

District IX Fall Outing
Thursday, October 10, 10 am & 11:30 am

The Lake



History



The Preserves



Visit Historic Fort Sheridan/Lake County Forest Preserves
117 Sheridan Road, Lake Forest
Entrance at Old Elm Road and Sheridan Road

You will have the opportunity to learn about the history of Fort Sheridan on a guided bus tour, followed by self-guided walks in the Preserves.

Two identical bus tours will be offered, one at 10 a.m. and one at 11:30 am. The one-hour bus tour will cover a short route on the Fort Sheridan property, and will allow members to sit in comfort, rain or shine, as our guide, Museum Educator Nicole Stocker, narrates the tour.

Following the tour, members are invited to enjoy any of the three paved trails and walk down to the lake as they desire. History buffs may want to visit the Fort Sheridan cemetery on the northern edge of the property. Bird watchers should bring their binoculars. Environmentalists can explore the rare open oak savanna, six rare ravines and the Ravine Restoration project that are part of this 250 acre preserve. Everyone will enjoy the overall beauty and breathtaking views of Lake Michigan.

Registration: As a benefit of membership, District IX invites you to the Fall Outing at no charge. You must register for this event and you can do so by email. Please email Diane Freeman, ddf@ameritech.net and include this information:

Your Name Club Name Email Phone Tour 1/10am or Tour 2/11:30 am

First come, first served - limited space on each bus. Register early to get your choice. You will receive email confirmation of your tour time. If registration exceeds capacity, registration will be closed and you will be so advised. Questions, call Diane at 847-564-1777.

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No Planned Lunch: Because of tour scheduling and to give members the opportunity to explore the trails as they desire, there will not be a planned lunch. Members are encouraged to car pool and buddy up with other members following the tour to explore the trail(s) of your choice. A great chance to meet members from other clubs. There are restaurants right on Sheridan Road just south of the Preserve. There are many restaurants in Highwood (south of the Preserves), and of course, restaurants in downtown Lake Forest, a five-minute drive to the north.

Parking Info: The entrance is on Sheridan Road at Old Elm Road and Simonds Way. Enter on Simonds Way, left on Leonard Wood Drive North, left on Gilgare Lane to parking area. There is a bathroom building with evaporation toilets in the parking lot. There are no other buildings with public access. Limited parking. **STRONGLY** recommend carpooling. The bus will be stationed a half block from the parking lot.