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Wetlands Fest Features

Brief Bike Ride, Walk

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Immediate Release

A brief morning bike ride and an afternoon walk will be featured at the 24th annual Wolf Lake Bi-State Wetlands, Wind & Water festival on Saturday, May 25.

Sponsored by the Association for the Wolf Lake Initiative (AWLI), the festival begins at 9 a.m. near the Visitors Center parking lot at William W. Powers State Recreation Area, 12949 Avenue O, Chicago.

To join the 5-mile bike ride through the Illinois portion of the Wolf Lake watershed, participants should arrive at 8:45 a.m.

Visited will be the obelisk marking the park's 1946 dedication, the Nike Missile monument, living memorials, and the Wolf Lake overlook. The ride will then reverse course and visit the new Wolf Lake connection with Powderhorn Lake to the south.

Riders, who are required to wear helmets, will return to the Visitors Center about 11 a.m.

A second event of the Wetlands festival, a hike, begins at 2 p.m. at the entrance to the Mitigation Wetlands in Hammond. It lies at the far west end of 129th Street.

Park bikes and cars near the entrance.

Joe Kruczek, director of this year's cleanup of the Wolf Lake Watershed, will lead the hike. It will be a tour of spring wildflowers, sedges, and shrubs and spring activity of water fowl and small animals.

Hikers should wear long pants, sturdy shoes and long-sleeved shirts.

On-line registration is required for both events. Consult AWLI's website at www.wolflakeinitiative.org. Registration deadline is May 22.

AWLI is a bi-state not-for-profit organization and land trust seeking to protect and enhance the thousands of acres within the Wolf Lake watershed. It serves a population base of 3.4 million.

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