

A Swale of a Day! Sunday June 10, 2012

A special public fun and educational field day on Saskatoon's Northeast Swale.

This is a come-and-go opportunity for you to experience this wonderful prairie landscape on free-guided tours.

The Northeast Swale is an ancient river channel that stretches for 26 km to the northeast of Saskatoon from Peturrson's Ravine at the South Saskatchewan River, just north of the Regional Psychiatric Centre. It is a corridor that ties together parcels of natural habitat ranging from native prairie uplands to many linked wetlands. Many organizations and individuals calling themselves the Northeast Swale Watchers are concerned about the potential impact of the city expanding into this fragile natural ecosystem. Come see what makes this natural area so special.

Plan to enjoy one or more of these walks through a portion of the Swale:

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| 7:00 am | See and hear the birds of the Swale. Duration: 1 - 2 hour |
| 10:00 am | Native plants hike on the Swale |
| 11:00 am | Ecosystem hike featuring the upland prairie and wetland habitatspecies, cultural heritage features, geology, and MVA management methods (burning or grazing). Children welcome!
Pond dipping equipment and binoculars supplied. Duration 1 hour. |
| 11:30-1:00 pm | Free Lunch (hot dogs, burgers, drinks) generously provided by and located at the Saskatoon Wildlife Federation just ½ mile north of the Swale. Have lunch after your morning hike or before your afternoon hike! |
| 1:30 pm | Repeat of the Ecosystem tour |
| 2:30 p.m. | Repeat of the Ecosystem tour |

To get to the Northeast Swale, travel north on Central Avenue then east on Agra Road. Follow the signs to the parking area.

Shelter, toilet facilities and drinking water will be provided.

Bring your own water bottle!