



Plant It Wild 2026 Calendar

We are excited to offer the 2026 Programs in person and on Zoom. The in-person location is the Mills Community House at 891 Michigan Avenue (US 31), Benzonia, MI.

Join our mailing list to automatically receive Zoom links for all programs. Go to Plantitwild.net.

Field Trips are only in-person.
NOTE: For trips lead by GTRLC, please register in advance:
www.gtrlc.org/recreation-events/events/
Attendance is limited.

Field Trips

April 24, Friday, 10am to 12pm and

May 6, Wednesday, 10am to 12pm

Spring Wildflowers at Pete's Woods

Leader: Paula Dreeszen, GTRLC Steward

Location: Pete's Woods Trailhead

Field Trip

May 11, Monday, 10am to 12pm

Benzie Conservation District Railroad Point Hike

Leader: Plant It Wild

Location: 4876 Mollineaux Rd, Frankfort

Program: May 20, Wednesday, 7pm

Manistee National Forest Native Plants: from Chittenden to Loda Lake Wildflower Sanctuary

Take a virtual walk with Carolyn Henne, botanist for the Manistee National Forest for 20+ years, through the native plant garden at Chittenden and the only wildflower sanctuary in the National Forest system, Loda Lake.

Field Trip

June 10, Wednesday, 11am to 12:30pm

Guided Hike at Loda Lake in the Manistee National Forest

Leader:: Carolyn Henne

Location: 4794 N Felch Ave, White Cloud,
GPS Coordinates: W:85.83088
N:43638028

Native Plant Event!

June 12, Friday, 11am to 3pm

Join the Manistee Conservation District, the Invasive Species Network and Plant It Wild at Black Cap Farm to immerse yourself in all things native.

Location: Black Cap Farm, 5265 Crescent Beach Rd., Onekama.

Program: June 17, Wednesday, 7pm

How to Host a Backyard Party for Wildlife with Food, Drinks, Music, and Entertainment
Join Carolyn Thayer and learn about all the benefits that landscaping with Michigan native plants can bring to your surroundings. Carolyn is a professional landscape designer, owns Designs in Bloom in Frankfort and is one of the founders of Plant It Wild.

Field Trip

June 18, Thursday, 10am to 12pm

Dune Wildflowers at Arcadia Dunes/Baldy

Leader: Paula Dreeszen, GTRLC Steward

Location: Baldy Trailhead

Program: July 15, Wednesday, 7 pm

Eleven Rain Gardens, One Yard - Guidance and Inspiration to Start your Rain Garden Journey

Matthew Bertrand, Landscape Architect, will share his journey and inspire you to start your own rain garden installation.



Field Trip

July 23, Thursday, 11am to 12:30pm

Birdsfoot Native Nursery

Leaders: Owners Garrett Noyes and Blythe Webster

The nursery specializes in wildflowers, grasses, and shrubs propagated from Michigan genotypes. We will tour the green houses and have an opportunity to shop.

Location: 4276 Woodman Rd, South Boardman

Field Trip

August 19, Wednesday, 10am to 12pm

Marsh Wildflowers at Arcadia Marsh

Leader: Paula Dreeszen, GTRLC Steward

A marsh ecosystem and plant community are exceptionally valuable as they filter water and teem with life. (Universally Accessible trail)

Location: GTRLC's Arcadia Marsh property on M-22 in Arcadia

Program: August 19, Wednesday, 7pm

Pollinators of Northern Michigan

Emily Umbarger, Sustainability Director and Instructor of Agricultural Sciences at Interlochen Center for the Arts, will discuss the diverse pollinators of Northern Michigan and their essential roles in local ecosystems. Emphasizing native plants, we examine the species that have co-evolved with them revealing intricate relationships shaped over time.

Program: September 16, Wednesday, 7pm

HOA's and Native Plants can Coexist!

PIW hosts a panel discussion covering lawn regulations in municipalities, Home Owner Associations, and Condo Associations. How can the rules be changed to encourage native plant habitats to expand in our communities. Bring your questions, ideas, and successes!

