

Partridge Creek MNNPS Field Trip

Spring Ephemerals, Sedges, and Birds of Old Growth Hardwood Forest in Southeastern Minnesota

Where: Partridge Creek
Parking lot at 43.90891 -92.34343 (see map below)

When: Sunday, April 30th, 2023 (10:00 a.m. to 2:00p.m.)

Leader: Michael Lee, Botanical Scientist, Minnesota Biological Survey
Jennifer Kamm, Environmental Consultant, Master Naturalist

Come join Michael Lee and Jennifer Kamm exploring a rich hardwood forest on the bluffs along Partridge Creek in southeastern Minnesota. Snow trillium and a rich diversity of other spring ephemerals and sedges are present here, as well as a number of state-listed plant species and a few special concern birds.

Michael Lee grew up in the Blufflands of southeastern Minnesota. He holds Bachelors' and Masters' degrees from St. Cloud State University. He has been a Botanist and Plant Ecologist with the MNDNR Minnesota Biological Survey since 1992. Michael has logged thousands of miles afoot cataloging flora throughout most of the state, and has contributed over 9,000 plant collections to date, these housed at the Bell Museum of Natural History (where he is a Museum Associate) and at other major North American Herbaria. These collections include over 1,400 rare plant records, and 11 new state records.

We will be traversing some areas with steep off-trail terrain, so hiking boots and a hiking stick may be helpful. There is also a possibility for wet feet crossing Partridge Creek. The bluffs are approximately 150 feet high, and are quite steep in some places. There is a road providing access to the top of the bluff, if necessary, for anyone who might find the steep terrain too challenging.

Agenda: 9:45-10:00 Gather at Parking Lot (see maps below)
10:00-2:00 Explore Partridge Creek

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

Items to Bring:

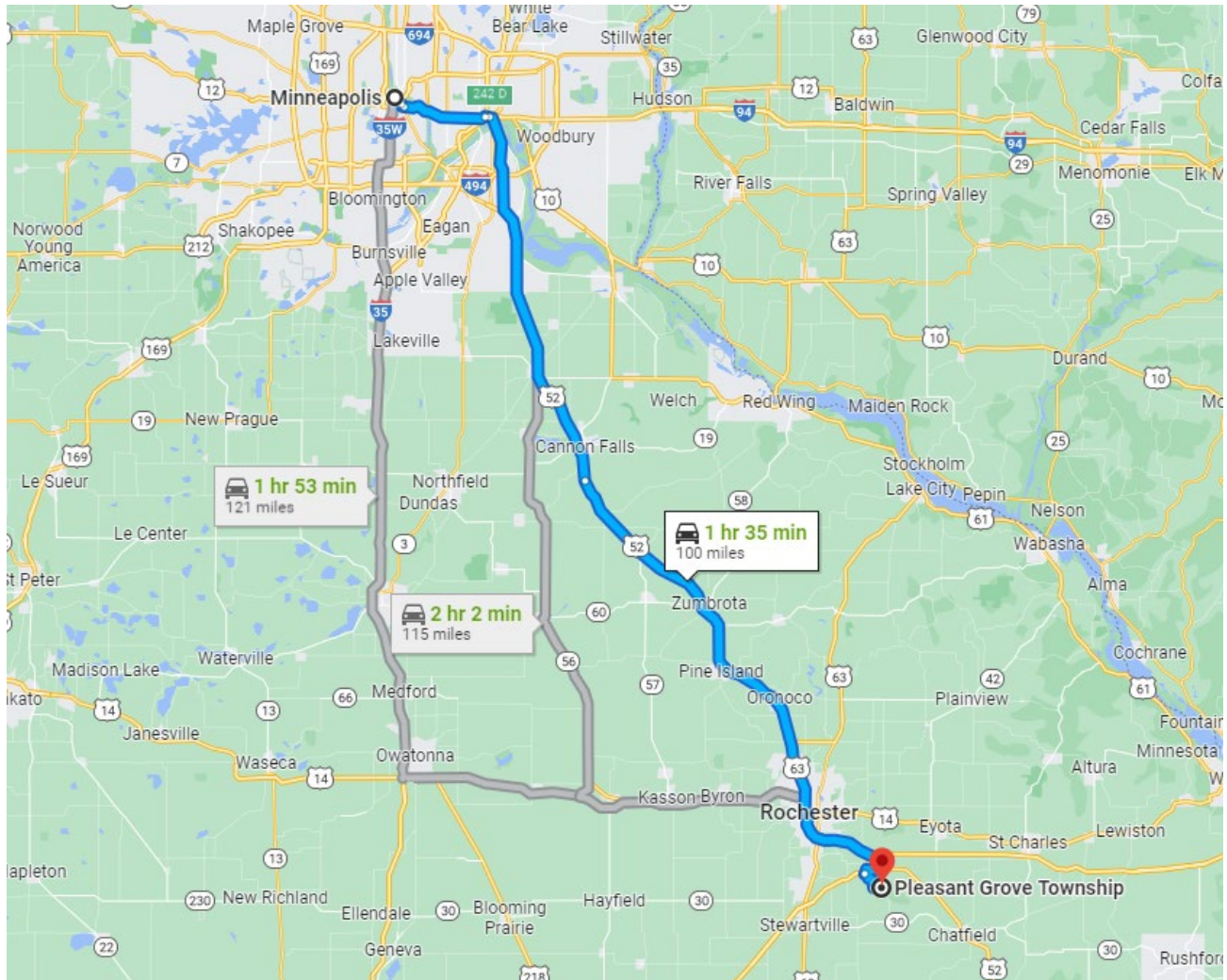
Hat, Sunglasses, Boots
Walking poles/stick (terrain can be steep in places)
Tick protection (expect to encounter deer ticks)
Pen or Pencil, Notebook, Plant/Bird Identification Books, Hand Lens
Water, field-appropriate lunch/snacks

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 April 23th

Partridge Creek Driving Directions



Driving Directions From Minneapolis and St. Paul

- Take I-94 East to US-52 South
- Follow US-52 South (94.4 miles) through Rochester to 65th Ave SE/County Road 16 SE in Marion Township
- Continue on County Rd 16 SE. Take County Rd 116 SE to Stagecoach Rd SE in Pleasant Grove Township (4.5 mile)

Partridge Creek Closer View



Parking Lot Location
43.90891 -92.34343

