



# RIDGES LITES

*Program Guide of The Ridges*

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## 2017 Summer Recap

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What an incredible summer season at The Ridges. Despite record setting rain in June, we saw over 4,600 visitors, a 19% increase over last year. We also began construction on Phase 1 of the Upper Range Light. Peil Construction has replaced the roof of the Range Light, privy, and shed as well as renovation work on the exterior of the light room and upper-half of the main building.

In July, we held our first ever Family Camp program. Participants had a great time doing everything from outdoor survival skills to kayaking Logan Creek and Clark Lake. Our Backpack Adventure Camp was once again a success. Four of the eight sessions were at capacity, overall the programs were 93% full! Campers had a blast catching critters, exploring the Family Discovery Trail, and playing at the beach.

Over the summer, The Ridges welcomed three staff interns to the team. They worked on a variety of initiatives, led our guided hikes, worked the front desk, and ran our Backpack Adventure Camps. We

also welcomed Matt Peter to the full-time team as our Land Manager. Matt is a graduate of the Master's program in Environmental Science & Policy from the University of Wisconsin - Green Bay where he studied Phragmites and native wetland plants in Door County. In his spare time, he enjoys spending time outdoors and with his fiancé Alexis and their pooch Luna. He's eager to use his expertise in invasive species and wetland ecosystems to assist The Ridges.

And last but not least, thank you to all who joined us for the 80th Anniversary, Cook-Albert Fuller Nature Center Building Dedication and Annual Meeting on August 5th. We enjoyed a beautiful day filled with great conversation, food, laughter, and stories told from multiple generations.

We are excited to bring you more excellent programming as we head into the Fall.

Sincerely,

Steve Leonard, *Executive Director*





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An Update of Ridges Activities

## Monarch Madness

Have you ever seen a monarch chrysalis or held a monarch caterpillar? Do you know what Milkweed looks like and why it is so important for Monarchs? **Visit our Nature Center anytime in August** to witness live Monarchs at various stages of their life cycle and to learn about this fascinating insect. Great for all ages!

**At the Cook-Albert Fuller Nature Center    FREE**



### Monarch Migration Presentation

The Monarch migration is one of nature's most fascinating annual events. Every fall, Wisconsin's Monarchs travel thousands of miles to a specific region in Mexico. **Dick Smythe and Marilyn Hansotia** will share their personal experiences with overwintering Monarchs in Mexico. **Saturday, August 26; 11 AM – 12 PM**

**Fee:** Free

**Location:** Cook-Albert Fuller Nature Center

### Monarch Tagging Workshops

Every fall as Monarchs travel thousands of miles to overwinter, their migration can be tracked and studied by tagging them. Learn why tagging is important and how you can raise Monarchs at home. Help us tag and release our Monarch butterflies before they make their long journey south. Great for all ages!

**Saturday, August 26; 1 PM & 3 PM**

**Fee:** \$5 - Members • \$8 - Public • Free - Under 18

**Location:** Cook-Albert Fuller Nature Center

## Lake Lessons Speaker Series

**Thursday evenings at 7 PM at the Cook-Albert Fuller Nature Center. Admission is Free**

### Plant Disease Management August 17

Gardeners everywhere have suffered losses of vegetables, flowers, trees and shrubs due to plant diseases. An understanding of how plant diseases get into your yard or garden, and how they are able to infect your plants, can help you develop strategies to avoid serious problems. **Dr. Brian Hudelson** (aka "Dr. Death"), Director of the Plant Disease Diagnostics Clinic at the University of Wisconsin-Madison College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, will talk about how plant diseases occur and how they affect your plants. Strategies for preventing and managing plant diseases will be discussed to help you be more successful in the upcoming growing season!

### Aquatic Plants and Animals of Wisconsin Lakes August 24

**Paul Skawinski** will discuss the diversity of aquatic plants and animals in Wisconsin lake ecosystems. From carnivorous bladderworts to fast-flying dragonflies, our lakes contain a myriad of fascinating organisms. This presentation will discuss ecology and identification of these plants and animals.

### Karner Blue Butterfly August 31

**Chelsea Gunther** will be discussing the Federally endangered Karner blue butterfly's history, ecology, and importance. She will explain Karner population estimates from the last 9 years and how we obtain them. Chelsea will also talk about what recovery work is being done now, and why recovery efforts are important, especially in Wisconsin.



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## Hiking at The Ridges Campus

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

### Ridges Guided Hikes

Join a Ridges naturalist for a relaxing and informative two-hour walk through the sanctuary. Come learn about our founders and the surrounding boreal forest. Hike includes the Upper Range Light lantern room and the historic cabins. Appropriate for all ages. Bring binoculars if desired. No pre-registration necessary.

**Daily through September 3rd 10:00 AM & 2PM**

**Daily through October 31st 10:00 AM**

**Fee:** \$5 - Members • \$8 - Public • Free - Under 18

**Location:** Cook-Albert Fuller Nature Center

### Logan Creek Fall Color Hikes

Explore the beautiful landscape of this 170-acre parcel on Clark Lake with a Ridges Naturalist. Owned and managed by the Ridges, the Logan Creek property is comprised of a variety of habitats, including upland hardwood forest, lowland cedar-hemlock forest and frontage along Clark Lake and Logan Creek. It's a great opportunity to see a variety of fall colors as one hikes through the woods. Moderate to easy hike. Bring binoculars if desired.

**Sunday, September 17 & Sunday, October 15; 2:00 pm**

**Fee:** \$5 - Members • \$8 - Public • Free - Under 18

**Location:** Meet at trailhead, 5724 Loritz Road.



### Appel's Bluff Hikes

Join a naturalist to explore this landscape featuring rock ledges, a hardwood forest, and open fields. Moderate to easy hike. Bring binoculars if desired.

**Sunday, September 3 & Sunday, October 1; 2:00 pm**

**Fee:** \$5 - Members • \$8 - Public • Free - Under 18

**Location:** Cook-Albert Fuller Nature Center, then to trailhead.

### Family Discovery Trail

Stations include binoculars to observe birds, bug nets to catch butterflies, and a bone yard. As part of the McArdle Library and the Door County Library Summer Reading program, we're offering a StoryWalk featuring *A Whiff of Pine*, *a Hint of Skunk* - *A Forest of Poems* by Deborah Ruddell and Joan Rankin. Stop by the Nature Center to pick up a pass and head out into the trail!

**Open daily through October 21, dawn to dusk**

**Fee:** \$5

**Location:** Behind the Baileys Harbor Fire Department and across from County Q and Highway 57 intersestion.



### 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



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## Specialty Programs

### Grosbeak Galore!: Migratory Bird Symposium

A BIRDS ON YOUR LANDSCAPE WORKSHOP

Saturday, September 9th



Join **Bill Volkert** a Naturalist, Wildlife Educator and world traveler birder for this Keynote Presentation. Bill worked at the Wisconsin DNR Horicon Marsh location for 27 years and appears frequently on

Wisconsin Public Radio sharing his knowledge of birds. Learn how to make a small investment that will pay off BIG for migratory birds!

*Other topics include:*

- What do birds need for food, shelter, roosting? Tips for rural property or city backyard.
- Native trees – how to plant and care for them
- How to eliminate hazards to birds on your property
- Why is Lake Michigan important for migration?
- Migratory birds in fall, winter, spring — where do they go and what do they need?



**Sat., Sept. 9, 2017; 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM; Check-in: 8:15 AM**

**Fee:** \$10 - Members • \$13 - Public

**To register:** Visit [www.ridgessanctuary.org](http://www.ridgessanctuary.org), email [katie@ridgessanctuary.org](mailto:katie@ridgessanctuary.org) or call 920.839.2802 x 110

**Registration deadline:** August 25th

**Location:** Cook-Albert Fuller Nature Center



### Swales and Ales

Explore the Ridges Sanctuary with Ridges Naturalists and discover what plants in and around Door County can be used to create different flavor profiles when brewing beer. We will walk the ridges and discuss some nature inspired brews along the way. After our hike, we will walk to **Door County Brewing Co.** to learn more about the brewing process from their experts. *Must be 21 years or older.*

**Saturday, September 16; 1 – 4 PM**

**Fee:** \$10 - Members • \$13 - Public

**Limit:** 12

**Location:** Cook-Albert Fuller Nature Center



### Forest of Fungi

Ever wonder what kinds of mushrooms you can find in the Fall? Join us for a special guided hike as we explore the Sanctuary and identify various fungi found within. Following the hike, will be a special presentation by **The Wickman House** on how to prepare tasty edible mushrooms.

**Thursday, September 21; 2 PM – 5 PM**

**Fee:** \$10 - Members • \$13 - Public

**Location:** Cook-Albert Fuller Nature Center



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### Conifer Identification Training

During this training, learn how to identify 11-12 different conifer trees that grow at The Ridges. At the end of the session, you will be able to distinguish black from white spruce, hemlock from balsam, red from white pine, fir from spruce and more. We'll start with an overview of conifers and examine samples of each of the species before taking a hike on the trails to practice identifying each of the species. Bring your own hand lens or use one of ours. Dress for the weather including footwear. Interested in leading hikes for The Ridges? This training is great for those who would like to become more involved.

**Tuesday, September 5; 1 – 3:30 PM**

**Fee:** Free

**Location:** Cook-Albert Fuller Nature Center



### Fall Wreath Making

Fall is here, so get your homes ready using nature as an inspiration! Stop in for a fall wreath workshop where we will use natural items collected from our woods, fields and yards. There will be lots of great material that needs your creative hands! Supplies will be provided.

**Saturday, October 14; 3 PM**

**Fee:** \$25 - Members • \$30 - Public

**Location:** Ridges Cabins



### Fall Work Day

*Calling all volunteers!* Mark your calendars and help us prepare the campus for winter. Volunteers of all ages are invited to help with a variety of indoor and outdoor projects – hauling wood chips, raking, organizing, etc.

Afterwards, enjoy lunch on us.

**Sat., September 30 at 9:00 am. At the Workshop**





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## Educational Programs

### Conservation Champions

Conservation and preservation goes beyond the acres held within The Ridges Sanctuary. It reaches out to individual species and their habitats that are in critical need of protection and restoration. Join us this October for our Conservation Champions series. Each week we will educate the public about different conservation projects that affect us locally and throughout the state of Wisconsin



#### Bats Live!

These superheroes of the night sky are responsible for worldwide pest control, seed dispersal, and pollination among other benefits. **Jennifer Redell**, WDNR bat biologist, will teach about the importance of these amazing animals and unearth the mysteries of Wisconsin's bats. Attend to learn about how white-nose syndrome is currently affecting Wisconsin bats and find out

how you can help contribute to Citizen Science by helping to monitor local bat populations. Jennifer will be accompanied by live bat ambassadors, including a flying fox native to Africa!

**Saturday, October 7; 11 AM**

**Fee:** Free

**Location:** Cook-Albert Fuller Nature Center



#### Bat House Building

Our superheroes of the night sky need your help! Installing bat houses provide safe housing for local bat populations. Drop in at the workshop anytime between 1pm and 3pm to build your very own bat house and pick up some tips on where to locate it and when to put it out.

**Saturday, October 7; 1 - 3 PM**

**Fee:** \$25 - Members

\$30 - Public

**Location:** Ridges Workshop  
off County Q

#### Pollinators

Pollinators are an integral part to our everyday life. Join the Ridges to discover what pollinators really do for us. **Marge Trocki**, expert bee keeper from Downer's Grove Park District, will be joining us to discuss her interactions with her honey bee pollinators.

**Saturday, Oct 14; 10 AM – 2 PM**

**Fee:** Free

**Location:** Cook-Albert Fuller Nature Center



#### Raptor Meet & Greet

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. Drop in and learn a little bit about what separates raptors from other birds and owls from other raptors.

**Saturday, October 21; 1 PM – 3 PM**

**Fee:** Free

**Location:** Cook-Albert Fuller Nature Center

For complete program info, visit [RidgesSanctuary.org](http://RidgesSanctuary.org)



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# Natural Christmas

**Saturday, December 9, 3:00 - 6:00 PM**

You deserve to spend a few hours this holiday season surrounded by the natural beauty of The Ridges Sanctuary. Stroll down the softly lit Hidden Brook Boardwalk and join us in our beautifully decorated Kaye Cabin, while sipping on warm cider, eating delicious cookies and listening to holiday music. This program offers a wreath-making workshop, holiday crafts, and even treats around an open fire. Guided hikes and tours of the Range Light are available throughout the event.

**Admission to Natural Christmas is free.**

**Wreath making is \$20, which includes materials for 1 wreath. Additional wreaths and swags are \$10 each.**

## **Wreath-Making Workshop** (Workshop only)

**Saturday, December 2; 1:00 – 4:00 PM**

There is a \$20 fee, which includes materials for 1 wreath.

Additional wreaths and swags are \$10 each.

Call 920.839.2802 to reserve your clippers, frames and greens!