



Native Plantings in Rochester

*This list is not inclusive of all native plant locations.
These sites likely contain a variety of non-native plants.*



Additional Native Planting Locations

Hayden Prairie is the classic example of tallgrass prairie in our region. The flower show in early summer is especially good. The 242 acre preserve is 4.9 miles west of Lime Springs on A23, just over the MN state line. This site is managed by the Iowa DNR. Visit <http://tinyurl.com/mx2je2d> for more information about this site.

Olmsted County Parks:

- **Chester Woods** has multiple types of prairie on its 1300 acres east of Rochester. There are bluff prairie, mesic and sand prairie, a fen, and oak savanna remnants, as well as several large restorations. You can hike for miles on the well-marked trails and see many native plants and plant communities. Visit <http://tinyurl.com/672hovz> to learn more.
- **Oxbow Park & Zollman Zoo** north of Byron has a modest sized, but very accessible prairie planting. You can combine a visit to the zoo of native animals with a walk through a bit of the prairie that nurtured many of those animals. Visit <http://tinyurl.com/49ne8v3> for more information about this site.

Realize Rain Gardens Rochester Site Locations: This City of Rochester cost-share grant program was developed so that selected sites can be used to demonstrate how rain gardens treat and infiltrate stormwater, while adding beauty to neighborhoods and creating habitat for birds and butterflies. The rain gardens locations listed are open to the public, but please be respectful as they are located on private property. Visit www.rochesterstormwater.com for more information.

- Anderson: 16 - 7th Avenue NE
- Attleson: 429 - 19th Avenue SW
- Belisle/Reisdorf: 2917 Stone Park Dr NE
- Bethel Lutheran Church: 810 - 3rd Avenue SE
- Blocksome: 6304 Shetland Dr NW
- D'Ambrosio: 801 - 6th Avenue SW
- Gathje: 1704 - 8th Avenue SE
- Gonzalez: 3485 Jasper Ct NE
- Herman: 2600 Boulder Ridge Dr NW
- Hostetter: 5125 Manor Brook Dr NW
- John Adams Middle School: 1525-31st Street NW
- Listos Preschool & Childcare: 1503 – 2nd Avenue NE
- Miller: 4814 – 57th Street NW*
- MacIlraith: 2915 - 15th Avenue NW
- Olsen: 1427 - 15th Avenue NW
- Nelson: 931 - 8th Avenue SW
- Petersen: 621 - 3rd Street NW
- Pettinger: 808 - 6th Avenue SW
- Rivera: 1201 - 19th Avenue SW
- Rogers: 6137 Somersby Ct NW
- Savage: 2049 - 50th Street NW
- Sehl: 1865 - 21st Avenue NW
- Sixta: 425 - 15th Avenue SW
- Solem: 5720 - 23rd Avenue NW
- Spencer: 1914 Viola Heights Lane NE
- Storino: 1005 - 23rd Avenue SW
- Sunset Terrace Elementary: 1707 - 19th Avenue NW
- Swanson: 2421 - 18th Avenue NW
- Tarashanti: 930 - 17th Street SE
- Tarnow: 2114 Glenview Lane NE
- Unitarian Universalist Church: 1727 Walden Ln SW
- Viking Village: Viking Village Dr NW, behind #53
- Walker: 1734 - 22nd Avenue NE
- Wojcik: 984 Fox Knoll Dr. SW

**Grants awarded but not installed as of 7/2016*

Scientific and Natural Areas (SNA): SNAs are open for nature observation and education, but are not meant for intensive recreational activities. Do not disturb research equipment or marked areas. Visitors are not allowed to collect plants, animals, rocks, or fossils from these sites. Sites do not have restrooms, camping, or picnic areas onsite and rarely have trails. Learn more about SNAs at the DNR website: <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/snas/index.html>

- **Iron Horse Prairie**, south of Hayfield, is a small but rich mesic prairie remnant. Plan on hiking at least a mile, partly on the former railway beds, and partly through areas with no trails. Visit <http://tinyurl.com/mnrkrc5> to learn more.
- **Oronoco Prairie** has no fewer than five rare plant species. This 80 acre site has a wide variety of plants and combined with the existence of rare prairie plants, this site is a top-quality prairie. Visit <http://tinyurl.com/kawxsvf> to learn more.
- **Kellogg-Weaver Dunes** is part of a large complex of over 800 acres of sand dunes, some rising over 30 feet. The expansive sand prairie has unusual plants, birds, and insects. Its proximity to marshes makes it attractive for nesting turtles and feeding dragonflies. Access is from Wabasha county 84, east of US 61 and north of Weaver. Visit <http://tinyurl.com/k4xh6oy> or <http://tinyurl.com/l9zn7rv> to learn more.