

RECYCLE



Living plant species withdraw nutrients from the soil, potentially depleting valuable nutrients such as nitrogen, phosphorus, and potassium. Burning both living and decomposing plants is a quick and effective way to return these nutrients back into the soil where native prairie species can use them to regrow.



There are about 5,000 acres of wildfires and 12,000 to 22,000 acres of prescribed burns in Wisconsin each year.

About the BNA

The Bong Naturalist Association is a volunteer organization promoting conservation, education and recreation at Richard Bong State Recreation Area.

They are a 501(c) (3) organization and all donations are tax deductible.

100% of donations received will be dedicated to this project.

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www.bongnaturalistassociation.org



Burn an Acre

at Richard Bong State Recreation Area

Using fire as a renewable resource



You can help!

Recycle, Restore, Respond

RESTORE



After the prairie is burned, it appears to be void of life. However, deep under the soil the root systems of many native plant species survive. The charred remains are great for absorbing heat energy from the sun which results in warmer soil temperatures. These warm soil temperatures are ideal for fast germination and growth of the native species.



Many species such as bur oaks develop a thick fireproof bark which protects itself from these fires on which it depends.

RESPOND



Without the competition from invasive species, the native plants are able to grow to full beauty. With your help we can begin this remediating process, which is a necessary tool to the restoration of Richard Bong State Recreation Area's natural prairies and oak savannas. For a donation as little as ten dollars you can help "burn an acre."



The black, burnt color absorbs heat energy from the sun more quickly allowing faster germination, sprouting, and growth of native plants.

DONATE

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Yes, I'd like to help burn _____ acres @ \$10/acre

Total Tax Deductible Donation \$ _____

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