

Join us in our Celebration

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources cordially invite you to the dedication of the

Turtle Valley Wildlife Area

Wednesday, June 16, 2004

Program starts at 11:00 am

Please join us for a luncheon and entertainment immediately following the dedication.

RSVP by June 1, 2004, to JoAnn Pipkorn
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The Turtle Valley Wildlife Area began as a collaborative effort between the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources in 1999. NRCS Wetlands Reserve Program restored over 1800 acres of marginal farmland, which is now the core of the 5500-acre Turtle Valley Wildlife Area, owned and operated by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

The Turtle Valley Wildlife Area contains part of the headwaters of both the Sugar and Turtle Creeks. A mosaic of wetland habitats, consisting of over 850 acres of water, more than 600 acres of wet prairie and more than 300 acres of upland prairie are being developed. Restoration will be completed in 2004.

Turtle Valley is now home to bobolinks, upland sandpipers, mallards, blue-winged teal and hosts of shorebirds and waterfowl. Habitat has been improved for other species of concern in the area, including the American bittern, Wilson's phalarope, king rail, Blandings turtle, and the eastern massasauga rattlesnake.



See map for directions to site.

Please indicate any special needs or accommodations

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