

Savage Fen Scientific Natural Area

A look at the unique and rare plants of this SNA



Where: Savage, MN

When: May 22nd from 9AM to 1PM

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Savage Fen is notable for its rare wetland plant community. A series of alkaline seeps and springs emerge from the base of a bluff formed of calcareous glacial deposits, which were left by the Des Moines lobe at the end of the Wisconsin Glacial period.

This trip will take participants through a sedge dominated fen where you will be able to observe state-listed Endangered, Threatened and Special Concern species like sterile sedge and white lady's-slipper orchid in bloom and other showy fen species like northern bog violet and shrubby cinquefoil.

Participants will get a first-hand observation of the invasive species and the problems they present within the SNA as well as observing the restored roadfill area that was planted back to natives some 25 years ago. The lessons learned at Savage Fen will be discussed throughout the day.