



An introductory workshop for a new user-friendly Field Guide to the Freshwater Mussels of Chicago Wilderness

When: Saturday May 3 from 10:00am to 4:00pm.

Where: St. Charles Park District's Pottawatomie Community Center, 8 North Avenue, St. Charles, Illinois and Kane County Forest Preserve District's LeRoy Oakes Preserve.

What: A workshop to train participants to use a new user-friendly Field Guide to the Freshwater Mussels of Chicago Wilderness. Begin to learn how to identify the different freshwater mussel species in the Chicago Wilderness area using this new field guide, which features multiple photos of each species emphasizing important traits for identification. Discover how to use the new Mussel Classification Index (MCI) developed by Bob Szafoni of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources to monitor long term changes in mussel communities and for ranking mussel conservation needs. All participants will receive a copy of the new Field Guide to the Freshwater Mussels of Chicago Wilderness and wade into Ferson Creek to do a mussel survey.

Enrollment is limited so register early! To register call Laura Barghusen, Associate Greenways Director at Openlands at 312-863-6253 or e-mail her at lbarghusen@openlands.org

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