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DISCOVERING OUR NATURAL HERITAGE
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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

Long before America's colonial settlement and westward expansion, dense Eastern forests gave way to an extensive patchwork of oak savannas and wet prairies that covered 30 million acres, eventually meeting up with the vast Western grasslands. "Oak Openings Region: Discovering Our Natural Heritage" explores a rare vestige of this unique and beautiful habitat, located in Northwest Ohio and designated by the Nature Conservancy as "one of America's Last Great Places."

Viewers of "Oak Openings Region" will see stunning images of the flora and fauna living within the region, including the rare lark sparrow, eastern prickly pear cactus, black and white oaks, the elusive spotted turtle, brilliant blue lupines, and the

endangered Karner blue butterfly. The destruction and development of America's oak savannas has meant widespread loss of the wild lupine, the Karner blue caterpillar's sole source of food. Since the late 1990's, the Toledo Zoo has been working with naturalists in Northwest Ohio's Oak Openings

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Region to preserve the wild lupine, and reintroduce the Karner blue butterfly to the area.

The Oak Openings has been a "hot spot" for researchers and scientists, keen on studying this rare ecosystem, created thousands of years ago as the last glaciers and post-glacial lakes receded north.

PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS: Use above for listing. A press release, outreach guide and teacher's guide are included. Promotional images and all materials available on aptonline.org and at wgte.org/oakopen

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RELATED MERCHANDISE: The program will offer a choice of VHS or DVD for \$19.95, plus \$3 shipping and handling. 1-800-243-WGTE.

VIEWER INQUIRIES: WGTE Viewer Services
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OUTREACH MATERIALS: Community Outreach Event Guide and Teacher's Guide for Classroom use available.

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