



2018 Ohio Prairie Conference

July 21st, 2018



Events begin at
Main Parking Lot at The Wilds
14000 International Rd Cumberland, OH 43732

Pre-registration required. Register here:

<https://ohioprairie.blogspot.com/2018/06/2018-ohio-prairie-conference.html>

Select registration. Click "V" in box in lower left.

Select "Registration and Bus Tour" or "Registration Only"

— Day's Events —

9am Arrival and Welcome

9:30-12 Bus Tour — Pasture & Restoration Ecology

Restoration topics covered:

- *Invasive species control: mechanical, biological, chemical
- *Shift in Reclamation Approach: Along the Divide: Tree Law to Grass Law
- *ODNR Natives in reclamation project: adding prairie species to reclamation sites

Visit Lake Trail prairie habitat (20-30 minute stop)

- *Solitary bee research (Megan Varvaro, OSU grad student)
- *Prairie establishment & management, pollinator initiatives across the state
(Mike Retterer, Ohio Pollinator Habitat Initiative)

Also on tour: 'typical' safari tour with sightings and information about endangered and imperiled animals from around the world including rhino, giraffe, takin, and oryx.

12:00 End tour, Lunch at outdoor pavilion. OPA Annual Meeting for registered participants.

1:00-2:30: Visit Wetland & Stream Restoration (requires driving personal cars, 10 minute drive).

Requires walking ~20 minutes total including some hills between stops

Stop 1: Wetland Restoration: weir/berm approach

Stop 2: Stream & Riparian Restoration

Stop 3: Bat boxes

Stop 4: Healthy Forests, Healthy Wildlife project (Understory invasive removal and native planting)

2:30-4: Visit Butterfly habitat (requires driving again back from wetland site to main parking lot)

Requires walking ~30 minutes total including one small hill between stops

Stop 1: Research on Wilds prairies: long term butterfly monitoring, vegetation transects (Rebecca Swab, Director of Restoration Ecology)

Stop 2: Ecosystem engineers- Active beaver dam & lodge (Pattama Ulrich, OSU grad student)

Stop 3: Soil microbes in prairies (Nicola Lorenz, OSU)

Stop 4: Grassland birds (Jim Dooley, Muskingum University)

Stop 5: Pollinator research (Andrew Lybbert, OSU grad student)

4pm Depart from main parking lot
