

YES! I want to be a Friend of Cherokee Marsh

Your contribution of time, talent, or funds will help preserve and restore the crucial wetland ecosystem of Cherokee Marsh. The Friends sponsor and promote activities and events such as:

- Planting native species, collecting seeds, and controlling invasive species.
- Wetland educational events and opportunities.
- Paddle outings, hikes, and cultural events.

Individual \$15

Osprey \$100

Family \$25

Sandhill Crane \$250

Mallard \$50

Great Blue Heron \$500

Additional donation \$_____

Memberships are per calendar year.

Memberships paid after June 30 are valid through the current and following year.

In addition to my contribution, I can also help with

Field work Publicity Tours Education Board/Committee work

Other _____

Name _____

Family member(s) _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

We won't sell or distribute your email address.

I'm unable to receive meeting notifications by email. Contact me via postal mail.

Don't publicize my financial support.

Please mail this form and payment to:

Friends of Cherokee Marsh, PO Box 3390, Madison WI 53704

Thank you for joining us in our effort to protect this valuable resource!

www.CherokeeMarsh.org

Dedicated to protecting, preserving, and restoring the beauty, value, and health of
Cherokee Marsh and the upper Yahara River watershed.

Why Is Cherokee Marsh Important?

Cherokee Marsh is the largest wetland in Dane County. The marsh benefits our environment and quality of life in many ways. Cherokee Marsh:

- Improves water quality in the Yahara River and its associated lakes by discharging volumes of cold, clean groundwater into the river and its lakes.
- Filters stormwater runoff from nearby agricultural and construction sites, reducing sediment, nutrients and pollutants that enter the Yahara River and its chain of lakes.
- Absorbs rain water and tempers flood surges, thus helping to protect neighborhoods and lakes.
- Sustains large areas of native wetland plants including groundwater-fed fen communities with rare species.
- Provides habitat for a rich variety of wildlife including sandhill cranes, herons, ducks, pheasants, and fish such as catfish, northern pike, and panfish.
- Serves as a resource for educators and naturalists who use the marsh's outstanding diversity to teach students and the public about wetland ecosystems.
- Offers a special place for exploration, quiet reflection, and the enjoyment of nature.