

Hike in the Mercer Meadows

Sunday October 19, 1 pm.



Join the 24th annual hike of the Friends of the Lawrence Greenway, sponsored by the Lawrence Township Trails and Open Space Committee. This year the hike is an easy 2.6 mile walk in the Pole Farm district of Mercer Meadows, through fields of wildflowers, over footbridges and past observation towers.



The Pole Farm has a rich history.

In 1928 it's 812 acres were purchased by AT&T from 14 local farmers. AT&T then built a radio transmission station which was the largest in the world by 1963.

(During the War, fences were built, lights were installed, and armed guards were posted at the site.) Eventually competition from cable made the station obsolete and it stopped operations in 1975

The Pole Farm was then sold to Mercer County in 1998 and has since been allowed to revert to natural fields and forest. In 2012,

a 435-acre habitat restoration improved the grasslands for native wildlife by planting seeds of native grasses and wildflowers. Today it supports a number of rare and

threatened wildlife species, including grassland birds that rely on the large meadows to nest

Directions: Drive in from Bergen Street. The hike begins in the parking lot in Village Park.