



prescribed burn

What is it?

The controlled application of fire, under specific weather conditions, to restore a natural process, ensure ecosystem health and resiliency, and reduce wildfire risk.

Who does it?

The Burn Crew are trained fire experts, aware of fire behavior and control techniques, that follow nationally set standards to ensure the safety of the crew, nearby residents and private property.

Where is it taking place?

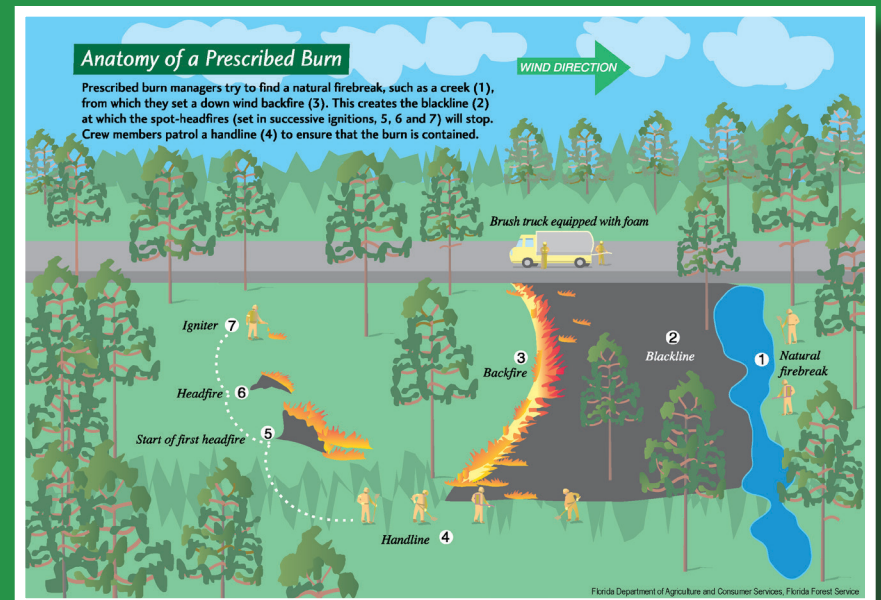
Our PPD team has determined the following parks would benefit from controlled burns as means of preserving rare and endangered habitats:

- Camp Wokanda
- Detweiller Park
- Donovan Park
- Forest Park
- Grand View Drive Park
- Robinson Park
- Singing Woods Nature Preserve
- Springdale Savanna
- Sommer Farm

Benefits of a Burn

- **Habitat Improvement:** When fire is used properly in a sun-loving plant community, such as a prairie or an open oak woodland, we can give back to the plants much needed sunlight by removing encroaching, shade-producing plants.
- **Replenished Landscapes:** Fire quickly converts dead plant material into nutrients, resulting in better flower and seed production, leading to improved ecological health of the plant community.
- **Forest Health:** The plants that are found in areas that we conduct controlled burns have evolved with an understanding of how to thrive when fire is present. If it were not for our reintroduction of fire, these would not survive.
- **Recreation and Beauty:** Areas where the ancient rhythm of fire is restored, provides visitors a glimpse of the native Illinois landscape.

Questions? Contact us at ContactUs@PeoriaParks.org





Be a steward

Donate your time!

We couldn't do the important work we do within the District without our volunteers! Learn about upcoming restoration workdays at PeoriaParks.org or scan the QR code!



Become a member!

Membership directly impacts environmental education programs at the Peoria Park District for hundreds of people. It helps with the management and care for land that Peoria Park District preserves and protects. Becoming a member helps to support recreational opportunities like hiking, trail walking and running, including the ability to "just be" in nature!

Learn more about our memberships at Forest Park Nature Center and others at PeoriaParks.org or scan the QR Code!



Support the Legacy Fund!

At the Peoria Park District, we are tasked with the critical need to preserve the important role nature and parks play in our lives, and are committed to being the best possible stewards of our environmental and public resources. We are committed to preserving them for those who live, work, or play in our community today, and for generations to come. And that is why we created the the Legacy Fund.

A gift to the Legacy Fund would be a terrific way to show your love and respect for the trails, parks, open spaces, and nature preserves that make the Peoria Park District such a special and unique treasure within our community. We hope you will join us in demonstrating that our collective commitment to the environment is stronger than ever. There has never been a better time to make your mark and leave your legacy than today.

Please join us in preserving the future of our parks, trails, and our green spaces by making a tax-deductible gift and leave a lasting legacy for those who live, work or play in the District for decades to come!

Make a donation at PeoriaParks.org or scan the QR Code!

