



WILLOW SPRINGS, IL

Cranberry Slough

This 570-acre site is the Forest Preserves of Cook County's highest priority natural area. Cranberry Slough contains woodland and savanna remnant and is named for its bog-like kettle wetland, a relict of glacial retreat some 14,000 years ago. Although the site has been burned for decades, large stands of invasive brush still dominated disturbed portions when extensive restoration commenced in 2015. Today, prescribed fire is the primary tool used to maintain the open, natural condition and keep invasive brush out. Fires are frequent and large here, owing in part to its landscape position within the larger 12,000-acre Palos preserve complex. Fire crews refer to burning in Palos as the "Prescribed Burn Olympics."

July 9, 2025 | 9 - 12 p.m. CST

Location: 41.717302, -87.867182

RSVP: <https://forms.gle/HjR83k3Hy9pr9nSj9>

