THE WILDFLOWER GARDEN

The Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden and Bird Sanctuary is a 15-acre native plant garden located in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Its trails meander through woodlands, a wetland and an oak savanna showcasing over 500 plant species and 130 migratory and resident bird species. The Garden was founded in 1907, making it the oldest public wildflower garden in the country. The Martha Crone Visitor Shelter found nestled in the Garden, contains field guides, maps of the Garden, seasonal displays and helpful staff and volunteers ready to answer your questions and inspire your explorations of this sanctuary.

Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden & Bird Sanctuary
1 Theodore Wirth Parkway
Minneapolis, MN 55422

Visitors Shelter: 612.370.4903
Email: ebwg@minneapolisparks.org

Garden Hours: 7:30AM-1 hour before sunset 7 days a week, April 1 through October 15

Visitor Shelter Hours: 10 AM-1 hour before sunset Monday-Saturday; 12PM -1 hour before sunset Sunday

Friends of the Wild Flower Garden

A special thank you to the Friends of the Wild Flower Garden and the Friends’ Volunteer Coordinators. The Friends have supported the Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden for more than 60 years. The Friends’ leadership with the development and management of the Shelter Volunteer Program and Friends Invasive Plant Action Group Volunteer Program is of great benefit to visitors of the Wildflower Garden and for the health of the Wildflower Garden and surrounding areas. Thank you.

We would be pleased to have you as a volunteer at the Wildflower Garden. Let us know of your interest, including the program or programs that you would like to be involved with, by sending an email to ebwg@minneapolisparks.org. If you prefer to call, please leave a message for the Garden Curator at 612.370.4863.

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VOLUNTEERING AT THE GARDEN

The Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden and Bird Sanctuary is a 15-acre native plant public garden that is a treasure to nature lovers and wildflower enthusiasts alike. Each season, more than 100 volunteers contribute time and energy at the Wildflower Garden as stewards of the land and informal docents in the Visitor Shelter. Through joining one of the volunteer programs, you can get to know the Wildflower Garden and the community that supports and visits it in a meaningful way. You will be able to share your talents and interests with others, while learning about the plants, birds and other wildlife of this urban oasis.

Come join us!

SHELTER VOLUNTEERS

The Shelter Volunteer Program is a great opportunity for people who enjoy talking with others and sharing information about the wonders of the Wildflower Garden. This program is organized and administered by volunteers from the Friends of the Wild Flower Garden. Volunteers staff the Martha Crone Visitor Shelter on weekdays and weekends. There are two shifts per day, seven days per week. Shelter Volunteers encourage visitors to feel welcome, show visitors the resources in the Visitor Shelter and the Garden, help people with questions about plants in bloom, and promote and register people for programs.

FRIENDS’ INVASIVE PLANT ACTION GROUP

The Friends’ Invasive Plant Action Group is a great way to stay connected to the Wildflower Garden and to get your hands in the soil to assist with invasive species removal around the Garden’s perimeter. Volunteer events are scheduled primarily in the spring and autumn months. You’ll get to meet others who are interested in the natural world while helping to promote the health of the Wildflower Garden and surrounds, one weed at a time.

A trained volunteer leads volunteer crews on evenings and weekends to assist with removing invasive plants from areas just outside of the Wildflower Garden. Your name will be added to the Friends’ Invasive Plant Action Group e-list and you will be contacted via email periodically with information about future events. This program is organized and administered by volunteers from the Friends of the Wild Flower Garden.

LEGACY VOLUNTEERS

Legacy Volunteers have participated in a minimum of three Friends’ Invasive Plant Action Group events and are looking for a way to do similar work, with more regularity and on their own time. Choosing the time and day that you volunteer is a great opportunity for an individual, family or group of friends who are self-disciplined and interested in tackling a larger project. It’s a great way to spend quality time in the woods as a land steward either by yourself or with your team of family or friends.

Legacy Volunteers assist in the eradication of invasive plants. After training from the Garden Curator each volunteer takes responsibility for a designated section of area immediately adjacent to the Wildflower Garden and commits to removing the invasive species in their chosen section for the season.