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August 12 – Picnic at Cedar Creek Ecosystem Science Reserve for our summer picnic!

The bison are back at Cedar Creek and we'll have a potluck dinner – what can be better? Join LWV ABC for a walk to the bog and followed by an interesting talk and good LWV fellowship. Gather at Cedar Creek at **5pm** for the walk, dinner at 6pm with program following. **Please bring a dish to share!**

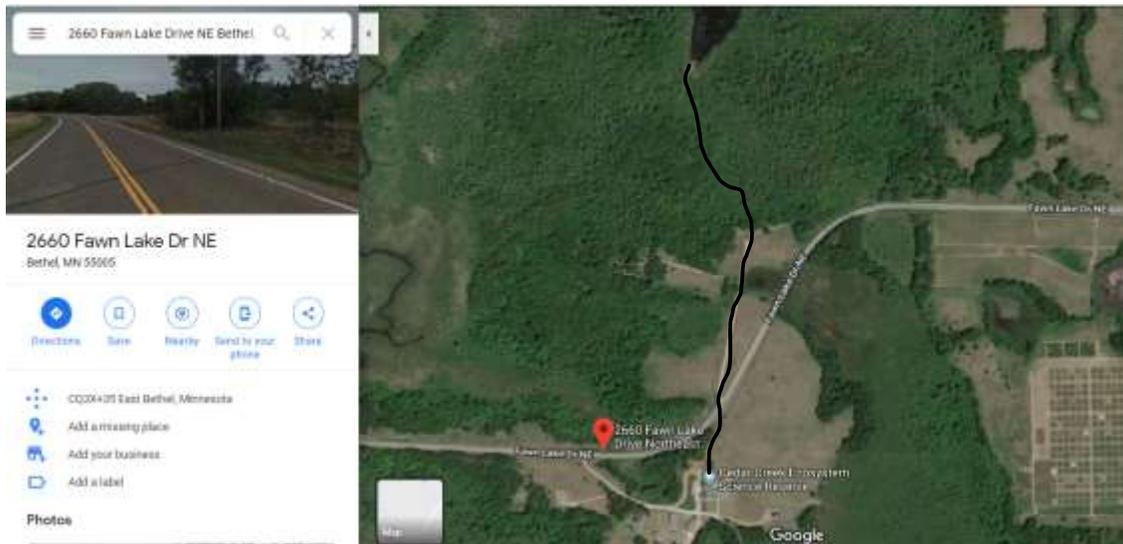
Cedar Creek Ecosystem Science Reserve
 2660 Fawn Lake Drive NE
 Bethel, Minnesota 55005-9718

For detailed map and directions, follow this link: <https://www.cedarcreek.umn.edu/about/directions>

Here's the directions in written-out form:

From the south

Take 35W north to the exit for U.S. 10, which will be exit 30. Drive west on U.S. 10 for 2.5 miles to the exit for Highway 65 (also called Central Avenue). Exit onto Highway 65 (Central Avenue) and continue north 18 miles to 237 Ave NE. This is known locally as “Cooper’s Corner.” There will be a gas station and a Subway on the NE corner. Take a right (east) on 237th and proceed one mile to the “T”. At the “T”, turn left and follow the road around the long curve. Once around the curve, begin looking on the right for the large, brown, rural mailbox with a sign reading “2660.” It is about one mile from the “T” to the mailbox. At the mailbox, turn right into the Cedar Creek campus. Bear left to the Lindeman Research and Discovery Center and park.



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The hike to the bog is about a mile and leads through prairie and woods. The bog is the birthplace the science of ecology and the path to it is a beautiful exhibition of two of Minnesota's three biomes. But if walking is a problem for you, you will want to skip this part of the evening and just join us at 6pm for dinner. (The picture on page 1 shows the path to the bog as black line.)



If you want to try to spot the bison out in the oak savannah, that's a different part of the reserve and not part of this tour. But you can do it on your own on a Saturday morning or the first Wednesday of the month. Details at this link:
<https://www.cedarcreek.umn.edu/conservation/bison>

THE BISON ARE BACK!



Cedar Creek's woolly friends are roaming the oak savannas once again! **Open hours at the gazebo are on Saturdays from 10am - 2pm, beginning June 1st!** We also invite neighbors and friends to visit from 5pm - 8pm on the first Wednesday of each month. A map and directions are available [here](#). We'll post details about additional visiting hours, access and programming for the summer on this webpage and on our facebook page as we get things scheduled. **For safety and security reasons, the bison gazebo and extention trail are closed at all other times, including during the week.**

Mark your calendars: the postdoctoral researcher on the bison project, Chad Zirbel, will give a lunchtime talk at Cedar Creek on **July 9th at 11:30am**. Register online by clicking [here](#). He will also reprise his talk at the Johnsville library in Blaine on November 4th (5pm) as part of our "Nature Talk at Cedar Creek" series in partnership with the Anoka County Library system.

If you can't make it out to visit, we recommend you check out Cedar Creek's trail camera project, **Eyes on the Wild**. You can help our scientists classify images of wildlife on the property, and there are PLENTY of pictures of last year's herd for you to enjoy!

So bring your pot luck dish to share and join LWV ABC at Cedar Creek Ecosystem Science Reserve Monday, August 12 at 5 (for the hike) or 6 (for the meeting). See you there!

Drafts and Discourse

Thanks to those who have supported this event. We are going to take a short hiatus from this series of events and pick it up again in the fall. Stay tuned!

At the June 26 Drafts and Discourse event, attendees had a good discussion around how to reach out to the community to advertise and diversify LWV ABC. Some ideas: rotate location of league monthly meetings, get tables at summer fairs next year, could register people to vote and invite people to join. There was discussion around race in our country, systemic inequality - this is one that is difficult to solve in one night. – Sara Berg McConville

June 1 – CMAL Annual Convention

The Council of Metropolitan Area League of Women Voters held their 57th Annual Convention June 1, 2019 at the Ridgedale Library in Minnetonka. One of our own Leaguers, Nora Slawik, from the Woodbury League is the new Metropolitan Council Chair and was our speaker. (A nice sized delegation from the Woodbury League was there to support her.) It was nice to review the open process used to select the new Council. Our new Metropolitan Council now has 50% people of color.

Chair Slawik reviewed some of the subjects we know something about, disparities, jobs, housing, owned and rented, numbers expected to move into the metro area, congested miles and public transportation. We must address equitable access to opportunity for all of our citizens.

It was a great meeting. All but two the leagues in this metropolitan area were represented.
– Susan Anderson, CMAL delegate for LWV ABC

June 1 – LWV Upper Mississippi River Region Annual Convention

The LWV Upper Mississippi River Region ILO also had an Annual Meeting on June 1, this one their fourth Annual Convention. The focus of the educational portion of the meeting was the impact of climate change on the Upper Mississippi, and what Leagues can do to address the crisis. Congresswoman Angie Craig was a guest speaker over lunch. Summaries and videos of the talks, including Representative Craig’s, are available on the LWV UMRR blog at the following links.

LWV Action on Climate Change: A Call to Arms, with lots of guidance, from Caryl Terrell (LWV Dane Co, WI)	https://www.lwvumrr.org/blog/lwv-action-on-climate-change-a-call-to-arms-with-lots-of-guidance-from-caryl-terrell-lwv-dane-co-wi-at-the-lwv-umrr-annual-meeting-on-june-1
The Nature Conservancy's big idea to protect the upper Upper Mississippi, a talk by Matt Gladue	https://www.lwvumrr.org/blog/the-nature-conservancys-big-idea-to-protect-the-upper-upper-mississippi-talk-by-matt-gladue-on-june-1
What does Climate Change mean for the Upper Mississippi? Comments by John Linc Stine, Freshwater Society	https://www.lwvumrr.org/blog/what-does-climate-change-mean-for-the-upper-mississippi-comments-by-john-linc-stine-freshwater-society-at-the-lwv-umrr-annual-meeting-on-june-1
LWV UMRR Annual Meeting - Congresswoman Angie Craig	https://www.lwvumrr.org/blog/lwv-umrr-annual-meeting-congresswoman-angie-craig-comes-and-speaks

It was good to see LWV ABC members at this meeting!

Joan Molenaar awarded for her work at the Fairview MS Achievement Center in St. Paul

Joan received a special award on June 7th to honor her work with patients at the Fairview MS Achievement Center. For several years, Joan has held voter education forums with the patients; explaining the voter registration and absentee ballot registration processes. She also described accessibility measures at the polls for persons with disabilities. Many individuals voted for the first time ever or the first time in many years as a result of her educational efforts. Geri and Darby Nelson were on hand for the award. Congratulations, Joan!





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Save the Dates:

Monday, July 22, 11am – **LWV ABC Board meeting** at Davanni’s in Coon Rapids (Hwy 10 frontage road just south of Round Lake Blvd exit). Order food at 11, meeting commences at 11:30. This is a good opportunity to learn more about what LWV ABC is up to!

Monday, August 12, 5pm – **LWV ABC Picnic at Cedar Creek Ecosystem Science Reserve and Climate Change discussion.** **Note early start time.** Bring a dish to share, and wear walking shoes if you plan to do the mile walk up to the bog! Link to Cedar Creek [here](#) for map and direction – story on page 1.

Monday, August 26 - **LWV ABC Board meeting** at Davanni’s in Coon Rapids (Hwy 10 frontage road just south of Round Lake Blvd exit). Order food at 11, meeting commences at 11:30. This is a good opportunity to learn more about what LWV ABC is up to!

Do you have Information to share with LWV ABC? **Four ways to stay in touch with LWV ABC**

Visit our public website: www.lwvabcmn.org. If you need a refresher on accessing the Members Only section of the website, send an email to lwvabc@gmail.com. We will reply with the link for you to bookmark.

We’re on Facebook: Just search for “LWV ABC Facebook”.

Our monthly newsletter, *The Voter*: Members and other interested persons receive our newsletter by email in the early part of each month. Issues are also available on our LWV ABC website, www.lwvabcmn.org.



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