



## U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Illinois Chorus Frog Wetland Workshop



This hands-on training will introduce you to highly effective, practical, and low-cost techniques for creating or restoring natural and native vernal pond wetlands. You'll learn how to design and restore wetlands that provide habitat for threatened and endangered species, amphibians, reptiles, and a diversity of birds. This workshop will specifically focus on building one or more prairie wetlands for the Illinois chorus frog. Attendees will learn how to select suitable locations for building wetlands, test soil texture, determine groundwater elevation, choose appropriate construction techniques, work with heavy equipment operators, control erosion and non-native plants, and establish native plants.

Renowned instructor, Tom Biebighauser, teaches wetland restoration workshops worldwide. Participants actively engage in design and construction of natural-appearing and functioning wetlands.

Learn more: <https://www.wetlandrestorationandtraining.com/>



**When:** March 20 – 24, 2023

**Where:** Meredosia National Wildlife Refuge headquarters (2219 Beach Rd, Meredosia, IL 62665)

**Who Should Attend:** Biologists, restoration ecologists, land managers, hydrologists, engineers, and private land owners. You do not need wetland restoration experience to attend.

**Cost:** \$35.00

The registration fee must be paid in advance.

Please register now as space is limited! Registration closes on Feb. 27 or when capacity is reached.

**Register online:** <https://pfqf.myeventscenter.com/event/Illinois-Chorus-Frog-Wetland-Workshop-72808>

**Lodging:** Please make your own reservations. The cost of registration does not include lodging. Rooms have been reserved under the block name "ICF Wetlands Workshop" at Best Western (1709 W Morton Ave, Jacksonville, IL 62650). Rooms held until February 28<sup>th</sup>. Other lodging options are available in Jacksonville and Beardstown.

**Cell phones:** Cell phone service is limited at Meredosia NWR

Tom Biebighauser will have signed copies of his books *Wetland Drainage, Restoration, and Repair* and *Wetland Restoration and Construction-A Technical Guide* for sale at discounted prices. Payment will be accepted by cash, check, or credit card.

**For more information, please contact:**

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*The best way to help wildlife is to build a wetland that will last forever!* (Thomas R. Biebighauser)