



*In the end we will conserve only what we love, we will love only what we understand and we will understand only what we have been taught- Baba Dioum*

# JULY 24TH CONSERVATION ALONG THE DARBY CREEK

## **Madison County Scenic Bus Tour**

The Madison County Master Gardeners and the Soil and Water Conservation is hosting a special tour in the Darby Creek Watershed to show how the farming community, local residents and government are coming together to conserve our natural resources. This day trip is from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., leaving from Der Dutchmen in Plain City, and includes lunch!

Understanding the  
Geologic Wonders  
of Madison County

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Step Back in Time  
of the Pioneers

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Mondays – Fridays  
8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

## Conservation along the Darby Creek Bus Tour

*Presented by Madison Co. Master Gardener Volunteers and Madison Soil and Water Conservation District*

- 7:30 a.m. Registration opens and breakfast on own at Der Dutchman.
- 8:30 a.m. Load buses.
- 8:45 a.m. Depart Der Dutchman – On route, geologist Scott Brockman will explain the geologic formation in Madison County and the significance of soil in today's landscape
- 9:00 a.m. Bigelow Cemetery State Preserve (600 Rosedale Rd.) – The plants that we will find at this cemetery have been there since the days of the pioneers. Because it is a cemetery, the soil has never been touched by a plow. See a Royal Catchfly!
- 10:30 a.m. The Gwynne Conservation Area (640 Arbuckle Rd. NW)  
*Healthy Soil Tractor Tour:* See the many practices that a farmer can place on the landscape to protect the soil, keep the water clean, and help wildlife.  
*Blue Bird Walk:* Learn about bluebirds and bluebird trails.  
*Pollinator plants & pollinators:* Want to attract Monarchs? See what you can plant around your home.  
*Choctaw Lake Working with Agriculture:* The residents of Choctaw Lake will talk about how they deal with the potential of hazardous algae blooms and working with the agricultural community.
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch - Sponsored by Madison County Farm Bureau  
Hudson Catering & Henry's Blue Ribbon Pies
- 1:00 p.m. Private Rain Garden Tour led by designer Amy Dutt of Wild Urban Landscapes (The Bernards' residence at Hidden Creek, a conservation development along the Little Darby Creek; examples of native plantings, ravine restoration, invasive species removal and rain gardening)
- 2:00 p.m. Confluence of the Big and Little Darby Creeks – See the treasure first hand.
- 2:30 p.m. Battelle Darby Creek Metro Park – Tour prairie, bison area and education center.
- 3:45 p.m. Beech Bridge – A suspension bridge over the Big Darby Creek on Lucas Road.
- 4:00 p.m. Return to Der Dutchman

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