

**GEISSLER SAVANNA LAND & WATER RESERVE**

FIELD TRIP OPTION [ J ] (Sunday AM)

Start time: 7:30 am, Approximate end time: 11:00 am

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Geissler Savanna is owned by IDNR and contains a 10-acre high quality savanna remnant characterized by rolling prairie with small copses of post, white and burr oaks. Savanna birds utilizing the site include: Willow Flycatcher, Orchard Oriole, Red-headed Woodpecker, Northern Bobwhite, and Wild Turkey. Limited to moderate bushwhacking (optional) within high quality savanna remnant characterized by rolling prairie with small copses of post, white and burr oaks. Good for savanna birds and prairie/savanna flora unique to western Illinois.

There are no trails through the site. One can observe birds along the gravel road or along the grass service lane on the south end of the reserve or bushwack into the interior for a closer look at the savanna flora. Bushwacking involves moderate walking with a jump across a drainageway cut, climbing a barbed-wire fence and the potential for more ticks.

*Meet in parking lot of Nauvoo Family Inn & Suites*

*Trip Leader: Angella Moorehouse*

*Approximate distance that attendees will cover: 60 miles roundtrip*

**DIRECTIONS**

From Nauvoo Family Inn & Suites travel East on Rt. 96; at bend in road turn right and head South on Connable Road; at stop sign turn left/East on Rt. 136 through Elvaston; continue about 2.5 miles past Elvaston and turn right/South on 1600E (sign for Basco); travel through small town of Basco and continue South; 1600E bends to left/East then back again to right/South onto 1700E; travel another 1 mile; Geissler Savanna is located on East side of road; parking is extremely limited (along road at southeast corner of reserve).