



# Zoopolis *Tour*

## Nature in the City

The 2014 Zoopolis Tour features seven private properties that feature bio-diversity, earth friendly practices and wildlife habitat. See excellent examples of birdscaping, rain gardens, butterfly gardens, ponds, prairie restoration, and the use of native plants in landscaping. Profits will be used for habitat restoration in the Fond du Lac area and for public environmental education opportunities. For more information, call 920-922-7931, email [dianahbeck@gmail.com](mailto:dianahbeck@gmail.com) or check the Audubon website at [fdlaudubon.org](http://fdlaudubon.org).

**Sunday, August 3, 2014**  
**Fond du Lac, Wisconsin**

*Rain or Shine*

**11 am-5 pm**

**Ticket Price: \$10**

*(Children under 12 are free)*

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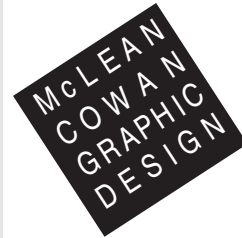
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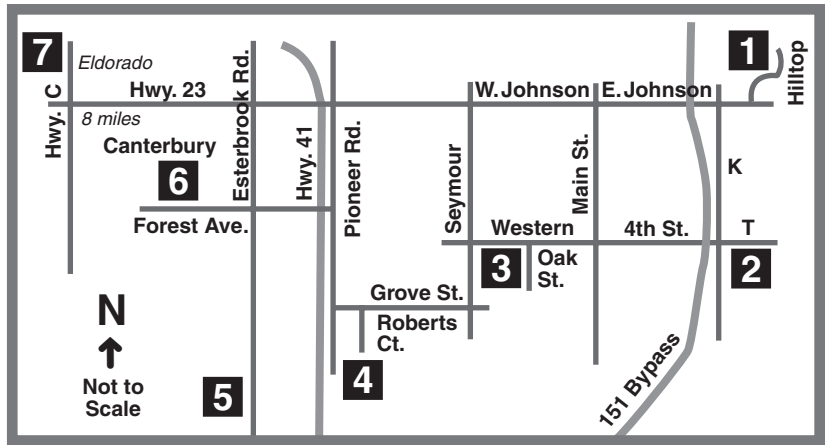
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*This is a self-guided tour. Drive at your convenience to the locations on the map between 11 am–5 pm on August 3. A ticket can be purchased at any of the sites.*



### 1. Margie and John Winter *N6786 Hilltop Drive*

Enjoy the view from the top of the Ledge at this home. The focus over the years has been to plant trees, shrubs and plants native to Wisconsin to provide habitat for wildlife. The steepness of the property resulted in some erosion problems that were solved with a rain garden planting at the side of the house. Prairie gardens, shade gardens, naturalized perennial gardens (partial natives), an organic vegetable garden, and composting sites can all be viewed on the property.

### 2. Terri and Alan Fuller *N6275 County Road K*

Enter a magical habitat garden that was started 30 years ago from a field with a couple of trees. The emphasis from the beginning was to live in a place with food for birds and insects, as well as a place of great beauty. The owners created a woodland garden, two ponds, a small prairie, a butterfly garden, and planted 35 tree and 23 bush species.

### 3. RJ Gross and Christine Watts *220 Oak Street*

There was only asphalt, concrete and grass around this old warehouse six years ago. Now the surroundings are like an oasis in the city. The river walk has been enhanced with landscaping: mostly native tree and bush plantings, flower beds, food for humans and birds, a grass garden and art work. Roof water is collected in a 1,000 gallon rain barrel and used on the new plantings. Gardening on straw bales can be seen.

### 4. Sharon and Cal Lewis, 40 Roberts Court

Walk through an acre of beautiful prairie extending down to the west branch of the river.

Starting with an open field, the owners planted and have maintained this prairie since 1995. More native plantings can be found around the house and in front by the street. Be sure to admire the well organized vegetable garden.

### 5. Liz Roy, N5806 Esterbrook Road

Explore a one and a half acre property that is slowly reducing turf grass. The owner has introduced a few plants but allows nature to take over. The back half acre is now wild and thick with dogwoods, prairie plants, milkweed, asters, coneflowers, and more. There are working chickens and a working bee hive.

### 6. Julie and David LaBorde *N6521 Canterbury Drive*

See the results of careful research on what landscape features and plantings would attract birds. Even though the yard is like an island in a housing development, the owners have seen 35 bird species. In 2003 they began to place some of the many tons of rock in order to create crevices for insects and small creatures. Mulch is used rather than small stones because mulch recycles and helps insects. The trees, shrubs and flowers are designed to offer habitat and food for birds as well as surround the house with beauty.

### 7. Janet and Frank Johnson *N7746 Hwy C Eldorado*

Discover a hidden gem in Eldorado. The owners started with an open field. For 40 years they have planted 55 species of trees, many of which produce fruits and nuts, and planted many native perennials. The site includes a woodland garden, a beautiful pond surrounded by luxuriant growth, prairie plants and lots of biodiversity. Well worth the journey.