

Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge

Geology, Birds, and Plants of the Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge

- Where:** Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge Oak Savanna Learning Center
16797 289th Avenue Northwest, Zimmerman, Minnesota 55398
- When:** Saturday February 25th, 2023 (9:00 a.m. to 12:00p.m.)
- Leader:** **Bruce Galer**, Professional Geologist, Sherburne NWR Volunteer, Master Naturalist
Jennifer Kamm, Environmental Consultant, Master Naturalist

Come join Bruce Galer and Jennifer Kamm for a discussion of the geology and natural history of the Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge and hike the Blue Hill Trail. A one-hour presentation at the Oak Savanna Learning Center will discuss how the glaciers shaped the landforms we see in the Refuge today, and how these landforms, along with water, influence vegetation and other organisms. Then follow us to the Blue Hill Trail just west of the Learning Center to hike the trail and observe geologic features, birds, and winter botany. The 30,700-acre refuge was established in 1965 at the urging of local conservationists and hunters interested in restoring the wildlife values of the St. Francis River Basin. Following that, the refuge became and remains the largest public land holding in Sherburne County. The refuge is now a wild remnant at the meeting of the western prairies and the northern woods, with oak savanna, prairie opening, forest, wetland and riverine habitats.

- Agenda:**
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| 8:45-9:00 | Gather at Oak Savanna Learning Center |
| 9:00-10:00 | Presentation: Geology & Natural History of the Refuge |
| 10:00-12:00 | Tour Blue Hill Trail (If weather is not cooperative, a shorter hike may be considered) |
| 12:00-12:15 | Wrap-up Q&A and Discussion, Shop at Refuge Store |

This field trip is for members of the MN Native Plant Society only and will be limited to 25 registrants.

Items to Bring:

Hat, Sunglasses, Water/snacks, Pen or Pencil, Notebook,

Plant/Bird Identification Books, Hand Lens

Boots, hats, gloves, warm winterwear,

Snowshoes if desired (**snowshoes may be available to borrow from the Refuge if you let Jennifer know in advance**).

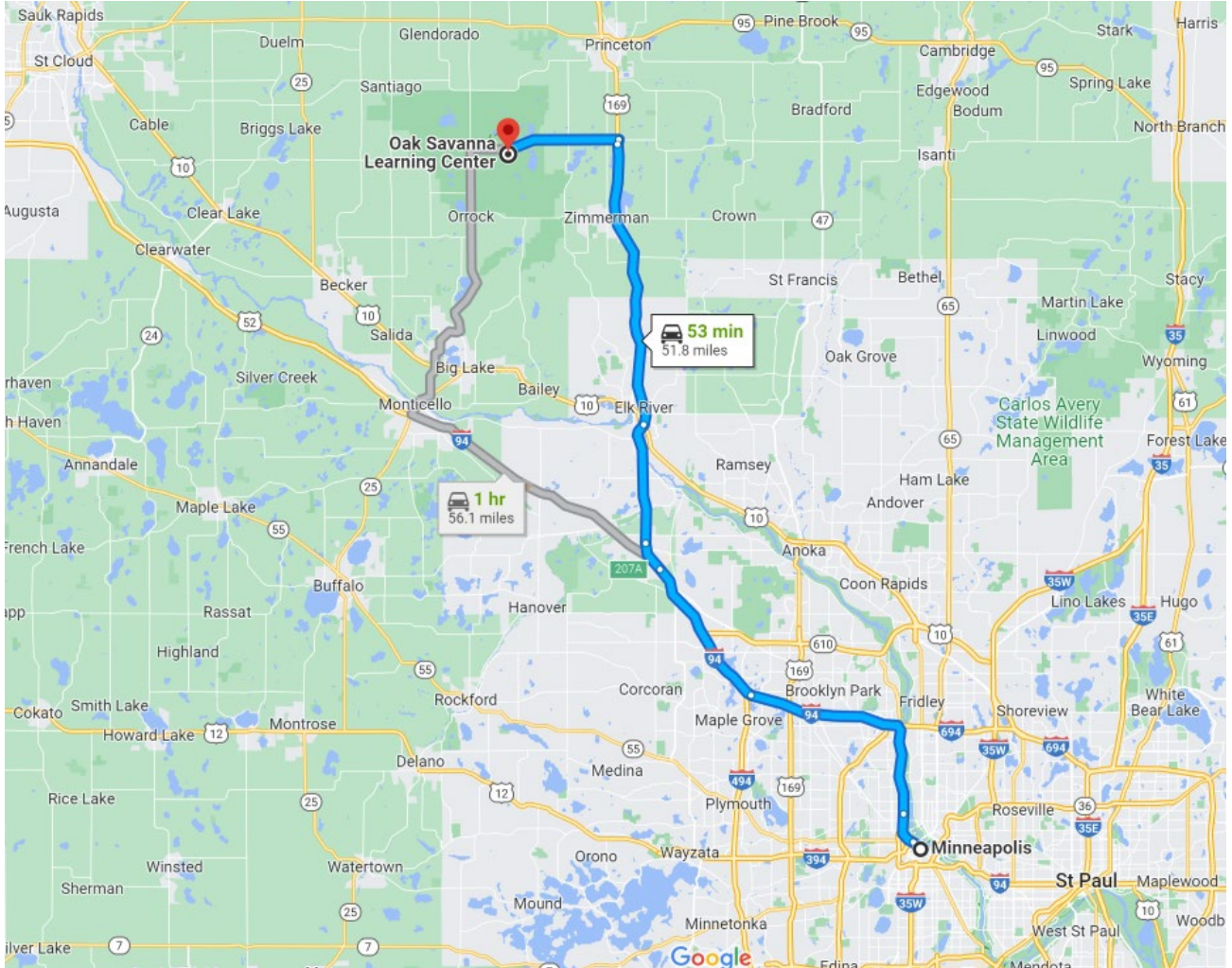
The Refuge store may be open for shopping if interested!

To register for this field trip please contact:

Field Trip Coordinator: Jennifer Kamm. For more information, feel free to contact Jennifer at jennifer.kamm@stantec.com or 612-875-0543

Please register by February 24th

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Driving Directions From Minneapolis and St. Paul

- Take I-94 west to the Highway 101 (Rogers) exit
- Follow Highway 101 north until it turns into Highway 169
- Follow Highway 169 north through Elk River and Zimmerman to County Road 9 (289th Ave NW), an exit located four miles north of Zimmerman
- Turn left and follow County Road 9 (289th Ave NW) west for four miles
- Once you see the entrance sign and information kiosk, continue west on County Road 9 (289th Ave NW) to access the Oak Savanna Learning Center and Blue Hill Trail

Oak Savanna Learning Center and Blue Hill Trail

