

Uncas Dunes Scientific Natural Area

A follow-up field trip
to this year's
symposium topic



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Photo from Hannah Texler

- Where:** Uncas Dunes Scientific Natural Area
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Come join other MNNPS members for an afternoon hike into one of Minnesota's sand dune communities. Uncas Dunes, located within the Anoka Sandplain, contains a relic dunefield associated with Glacial Lake Grantsburg.

Natural plant communities found here include oak savanna, oak forest, and wetland. The rare Uncas skipper gives this site its name; this is one of only two sites in the state where this species is found. Other rare species here include sea-beach needlegrass and annual skeleton-weed. Active management includes prescribed burning and removal of planted pine trees to assist in restoration and enhancement of the sand prairie.

Uncas Dunes SNA is located from Zimmerman 4 miles W on Co Hwy 4, then 1.5 miles S to the Sand Dunes State Forest Campground, then a short walk south.