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**SHIRLEY HEINZE LAND TRUST TO HOST FREE
COMMUNITY HIKE AT CRESSMOOR
PRAIRIE IN HOBART, IN.
August 4, 2012 10:00 am – 12:00 p.m.**

This year's annual Shirley Heinze Land Trust Free Community Hike will be held at Indiana's largest remnant black-soil prairie.

This is a great opportunity to tour one of the richest preserves in the region, led by expert guides. Guest speakers, including Mayor Brian Snedecor and Lee Casebere, Assistant Director, DNR Division of Nature Preserves, will kick off the event, followed by the unveiling of a new preserve sign and interpretive trail. Guided hikes will depart from the trailhead every fifteen to twenty minutes or when a sizeable group forms, from 10:00 a.m. to Noon. Complimentary refreshments will be provided after the tours conclude.

Shirley Heinze Land Trust has preserved, protected and restored natural lands in the southern Lake Michigan watershed since 1981. It has preserved over 1,200 acres, representing a great variety of landscapes and natural communities: tallgrass prairie and oak savanna, interdunal ponds and woodlands, boreal flatwoods and dune-and-swale, and numerous types of wetlands. Five of the properties it owns and manages are dedicated Indiana State Nature Preserves.

DIRECTIONS TO CRESSMOOR PRAIRIE IN HOBART, INDIANA

Cressmoor Prairie Nature Preserve is located on North Lake Park Avenue, south of 37th Avenue (U.S. 6) and west of Highway 51, ¼ mile south of 37th Avenue, in Hobart, Indiana.

From Interstate 94 or Route 20, take Highway 51 South (Ripley Road) exit south. Continue south on Route 51/ Highway 6 to the intersection with East 37th (White Castle is on your right). Turn right (west) on East 37th and go about 1.4 miles to North Lake Park Avenue. Turn left on North Lake Park and go just past the Cressmoor Prairie parking area to Hampshire Park Apartments, (400 N. Lake Park Avenue) on your right. Turn right into the Hampshire Park parking area and park in the northeast corner of the parking area.

From Interstate 65, take Exit 258 (Ridge Road/Business 6) and go East on Ridge Road (2 miles) to North Lake Park Avenue and turn right and go past the Cressmoor Prairie

parking on your right to the Hampshire Park Apartment parking area, turn right to enter Hampshire Park parking area and park in the northeast corner of the parking area.

There is no need to RSVP, just park at the Hobart Hampshire Park Apartments and walk over to the Cressmoor Prairie trailhead adjacent to the apartments.

If you have additional questions, please contact Shirley Heinze Land Trust at 219-879-4725. To learn more about Shirley Heinze Land Trust properties in Lake, Porter and LaPorte Counties, please visit our website at www.heinzetrust.org, contact us at (219) 879-4725 or e-mail land@heinzetrust.org

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Photos provided

Photo # 1: Fall at Cressmoor Prairie

Photo #2: Community Hike Flyer