

WHAT IS THE MEAD?

Nestled in the valley of the Little Eau Pleine River, the George W. Mead Wildlife Area encompasses over 33,000 acres of open marshes, hardwood and aspen forests, and grasslands. The third largest wildlife area in Wisconsin, Mead's diverse habitats harbor an abundance of wildlife species such as deer, turkey, bear, otter, herons, prairie chickens, foxes, frogs and turtles. An important resting, feeding, and nesting site for migrating waterfowl, shorebirds, and songbirds, the Mead is managed by the Department of Natural Resources whose goals are to maintain and enhance habitats that support wildlife.



WHY SUPPORT THIS PROJECT?

The Ephemeral Boardwalk is a vital link through the wetlands, grasslands, and forests of Mead Wildlife Area. Whether you *ESCAPE* along the bike trail where the birds glide on a gentle breeze, or you dip a net into the wetlands and *EXPLORE* the creatures that inhabit the marsh, you are able to *EXPERIENCE* nature first hand, up-close, and personal.

Each boardwalk section will measure 5'X 8', with decking made of recycled plastic lumber. Sections will be constructed with a non-intrusive pan type footings (pictured on the right) thus decreasing the impact of the boardwalk on the wetland complex.



OUR VISION



A prime example of our envisioned boardwalk.

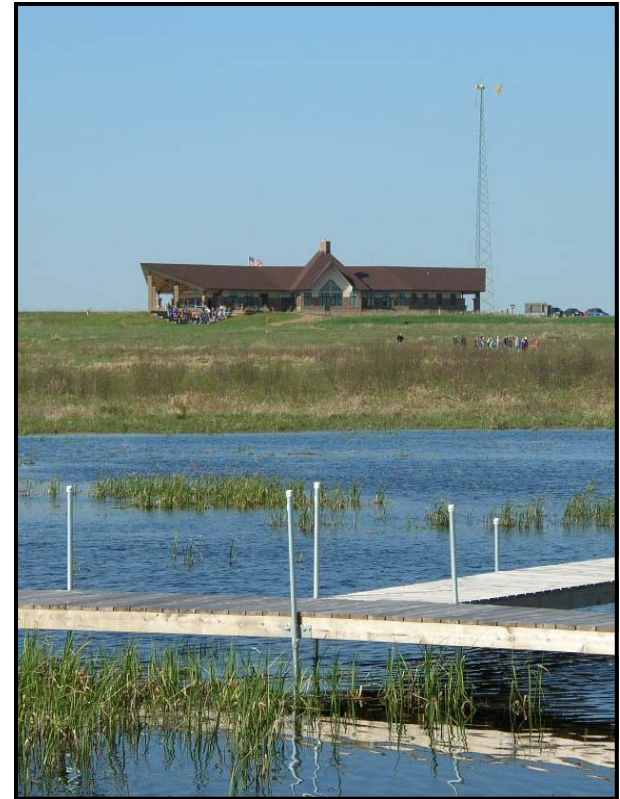


The Friends Mission Statement

The Friends of the Mead/McMillan Association, Inc. (the "Friends") is a private, not-for-profit corporation dedicated to the purpose of protecting the Mead and McMillan wildlife areas and in assisting with educational, wildlife, interpretive, and management activities.

FRIENDS OF THE
MEAD MCMILLAN
ASSOCIATION INC.

Adopt a Boardwalk Program



Website: www.meadwildlife.org

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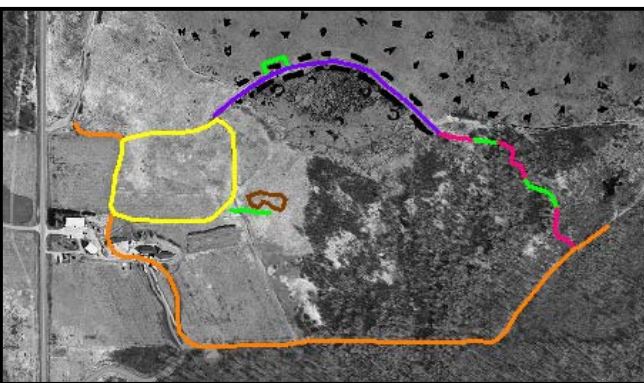




Help Us Make the Connection

Mead Wildlife Area Ephemeral Trail and Boardwalk

The Mead Wildlife Area, through the Friends of the Mead/McMillan Association, Inc. needs your support for the development of the "Ephemeral Boardwalk". Many users of this unique area have requested a connecting link between the existing Audubon Prairie Trail and the Mead bike trail. This critical link will create a two mile interpretive trail where visitors can explore a variety of wetland types, view a demonstrative wildlife scrape, and observe habitat transitioning among predominant habitat types (wetlands, grasslands and forest). The trail will provide the opportunity for all visitors to learn from and enjoy the tremendous diversity of plant and animal communities that exist on the wildlife area. This welcomed addition will enhance both the recreational and educational activities found here at the Mead!



Boardwalk Section

\$470.00

A 5 X 8 boardwalk section is a terrific way to show your commitment to the Mead Wildlife Area, to wildlife, and its' habitat. Your name, organizations name, or the name of a gift recipient, along with your message will be displayed along the boardwalk.

24 X 36 Interpretive Panel

\$200.00

Your child or grandchildren will be thrilled to see their name on a beautifully designed interpretive panel along the Ephemeral Boardwalk! You can "Make the Connection" by providing environmental and educational information to our visitors. Interpretive categories are available to choose from.

- Ephemeral Ponds
- Prescribed Burning/Wetland Management
- Forests—From the Ground Up
- Wisconsin Wetlands/Waterfowl
- Forest Wildlife/Decomposers
- Forested Wetland Species

INDIVIDUAL SUPPORT OF A PANEL WILL BE CONSIDERED UPON REQUEST

12 X 16 Interpretive Panel (Tree ID)

\$100.00

Support one of our most popular educational programs. Detailed panels along the boardwalk and trail will assist visitors with tree identification and provide an array for fun facts about Wisconsin trees. Your name, organizations name, or the name of a gift recipient, along with your message will be displayed along the boardwalk.

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Aldo Leopold Memorial Bench

\$350.00

This is a wonderful way to celebrate a new life, a special person, or remember a loved one. A 3" x 6" plaque is included with the bench. A maximum of 10 benches will be purchased.



ADOPTION FORM

Description	Qty.	Subtotal	Price

Total:

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

E-MAIL: _____

Method of Payment

- Check
- Cash

**Make your tax deductible check payable to:
Friends of the Mead/
McMillan Assoc., Inc.**



Plaque inscription—Maximum 42 characters

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