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What an exciting last couple of months here at The Ridges. Back in 2012, the board set a goal for the Cook-Albert Fuller Center to achieve LEED Gold certification (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) by using cost effective and practical designs for energy efficiency and minimize any impact to the environment. Our building committee (Roy Thilly, Lawrie Kull, Jim Jauquet, Ed Miller, and I) worked with Boldt Construction and our contractors through this process and built the Cook-Albert Fuller Center as an educational model for others. I'm proud to say we have received our LEED Gold certification from the US Green Building Council. We are the 1st LEED certified commercial building in Door County! On behalf of the organization, I can't thank the volunteers on this committee enough for guiding us through this process. Something of which we all should be very proud.



We had another incredible response for our year-end Annual Appeal. These contributions are critical to our success and help support our mission in land protection, research and education. Thank you to the over 400 people who contributed!

After a very busy and successful 2016 summer tour schedule, we are excited to once again offer our Range Light tours in 2017. The Range Lights will be open for tours Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and Mondays from May 26 - Oct 22. Please visit our website for times and rates.



In conjunction with the 80th Anniversary, we will host a building dedication on August 5th, 2017 to celebrate all of our accomplishments over the last several years – the building, boardwalk, exhibits and our LEED certification.

And finally, after years of planning, the exhibits for the Cook-Albert Fuller Center are in the last stages of fabrication. Installation is scheduled from February 20th to March 3rd.

Thank you to all who have made this possible and I hope you will be able to join us in August.

Sincerely,

Steve Leonard, *Executive Director*



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Story Hour at The Ridges

Join the wonderful Ridges staff Saturdays for Story Hour! This year staff are reading nature-themed books featuring local authors. We will accompany each story with a related craft to take home and hot chocolate to enjoy while visiting with us.

Time: 11:00 am

Fee: free

Location: Cook-Albert Fuller Center

- **March 18 – *Owl Moon*** by Jane Yolen
- **March 25 – *The Curious Garden*** by Peter Brown



Volunteer Opportunities

Midwest Crane Count Volunteers

The purpose of the Crane Count is to help monitor the abundance and distribution of cranes in the Upper Midwest and to introduce people to cranes and their natural environment. Counters are needed to survey for cranes on designated sites throughout Door County. No previous experience needed. End the morning with coffee and donuts at the Cook-Albert Fuller Center.

Contact The Ridges for more information about the Crane Count and other citizen monitoring volunteer opportunities: info@ridgessanctuary.org or 920-839-2802

Saturday, April 8; 5:30 am to 7:30 am

Location: Meet at Cook-Albert Fuller Center

Earth Day Volunteer Clean Up

The Ridges will host its annual Spring Clean-Up on Earth Day, Saturday April, 22nd from 9-12:00 pm. Members and volunteers are invited to help us refresh our campus. This year we will be sprucing up around

the Center and Range Lights, spreading mulch, and cleaning up some of our extended properties with the help of Gibraltar High School Student, Breanna Bakken. Come prepared to get dirty and bring those neglected garden/work gloves. Extra wheelbarrows are welcome! Lunch will be provided.

Please call 920-839-2802 to volunteer and register for lunch.

Saturday, April 22; 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Location: Meet at the Ridges Cabins, 8288 County Q

Range Light Tour Volunteer Training

Volunteers will learn how to lead Range Light tours for the summer. Tour guides will work with the public as well as trolley tours from May to October. This training will give you the knowledge and history of the Range Lights and teach you how to give an effective and energetic tour.

Thursday, May 11; 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Location: Meet at Cook-Albert Fuller Center

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2nd Annual Owl-O-Rama!

Join us Saturday, March 11th for Owl-O-Rama!

These fascinating birds of prey are known for their distinct calls, nocturnal habits, and silent flight. There's something for everyone who gives a hoot about these remarkable raptors! We have great learning experiences for the entire family from crafts to night hikes to live owls!

Evening Activities

The Owl Prowl

March 10 & 11, Friday & Saturday from 6 PM - 7:30 PM

Winter is mating season for owls, and it is not unusual to hear their romantic hooting out on the trails. Join the Ridges naturalists to learn more about the owls of Door County and the characteristics that make them amazing nighttime hunters. We'll head into the night to listen and then return to the Cook-Albert Fuller Center for a mug of hot chocolate by the campfire (weather permitting). Suitable for all ages.

Fee: \$10 - member, \$13 - public, FREE under 18

Location: Cook-Albert Fuller Center

Daytime Activities

Hands-On Activities

March 11, Saturday at 10 AM - 4 PM

Have you ever held an owl skull or wondered what helps owls to be so sneaky when hunting? Stop by the Cook-Albert Fuller Center and check out our interactive displays. Lots of fun activities for all ages to learn a little bit about these feathered wonders.

Free Location: Cook-Albert Fuller Center

Eastern Screech Owl Nest Box Building

March 11, Saturday at 10 AM - 2 PM

Cavity nesting owls like Eastern Screech Owls can be attracted with nesting boxes. After perusing our displays at the Center, drop in at the workshop anytime between 10 am & 2 pm to build a nest box and pick up some tips on where to locate it and when to put it out.

Meet: The Ridges Workshop, 8288 County Q, Baileys Harbor.

Fee: \$25 - Adult Member; \$30 - Public

Open Door Bird Sanctuary

March 11, Saturday at 11 AM

Open Door Bird Sanctuary, located right here in Door County, prides itself in its mission to raise avian awareness while inspiring people to coexist with the natural world that surrounds them. Join Executive Director, Rob Hults, as he brings us his knowledge and passion for the development and care of our avian partners.

Free Location: Cook-Albert Fuller Center

Owl Meet & Greet!

March 11, Saturday at 1 PM - 4 PM

Get up close and personal with some of Door County's resident raptors. Representatives from **Open Door Bird Sanctuary** will be on hand with birds for you to observe. Stop in and learn a little bit about what separates raptors from other birds and owls from other raptors.

Free

Location: Cook-Albert Fuller Center



Owl Taxidermy Demonstration

March 11, Saturday at 10 AM - Noon

Master Taxidermist Mike Orthober is well known in his field and has won many national and international awards. He also judges World Taxidermy Championships and teaches others his methods. Mike will be joining us at the Nature Center to demonstrate the delicate art of creating an owl mount.

Free

Location: Cook-Albert Fuller Center



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Hiking at The Ridges Campus

Come visit us to experience all The Ridges has to offer.
Our ungroomed trails are open for snowshoeing, cross country skiing, and hiking.
Stop by the nature center to pick up a trail map and pass.

Guided Sanctuary Snowshoe Hikes

Enjoy a leisurely hike on level terrain. If snow cover is insufficient, the hike will be done without snowshoes. Hikes end at the Center with a mug of hot chocolate. NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED. Snowshoes available for hike participants – call ahead to reserve snowshoes. \$5 rental fee.

March 3 thru 25

Fridays at 2:00 pm, Saturdays at 10:00 am & 2:00 pm

Fee: \$5 Members • \$8 Public • Under 18 free

Location: Cook-Albert Fuller Center

Guided Spring Sanctuary Hikes

Join a Ridges naturalist for a relaxing 2 hour walk on the trails. Learn a little about the history of The Ridges and a lot about the wildflowers, insects and other features of Wisconsin's first land trust. Includes access to the Upper Range Light lantern room. Appropriate for all ages. NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

May 1 – 28; daily at 10:00 am

Fee: \$5 Members • \$8 Public • Under 18 free

Location: Cook-Albert Fuller Center

Discovery Bird Hikes

Join fellow birding enthusiasts for a morning excursion into the woods, fields and shoreline around Baileys Harbor. All members of our group collaborate to identify the birds we see. Both beginners and experienced birders welcome! Bring binoculars if desired.

Saturdays May 6, 13 & 20 at 6:30 am

Fee: Free for Members • \$5 Public

Location: Meet at the Ridges Cabins, 8288 Cty Q

Not-So-Early Bird Hike

New to birdwatching? Join us on this mid-morning birding excursion into the woods, fields, and shoreline around Baileys Harbor. Beginners are especially encouraged to come, but all levels of experience are welcome. Bring binoculars if you have them or use those we supply.

Saturday, May 20 at 9:00 am

Fee: Free for Members • \$5 Public

Location: Meet at the Ridges Cabins, 8288 Cty Q

Guided Logan Creek Hikes

Explore the beautiful landscape of this 170-acre parcel on Clark Lake featuring upland hardwood forest, lowland cedar-hemlock forest and frontage along Clark Lake and Logan Creek. The May 21 hike will feature spectacular spring wildflowers. Moderate to easy hiking. Wear appropriate footwear and bring binoculars if desired.

March 19, April 23, May 21 at 2:00 pm

Fee: \$5 Members • \$8 Public • Under 18 free

Location: Meet at Trailhead, 5724 Loritz Road

Guided Appel's Bluff Hikes

Join a naturalist to explore this varied landscape featuring ledges, a hardwood forest, and open fields. Moderate to easy hiking. Wear appropriate footwear.

March 5, April 2, May 7 at 2:00 pm

Fee: \$5 Members • \$8 Public • Under 18 free

Location: Cook-Fuller Center, then to trail head

Special Request Guided Hikes

**Looking for a fun family outing
or the perfect activity for visiting friends?**

Schedule a guided hike with a naturalist!

Call us in advance at 920-839-2802 so we can properly prepare for the hike to give you the best experience possible.

Fee: \$5 Members • \$8 Public • Under 18 free

For complete program info, visit RidgesSanctuary.org



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Educational Programs

Blue Bird Nest Box Workshops

Eastern bluebird populations are back on the rise thanks to the help of nest box building enthusiasts! Continue to help by learning what bluebirds need to survive and create a nest box to take home. Meet us at The Ridges Workshop to make your very own bluebird nest box. Tools and materials for one box provided. Additional kits - \$5

Saturday, March 18 at 10 am

Fee: \$10 Members • \$13 Public

Location: Meet at The Ridges Workshop, 8288 Cty Q

Reflections on The Ridges



Artist: Fran Vail

Thursday, April 6th opening is from 4:00-6:00 pm, followed by a lecture at 6:30 pm

Frances Vail is an award winning artist with both a national and an international reputation. After pursuing her lifelong passion for the arts at Syracuse University, she moved to Europe to live in France and Austria for seven years. Traveling extensively, she was inspired to paint seascapes along the French Coast, as well as landscapes of the forested mountains to the east. Her artwork is shown in many collections abroad. A versatile, classically trained artist, Frances brings her finely honed drawing skills, enthusiasm and experience to both her commissioned and personal paintings.

Lecture: Fran will discuss her techniques and how she developed the method of painting wings. She will have several examples on hand, showing how each wing is drawn life size and painted with many transparent layers of watercolor.

Fee: free to all

Location: Cook-Albert Fuller Center

Woodcock Watch

Here's your chance to experience firsthand what Aldo Leopold described as the "sky dance." After a short indoor presentation, we'll head out into the field to watch woodcocks engage in this remarkable courtship display. Suitable for ages 7 and up. Bring binoculars and a blanket or cushion to sit on if desired.

Saturday, April 29; 7:00 to 8:30 pm

Fee: \$10 Members • \$13 Public • \$5 Under 18

Location: Meet at the Ridges Cabins, 8288 Cty Q

Wisconsin's Reptiles and Amphibians

Many species of amphibians and reptiles call Wisconsin home. Join us for an exciting and educational presentation by the Madison Area Herpetological Society, covering many of the commonly seen/encountered reptile and amphibian species, as well as Wisconsin's two venomous snakes, and those of greatest conservation interest. Afterwards there will be an opportunity for a Q&A and a show and tell with some really amazing critters!

Saturday, May 6; 11:00 am to 12:00 pm

Fee: \$10 Members • \$13 Public • \$5 Under 18

Location: Cook-Albert Fuller Center

Who Croaks There?

For frogs, spring means mating season, and males use their unique (and very loud) voices to attract a mate. Join us as we listen for the quacks, trills, peeps, and snores of the frog species that live here in Door County. After a short presentation to learn about the frogs and their sounds, we'll take a hike to listen for the frogs. Suitable for ages 5 & up. **Limit:** 20 people

Saturday, May 6; 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

Fee: \$10 Members • \$13 Public • \$5 Under 18

Location: Meet at the Cook-Albert Fuller Center

Shiitake Mushroom Workshop

Are you ready to grow your own delicious mushrooms? Join Steve Shapson as he teaches us how to cultivate our own shiitake logs. In this workshop you will inoculate two logs and learn how to properly care for your logs when you get them home. All materials are included.

Saturday, May 13; 10:00 am to 12:30 pm

Fee: \$35 Members • \$40 Public

Location: Cook-Albert Fuller Center



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Backpack Adventure Camps

Mark your calendars for our Backpack Adventure Camps! Throughout the month of July we invite campers age 4-6 and 7-11 to join us for weeks filled with adventure, exploration, and discovery.

Camps are held Monday through Friday, 9-Noon, and are a great opportunity for kids to make new friends, be inspired by our staff and connect with nature. Every Friday campers will enjoy "Friday Fun Day" - a day at the beach when families can join campers for a snack and activity. Register your child by individual days or by the week. Only 20 total spots per camp, per day, register now to reserve yours.

Register online at RidgesSanctuary.org or by calling 920-839-2802.

Cost per child (Each child will receive a Ridges T-shirt):

- Full Week: \$100 – Members • \$130 – Public
- Per Day: \$25 – Members • \$30 – Public



WEEK 1: July 10 - 14

Critters Club – Ages 4 - 6

Learn about the variety of critters that live at The Ridges by building different habitats in our observational tanks.

Campers will take care of these tanks throughout camp.

Trail Trekkers – Ages 7 - 11

Explore and trek through the Family Discovery Trail and the many things it has to offer.

WEEK 2: July 17 - 21

Happy Hikers – Ages 4 - 6

The Ridges is home to many different habitats. Learn about the different habitats and explore what plants and animals live in each.

Mucky Ducks – Ages 7 - 11

It's time to get muddy and muck through water habitats of The Ridges.

WEEK 3: July 24 - 28

Tiny Twigs – Ages 4 - 6

Discover what types of trees live at The Ridges and how they support the different wildlife that call this place home.

Ridges Rangers – Ages 7 - 11

Spend the week learning how to explore, navigate and survive the great outdoors.

WEEK 4: July 31 - August 4

Monarch Madness – Ages 4 - 6

Learn about the importance of Monarchs and what makes them so magical. Study the Monarch's habitat and learn how to raise this beautiful insect at home!

Monarch Madness – Ages 7 - 11

Become a citizen scientist and discover what it takes to help restore a population.

Family Camp

This is our first annual Family Camp! This camp is designed for children ages 8 and up, accompanied by an adult.

Activities will be offered July 5th, 6th and 7th, starting at 9:00 AM and ending at 1:30 PM. Each day, families will have the opportunity to participate in activities connecting kids and adults with nature. Come enjoy activities that are exciting, different and help strengthen relationships! Perfect for grandparents and grandchildren or parents and children. Only 16 total spots per day for this program, register now to reserve yours. Register online at RidgesSanctuary.org or call 920-839-2802.

Cost per participant (includes: All supplies, lunch & a Ridges T-shirt):

- Full Week: \$100 - Members • \$130 – Public
- Per Day: \$35 – Members • \$45 – Public

Creekin' Around – July 5

Explore the many wonders of a local stream. Learn how to assess the health of a stream by observing its quality of aquatic life, while identifying the abundance of critters found below the surface.

Wilderness Survival Skills – July 6

Do you know what to do if you are stranded in the wilderness? Learn how to pack a survival kit, navigate your way through the woods, create a protective shelter, and cook up a campfire meal.

Pack and Paddle – July 7

Explore the land and water of our Logan Creek property in a combination of hiking and kayaking. Families will have the opportunity to paddle up Logan Creek into Clark Lake followed by a hike to explore the variety of habitats that make up this beautiful property. *No experience is necessary to kayak, a certified guide will help everyone with an introduction to the boat and how to paddle.

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*Registration begins
Monday, March 20th
at 10:00 am.*

*Program guide available
Monday, March 13th.*

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Join the Celebration With Us!
...there's so much to celebrate!



Saturday, August 5th, 2017

All are welcome to the Cook-Albert Fuller Center dedication. The recently acquired **LEED Gold certification, Hidden Brook Boardwalk, Exhibits, and 80 years** of education, protection, and research will be celebrated throughout the day.

Purchase your 80th Anniversary items from the Nature Store today! The store is open daily from 10am - 4pm, then starting in May from 9 am - 5 pm. Mugs, bags, and many other items are available now!