicycle from Mississippi Palisades through the hills to Galena, with possible stop in Hanover.
Cities: Mississippi Palisades State Park, Hanover, Galena

Wednesday, May 22 0 Miles Rest
Meetings in Galena, relax
Cities: Galena

Thursday, May 23 27.1 Miles Bicycle
Bicycle hilly roads from Galena to Apple River Canyon State Park. Stay in the park?
Cities: Warren, Apple River Canyon State Park

Friday, May 24 37.8 Miles Bicycle
Bicycle roads from Apple River Canyon S.P. to the western terminus of the Pecatonica Prairie Path. Make a stop at Freeport. May have to put in more miles on previous day to make time for Freeport meeting.
Cities: Lena, Freeport

Saturday, May 25 20 Miles Hike, MT Bike, Horse
Use best method of travel to traverse the length of the Pecatonica Prairie Path, ending near Winnebago (20 miles). Possibly continue on into Rockford (additional 7 miles) depending on event schedule.
Cities: Freeport, Ridott, Pecatonica, Winnebago

Sunday, May 26 12-15 Miles Hike, Bike, Skate?
Head from Pecatonica Prairie Path into Rockford for Events (could possibly cover this distance the previous day). Attend Rockford events on Rock River Recreation Path, and continue up to Loves Park. End day at Rock Cut State Park.
Cities: Rockford, Loves Park, Machesney Park, Rock Cut State Park

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Commonwealth Edison crews started cutting trees to make room for 85-foot steel transmission line poles on the Illinois Prairie Path at Winfield Road on January 25. In response the City of Warrenville called the police who ordered the Com Ed employees to stop. Warrenville Alderman Bob Siebert stated that the city zoning ordinance requires the utility company to come in for permits and public hearings before construction of the 138,000-volt lines can begin. Com Ed has not even submitted a site plan showing how the Prairie Path will be landscaped and residents will be protected from electromagnetic fields after the trees are cut and the power lines are installed through the heart of the city.

Com Ed in its turn filed suit in the Illinois Appellate Court asking that the court reaffirm the utility's right to proceed as decided by the Illinois Commerce Commission in October. Although the appellate court denied a stay of construction in January, Warrenville is standing firm in its requirement that the permitting process be followed. Siebert expects other municipalities to be concerned as well and says, "If you take away this, you take away the ability to rule and protect the welfare of the homeowners." And the battle goes on.

Meanwhile the Friends of the Prairie Path are planning a FUNdraising weekend for their lawsuit against Com Ed, in which suit they are joined by DuPage County, the City of Warrenville, and the Citizens Utility Board. On Saturday, April 13, the Friends will hold a Walk-, Ride-,



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and Bike-a-thon from 10:00 to 3:00 starting at the gazebo in Warrenville. Sponsors and donations will be sought and there will be prizes. Call Mary Marzano for details at 393-1725. On Sunday, April 14, the Friends will throw a rip-roaring, rollicking dance at Synergy, 6:30 to 10:00, with the theme "Keep It Green—Stop The Chop!" Tickets will be available for \$12.50 each at local park district offices after March 15. Call Connie Schmidt for information at 393-6276.

In Memoriam: Jane Sindt

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Memorial Day

Monday, May 27 38.3 Miles Hike, Bike, Skate?

Begin at Rock Cut S.P. travelling east to Boone County and the Long Prairie Trail. Traverse this trail to its eastern terminus at County Line Road. Stop in Harvard? Then continue through McHenry County to a location just south of Woodstock.

Cities: Poplar Grove, Harvard, Woodstock

Tuesday, May 28 29 Miles Bike

Begin at yesterday's stopping point just south of Woodstock. Take county roads to the McHenry County Prairie Trail South at Crystal Lake. Follow the trail south to the Fox River Trail and continue south on it to where it intersects the northern leg of the Illinois Prairie Path. End here for the day.

Cities: Crystal Lake, Algonquin, East Dundee, Elgin

Wednesday, May 29 27.5 Miles Bike

Begin the day at the intersection of Crystal Lake Road and the McHenry County Prairie Trail South and head east through Moraine Hills State Park to Libertyville. End Day in Libertyville.

Cities: Crystal Lake, Moraine Hills State Park, Wauconda, Mundelein, Libertyville

Thursday, May 30 23.5 Miles Bike, Hike or Horse

Begin in Libertyville, then get on the Des Plaines River Trail and head south into Cook County. End day on Des Plaines River Trail near the gap at Ballard Road or on Algonquin Road.

Cities: Libertyville, Lincolnshire, Riverwoods

Friday, May 31 23.3 Miles Bike, Hike or Horse

Continue south on the Des Plaines River Trail to Washington Street. From here, head to the beginning of the Illinois Prairie Path in Hillside. End here for the day

Cities: Maywood, Hillside

National Trails Day

Saturday, June 1 19 Miles Multi Modal?

Ride the Illinois Prairie Path from Hillside to the final event in West Chicago.

Cities: Berkeley, Elmhurst, Villa Park, Lombard, Glen Ellyn, Wheaton, Winfield, West Chicago

Editor's Note: This is a preliminary outline. For details contact Mike Ulm, Executive Director, Illinois Rails-to-Trails Conservancy, 319 W. Cook St., Springfield, IL 62704. Phone (217)789-4782.

WEST CHICAGO PRAIRIE EVENTS

Sunday, March 17

Restoration Work Day. Raking in seed and/or clearing invading brush. 9:00 a.m. - Noon.

Saturday, March 30

Restoration Work Day. Clearing invading brush and/or raking in seed. 9:00 a.m. - Noon.

Saturday, April 13

Birding Trip. Good mix of winter residents and early arrivals. 7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Saturday, April 20

Restoration Work Day. Raking in seed. 9:00 a.m. - Noon.

Saturday, May 4

Birding Trip. Summer residents, migrating warblers and sparrows. About 50 species. Annual DuPage County Spring Count. 7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Saturday, May 25

Birding Trip. Summer residents and migrating warblers. Should see Yellow-breasted Chat. About 50 species. 6:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.

Saturday, May 25

Field Trip. Good displays of Golden Alexander, Shooting Star, Hoary Puccoon, Wild Blue Indigo, Yellow Star Grass, Prairie Violet, Cream Indigo, and many others. 9:00 a.m. - Noon.

Sunday, June 16

Birding Trip. Summer residents. Should see Yellow-breasted Chat and Sedge Wren. 6:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.

Sunday, June 16

Field Trip. Good displays of Spiderwort, Spiked Lobelia, Black-eyed Susan, Wild White Indigo, Wild Rose, Marsh Phlox, and Purple Coneflower. 9:00 a.m. - Noon.

All events except the winter bird count start from the West Chicago Prairie parking lot located on the east side of Industrial Drive between Western and Downs. Information: Mel Hoff, (708) 393-4715, or JoAnn Monge, (708)961-2041, day or evening. Special trips can be arranged for groups.

SPRING ACTIVITIES, rain or shine

Saturday, March 16

Brush clearing on our IPP prairie south of North Ave. with Keith Olson. Meet at 9:00 a.m. in parking area on northwest corner of IPP and North Ave. Information: Dick Wilson, (708) 299-7882 (8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.)

Saturday, March 30

Brush clearing at West Chicago Prairie with Mel Hoff. Meet at 9:00 a.m. at MacQueen Drive and the Path. Information: Dick Wilson. See above.

Saturday, April 13

(or as determined by each municipality)

Earth Day Cleanup along entire length of Illinois Prairie Path. For information call:

Maywood, Paul Aeschleman	848-6023
Bellwood, Susan Wisniewski	493-1316
Hillside-Berkeley, John Kacich	544-7524
Elmhurst, Steve Plumb	279-8690
Villa Park, Marlon Hummell	834-8525
Lombard, Joelyn Kott	620-5718
Glen Ellyn, Jean Mooring	469-4289
Wheaton, Kathy Williamson	462-7846
Winfield, David Tate	682-1449
West Chicago, Tom Yule	293-1726
Warrenville, Bob Rawls	393-6720
Wayne, David Tate	682-1449

Saturday, May 18

Bird Walk in Pratt's Wayne Woods to look for spring arrivals. Meet at 9:00 a.m. in the far back parking area. Lunch and drink are optional. Located in Wayne. From Rte. 59 go west on Army Trail Road to Powis Road (about 2 miles); then go north to the forest preserve entrance. Leaders: Dick Wilson (See above); Paul Mooring, 469-4289.

Saturday, June 1

Ten-mile Hike for National Trails Day on the newly-opened Illinois Prairie Path Geneva Spur. Meet at 9:00 a.m. on the northwest corner of Geneva Road and County Farm Road in Winfield. Bring lunch and drink. Leader: Dick Wilson (See above).

Saturday, June 1

GRAND CELEBRATION OF NATIONAL TRAILS DAY at Reed-Keppler Park, West Chicago at 2:00 p.m. Ceremony, food and fun. Y'ALL COME! See page 4.

— Jean C. Mooring, Editor —

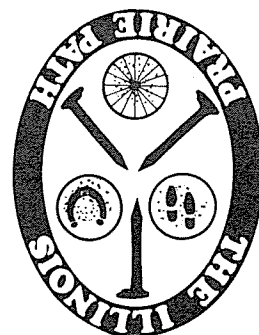
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