ThreeRivers
PARK DISTRICT

Prairie Seed Collection Information and Instruction Sheet

General Information for Returning and New Collectors:

Three Rivers wildlife staff welcomes and invites your participation in the annual prairie seed harvest.

Help restore prairie by collecting native wildflower seed. Volunteers help increase the amount and diversity of seed planted each year. Nearly 2,000 acres of restored prairie are now managed by Three Rivers Park District. Your help is extremely important to this effort. Invite your friends to participate too!

Seed Collection Details:

- Seed collectors work in sunny open areas, walk through tall grass on uneven terrain and collect seed by hand. Light garden gloves and hand clippers are recommended.
- Collection sites are in remote areas of the park. Therefore, volunteers must arrive on time or early at the designated meeting location. The group is then led to remote collection sites.
- Volunteers must come prepared for the weather and bring something to drink (and eat if staying for the entire time). Water and restroom facilities will necessitate a hike or drive.
- Training and collection bags are provided at the start of each session.
- The minimum age for participation is 12. Youth must be accompanied by an adult (1 adult/8 youth 12-14 years). A permission form is needed for all participation by minors.

Instructions:

To participate in this year's prairie seed collection, please follow these instructions:

Registration and cancellation is required for this program.

1. **Choose a collection date(s) from the schedule found online and at the end of this document.**

2. **Sign up for each collection date(s) you plan to attend:**
   - Online (preferred): www.threeriversparks.org/events/Groups/prairie-seed-collection.aspx
   - Phone: Call the Volunteer Office for assistance at 763.559.6706.
   - Email: Volunteer@threeriversparks.org

3. **Call the "Seed Collection Hotline" (763.694.7849) to:**
   - **CANCEL** if you cannot attend. (This is extremely important!)
   - CHECK MESSAGE on collection day for rain cancellation or last minute changes.
   - SIGN UP for additional collection dates after you have registered once or if you are already a registered volunteer. Leave the phone number where you may be reached on the collection day and the date of each collection you plan to attend. You will not receive further communications.

4. **See maps and directions on the following pages:**
   - **PLEASE ARRIVE ON TIME OR A LITTLE EARLY** to receive collecting instructions and exact location of collection sites within the park. This training will take place on-site at the start of each session just before the group disperses into the park.

Groups of 10 or more should inquire about arranging a separate seed collection on a different date than listed. To schedule your group, please contact Angela Isackson, Wildlife Technician (763.694.7851 or Angela.Isackson@threeriversparks.org).

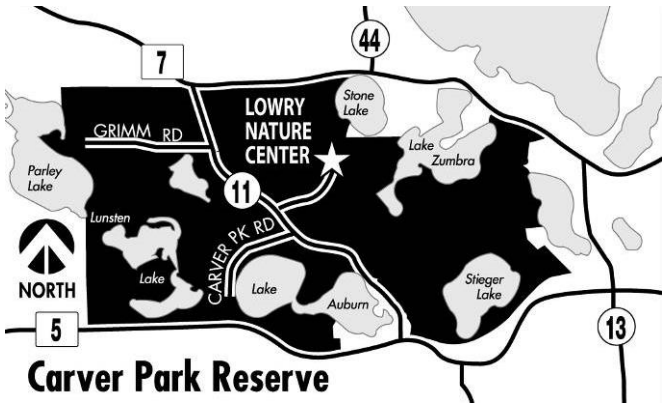
Become a Three Rivers volunteer.

Program participants interested in becoming a volunteer on an ongoing basis and earning volunteer privileges, should contact the Volunteer Office for further instructions.

- Email: Volunteer@threeriversparks.org
- Phone: 763.559.6706

Directions to Seed Collections:

These maps provide you with the overall vicinity and location of the Park.
Go to www.ThreeRiversParks.org for individual park maps.

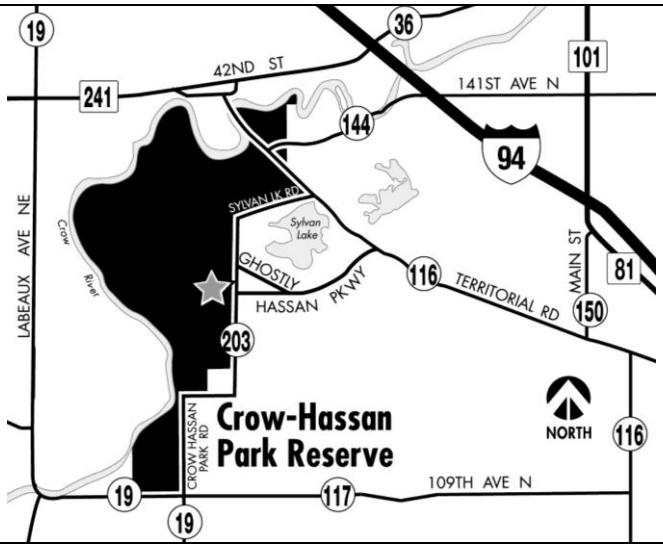


CARVER PARK RESERVE, Lowry Nature Center: (763.694.7650), 7025 Victoria Drive (County Road 11), Victoria, MN 55386.

From Highway 7, go south on County Road 11 and follow to the entrance on the left side for nature center.

From Highway 5, go north on County Rd 11 and follow to the entrance on the right side for the nature center.

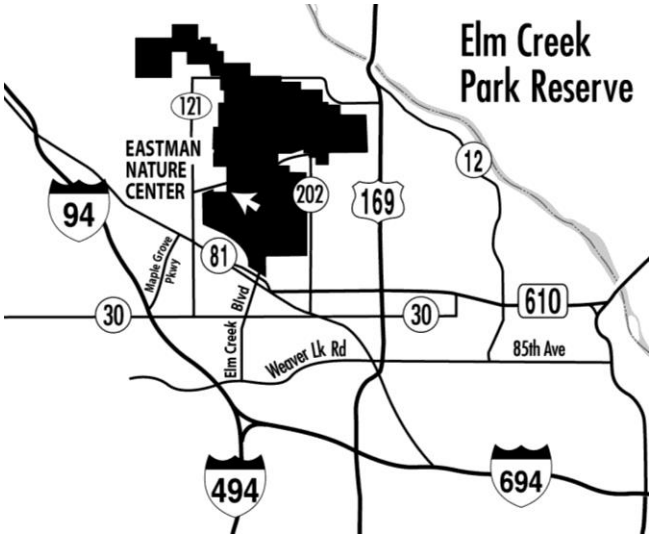
Meet in the parking lot.



CROW-HASSAN PARK RESERVE is located west of Rogers, 12595 Park Drive, Hanover, MN 55341.

From Interstate 94, take the Rogers exit and go south into Rogers. Turn right onto Main Street and continue south to the T-intersection. Turn right on County Road 116 and go to County Road 203 (Sylvan Lake Road). Turn left and follow 203 to the park entrance on the right. Seed collectors meet in the trailhead parking lot (for horse, cross-country ski and hiking trails).

Meet in the parking lot.



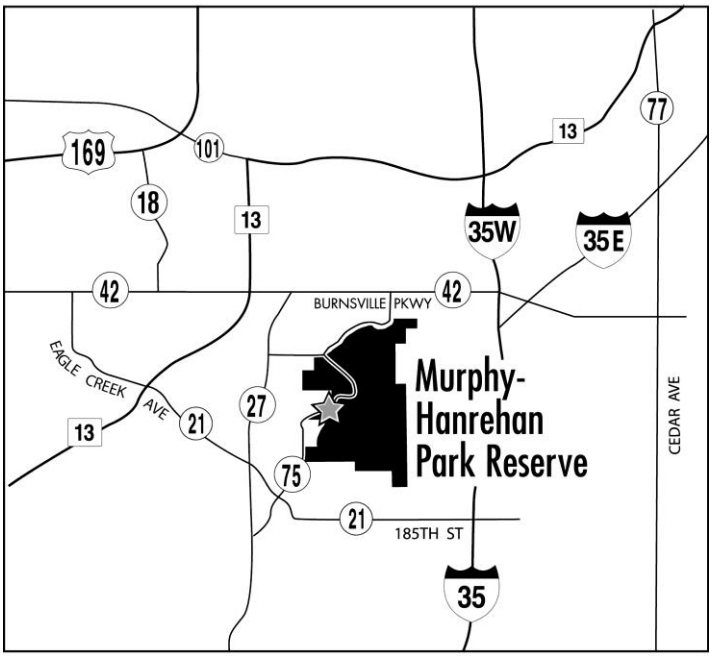
ELM CREEK PARK RESERVE, Eastman Nature Center: (763.694.7700) 13351 Elm Creek Road, Dayton, MN 55369

From Highway 169 or 610, go west on County Road 81 past the main park entrance for another mile. Turn right (north) on County Road 121 (Fernbrook Lane).
*Turn right (east) on Elm Creek Road. The nature center entrance is on your right.

From Interstate 94, take exit 213 for Maple Grove Parkway (towards County Road 30). Turn right (north) onto Maple Grove Parkway. Turn right (east) onto County Road 81. Turn left (north) onto County Road 121 (Fernbrook Lane).
**Follow the directions above to the nature center.*

Meet in the parking lot.

(Directions to Seed Collections continued)



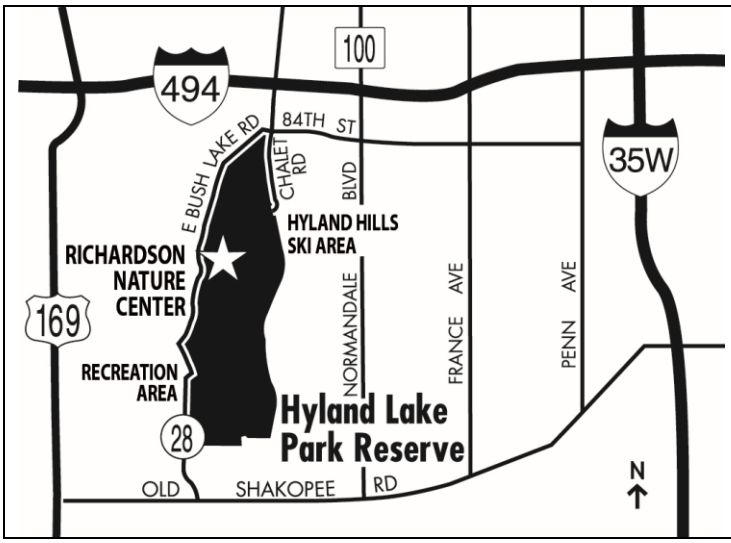
MURPHY-HANREHAN PARK RESERVE is located near Savage.

Murphy-Hanrehan-west side (Murphy Lake)

Prairie seed collectors should enter through the red gate and park in the mowed area about ¼ mile south of the boat launch on County Road 75 (Murphy Lake Boulevard). To get there:

From Interstate 35W, take County Road 42 west 2 miles, turn south on Burnsville Parkway (will turn into Hanrehan Lake Boulevard when it crosses Scott County line), turn south on County Road 75 (Murphy Lake Boulevard).
**Continue south past the trailhead, bear right at the intersection with Sunset Lake Boulevard. Continue past the boat access ¼ mile to a red gate on the left (across from Webster Court). Enter through the red gate and park in the mowed area.

From Highway 169, take County Road 18 south to County Road 42. Go east on 42 to County Road 27. Turn south on County Road 27, then east on 154th Street, and south on County Road 75 (Murphy Lake Boulevard).
***Follow directions above to meeting location.*



HYLAND PARK RESERVE, **Richardson Nature Center:** (763.694.7676) 8737 East Bush Lake Road, Bloomington, MN 55438

From 100 headed south, continue onto Normandale Blvd, turn right on 84th Street (will turn into E Bush Lake Rd) and on the left side you will see a sign for Richardson Nature Center.

From 494, take exit for E Bush Lake Rd, turn right to stay on E Bush Lake Rd. On the left side you will see a sign for Richardson Nature Center.

Meet in the parking lot.

2017 Seed Collection Schedule and Locations:

All collections will start at 10:30 a.m. and end at approximately 1:30 p.m.

Saturday Seed Collections

August 19	Crow-Hassan
August 26	Crow-Hassan
September 2	Elm Creek
September 9	Crow-Hassan
September 16	Crow-Hassan
September 23	Crow-Hassan
September 30	Murphy-Hanrehan
October 7	Crow-Hassan
October 14	Murphy-Hanrehan
October 21	Crow-Hassan

Tuesday Seed collections

August 22	Crow-Hassan
August 29	Crow-Hassan
September 5	Murphy-Hanrehan
September 12	Elm Creek
September 26	Murphy-Hanrehan
October 3	Hyland
October 10	Crow-Hassan
October 17	Crow-Hassan

Thursday Seed collection

September 21	Carver