



BioBlitz!



**@ MINNESOTA VALLEY NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE
JUNE 25, 2016**

So what is a BioBlitz?

An intensive 24-hour survey effort to find all plants and animals in a specific location. *YOU* can help scientists in a race against time to count as many species as possible! Help catch, identify, count, and learn about all sorts of really cool bugs, frogs, lizards, mammals, birds, plants, and much more! Nature enthusiasts of all ages can take part in the effort while learning!



Scheduled Activities: 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

8:00 AM: Bird Hike

9:30 AM: History of the Minnesota River Valley

10:30 AM: Prairie and Wetland Hike

12:00 PM: Herptile Surveys (lizards, salamanders, snakes)

1:00 PM: The Bug Zone – Bruce the Bug Guy (LIVE bug show!)

2:00 PM GRAND FINALE – Total Species Count Revealed!

FREE!



40th Anniversary!

Continuous plant and animal surveying with binoculars and microscopes, pollinator garden guides, kid's activities with scavenger hunt, games and face painting! Join experts in exploring the area and be an "Honorary Biologist" - official badge included!

... and FREE cake to celebrate
Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge's 40th Anniversary!

Event location:

Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge, Louisville Swamp Unit

Parking at: 145th Street West, Shakopee MN 55379

For more information: Call: (952) 854-5900

www.fws.gov/refuge/minnesota_valley

What to bring:

Water bottle, lunch, sunscreen, hat, hiking shoes, insect repellent. Optional – binoculars, field guides, and camera.