



The final garden walks coordinated by the Loess Hills Wild Ones on Saturday, September 11, feature spaces with native plants in Sioux City's Riverside and Stone Park areas.

9 a.m. to 10 a.m.  
Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center  
4500 Sioux River Road

10 a.m. to noon  
Friends of Stone Park Pocket Prairie  
5001 Talbot Road

10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.  
Sioux City Railroad Museum  
3400 Sioux River Road

10:30 to 1 p.m.  
Ruth Rose's "Wild Mess in Progress"  
6000 Talbot Road

***\*\*Start at the nature center so you can pick up an information sheet and sign the waiver!\*\****

Dianne and Jeanne put together beautiful, informative guides with stunning photos, descriptions, attributes, and services of many of the plants you will see on this tour.

9 a.m. to 10 a.m. (Host: Dawn Snyder, Nature Center Education Program Director)  
Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center  
4500 Sioux River Road

The "Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center Butterfly Gardens" have added many new native plants this year from Loess Hills Wild Ones through a grant from the Sioux City Garden Club. We are excited to see their performance and to get to know these plants in our three-tiered gardens. We will share the garden design plan that was a collaborative effort from numerous volunteers. Visitors can also stroll the sidewalk trail and view native plantings along the building perimeter leading to the Loess Falls water feature. Several native species have been incorporated in these areas from past Loess Hills Wild Ones plant sales. Thank you to our many volunteers for their assistance with planning, planting, transformation, and maintenance of our gardens!

*Take Highway 12 south to:*

10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (Host: La Vone Sopher)  
Sioux City Railroad Museum  
3400 Sioux River Road

La Vone Sopher: "I attended a Loess Hills Wild Ones program in February and learned about the special program for nonprofit organizations and applied on behalf of the Railroad Museum. While the historic buildings have been restored, and the Milwaukee Road Railroad Complex is now registered on the Federal List of Historic Sites, the grounds are ready for improvements. It is an industrial site so hardy plants are a must. I am fairly new to native plants so was grateful that Dotty

Zales came to my aid. We viewed areas that the museum staff wanted to improve and chose to start at the entrance and then planned a large area at the Grand Scale Train Platform where visitors can view native plants while waiting to ride the train. We dug through rocks and pieces of brick and planted nearly 100 new natives. We watered and watered and watered and overall have been pleased with our success. It is a first-year garden so I hope you can return again as plants mature and new plants are added”.

*Get back onto Highway 12 and go past the nature center driveway to the west entrance into Stone State Park. Enter Stone State Park and enjoy the drive! Any road through the park will take you to the east entrance. (Do NOT drive from Hwy 12 directly onto Talbot, this is a low maintenance, hazardous route.)*

10 a.m. to noon

Memorial Pocket Prairie

5001 Talbot Road (Across from the equestrian parking lot at the east entrance of Stone State Park, where Memorial Drive ends)

In partnership with the Loess Wild Ones, Friends of Stone Park members are learning about pocket prairies through this combination remnant prairie restoration and reconstruction where non-natives had settled. In the future, we hope to establish this site as a community destination by hosting many classes, citizen science experiments, and fun social events.

*Then drive north on Talbot Road to:*

10:30 to 1 p.m. (Host: Ruth Rose)

Ruth Rose’s “Wild Mess in Progress”

6000 Talbot Road

As a beginner Wild One, Ruth hopes to encourage other beginners to natural gardening and native plants! The “Wild Mess in Progress” gardens are reclaimed lawn areas that are very eclectic, fun, and purposefully ‘messy’. The plants are meant to support “Color, Movement, Sound.” The “Wild Mess” is always in a state of change. Look for the sheets that describe the gardens and the purpose of the many ongoing projects and citizen science experiments. As a beginner Wild One, Ruth says, “I hope to encourage other beginners to try some things out, and not to worry about doing it ‘perfectly’ or ‘right’, but just to have fun while striving to learn about supporting the wild. I really enjoy sharing our spaces with the many “flying flowers” I love to attract!”

*September 11 is a National Day of Service. We hope you’re inspired to give your time to these or other organizations. Good things happen when good people act! Email us at [LoessHillsWildOnes@gmail.com](mailto:LoessHillsWildOnes@gmail.com), follow us on Facebook, and visit [loesshills.wildones.org](http://loesshills.wildones.org).*