

Workdays continue through the winter months at Ottawa's Dayton Bluffs Preserve

It may be cold outside as winter shows a different side of nature, but that doesn't stop the restoration work from continuing at Dayton Bluffs Preserve in Ottawa.

Workdays at the Preserve continue through the winter months on the second Saturdays from 8 a.m. to noon, January 12, February 9, and March 9. The work includes cutting invasive brush and burning brush piles, as well as cleaning up trash piles in the ravines at this 253-acre land and water reserve along the Fox River.



Community service groups, businesses, and just plain folk looking for a way to give back to the community might consider spending a morning outside helping to improve the local environment. Special corporate or group workdays also can be scheduled.

Volunteers have been removing invasive plants from forested areas to restore this preserve that includes 150 acres of woodland and savanna, and 80 acres of prairie. Numerous Indian burial mounds dating back to the late woodland period are also part of this diverse area.

If you're coming out, remember to dress for the outdoors, bring a water bottle, and avoid wearing synthetics like fleece especially near brush pile fires.

Dayton Bluffs Preserve is located at 2997 Route 71, just north of Hank's Farm Restaurant. Volunteers should email Jennifer Hammer (jhammer@theconservationfoundation.org) for more information and to be put on the Friends of Dayton Bluffs email list.

The Conservation Foundation is one of the region's oldest and largest not-for-profit land and watershed conservation organizations, with more than 4,000 members. Founded in 1972, TCF has helped preserve more than 35,000 acres of open space, restored and cleaned miles of rivers and streams, and educated thousands of kids by engaging them in nature and the outdoors.

TCF's mission is to improve the health of our communities by preserving and restoring natural areas and open space, protecting rivers and watersheds, and promoting stewardship of our environment.

Work is focused in DuPage, Kane, Kendall and Will Counties to preserve and restore nature in your neighborhood. Find out more at theconservationfoundation.org.