

FRANKLIN SAVANNA is an 85-acre natural area owned by Milwaukee County. The site is an example of what much of southeastern Wisconsin's landscape looked like prior to European settlement in the early 1800s. The effort to protect what remains of Wisconsin's original natural landscape began in 1952 with the creation of what is now the State Natural Areas Program, administered by the Department of Natural Resources. Its mission is to establish a system of sites that "as nearly as possible represents the wealth and variety of Wisconsin's native landscape for education, scientific research, and for the long-term protection of Wisconsin's biological diversity for future generations." The natural features of Franklin Savanna are of such significance that it was designated a State Natural Area in 2004.



*Enjoy...*

HIKING THROUGH OAK SAVANNA

EXPERIENCING THE SITE'S QUIET, NATURAL BEAUTY

BIRD-WATCHING NEAR STREAMS AND CREEKS



**FRIENDS OF FRANKLIN SAVANNA**  
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*Franklin Savanna*

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STATE NATURAL AREA



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 SAVANNA'S NATURAL  
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## PROTECTING WISCONSIN'S NATURAL FEATURES

Loss of natural areas in southeastern Wisconsin has been profound. More than 95% of the region's natural communities that were present prior to European settlement – including its forests, prairies, and wetlands – has been lost or degraded. Franklin Savanna is classified as an oak opening, characterized by large, scattered, open-grown oaks with an understory of prairie grasses and wildflowers. It is a prime restoration site for this once prevalent, but now almost non-existent, natural community that provides habitat for a variety of rare plants such as cream gentian.



CREAM GENTIAN

*"The richness I achieve comes from Nature, the source of my inspiration."*

— CLAUDE MONET

FRANKLIN SAVANNA • 10400 W. Oakwood Rd.



**DIRECTIONS:**  
In Franklin, take Loomis Rd/Hwy 36/US 45 to Ryan Rd/Cty H, turn east on Ryan to 112th St., take 112th south to Oakwood Rd. then east on Oakwood .75-mile. Park along Oakwood Road then walk north along the fencerow 0.15-mile into the natural area.

## ABOUT THE PARTNERS

The **Milwaukee Area Land Conservancy** (MALC) is a conservation organization founded by local Milwaukee volunteers, that offers several alternatives in land protection. MALC's mission is *to preserve and protect land and water resources with significant conservation or open-space value for the benefit of the public, and for the wildlife that depends upon it, in order to maintain quality of life, biodiversity, and natural scenic beauty for future generations.*

With assistance from the Natural Resources Foundation of Wisconsin, AmeriCorps, and the Harley Davidson Foundation, MALC is helping to increase volunteer participation to restore the Franklin Savanna site.

The **Friends of Franklin Savanna** consists of volunteers who are working to protect, maintain, and enhance the savanna. The core group is looking to expand its volunteer base. Volunteers and sponsors are needed to raise public awareness, perform land stewardship, and assist in education and fundraising.

# We need your help!

**DONATIONS** are welcome and are tax-deductible. Cash donations will be used for outreach and to help restore the savanna to its pre-settlement condition.

**VOLUNTEERS** are needed to assist with educational hikes and natural areas management under the supervision of experienced land specialists. Educational opportunities are also available.

**PLEASE JOIN US** by contacting the Friends group through the Milwaukee Area Land Conservancy at 414.427.1901 or at [www.mkeconservancy.org](http://www.mkeconservancy.org)



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