



# RIDGES LITES

Program Guide of The Ridges

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## Backpack Adventure Camps



### Mark your calendars for our Backpack Adventure Camps!

Throughout the month of July and early August 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 experienced staff and connect with nature. Children will engage in thoughtfully planned, supervised indoor and outdoor learning activities. On Fridays, campers will enjoy "Friday Fun Day" at the beach! 16 spots per camp; register now to reserve yours. Each child receives a Ridges T-shirt.

### Registration opens March 1st!

Register online at [RidgesSanctuary.org](http://RidgesSanctuary.org) or by calling 920-839-2802

Full Week ONLY: \$125 – Members \$160 – Public

### WEEK 1: July 9 - 13

**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 16 - 20

**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 23 - 27

**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 30 - August 3

**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** registration info located on page 6

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## 3rd ANNUAL **OWL-O-RAMA** March 2nd & 3rd

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!

### *Owl Prowl-Nesting Season Hike*

It's nesting season for the owls and they are hooting with a whole new set of calls. Join The Ridges naturalists to learn more about the owls of Door County and the characteristics that make them amazing nighttime hunters. After a short indoor presentation, we will head into the night to listen and then return to the cabins for a mug of hot chocolate by the campfire (weather permitting).

**Friday, March 2nd; 6:00 - 7:30 PM**

**Fee:** \$10 - Members • \$13 - Public • Free - Under 18

**Location:** Ridges Cabins, 8288 County Q, Baileys Harbor



### *Great Horned Owl Taxidermy Demo*

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 a Great Horned Owl mount. Drop by the Center between 9 and noon to watch Mike bring birds back to life through taxidermy.

**Saturday, March 3rd; 9 AM (Special Hours 9 AM - 4 PM)**

**Fee:** Free

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



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## Saw-whet Owl Banding Info Session

Jim Knickelbine, Executive director of Woodland Dunes Nature Center and Preserve, will be joining us to discuss the saw-whet owl banding program. Since the program began, Woodland Dunes has banded more than 5,000 owls. Come learn about these little predators of the night and the significance of this monitoring program.

**Saturday, March 3rd; 1:00 PM**

**Fee:** Free

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

## Owl 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 any time between 11:00am and 2:00pm to learn a little bit about what separates raptors from other birds and owls from other raptors.

**Saturday, March 3rd; 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

**Fee:** Free

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

## Eastern Screech Owl Nest Box Building

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 10am & 2pm to build a nest box and pick up some tips on where to locate it and when to put it out.

**Saturday, March 3rd;**

**10:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

**Fee:** \$30 - Members • \$35 - Public

**Location:** Ridges Workshop, 8288 County Q, Baileys Harbor



## Owl Prowl - Logan Creek Hike

It's nesting season for the owls and they are hooting with a whole new set of calls. Join the Ridges naturalists for a second opportunity to listen for owls in a new location! These night-time hunters are going to be active so come ready with your listening ears.

**Saturday, March 3rd; 6:00 - 7:00 PM**

**Fee:** \$10 - Members • \$13 - Public • Free - Under 18

**Location:** Logan Creek 5724 Loritz Road, Sturgeon Bay, WI



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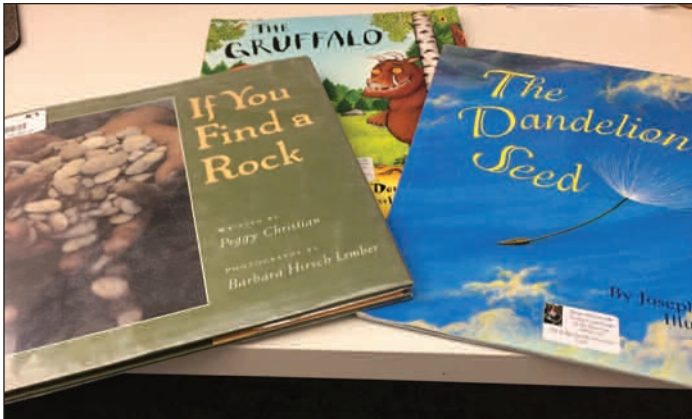
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Sign up by sending an email to [info@RidgesSanctuary.org](mailto:info@RidgesSanctuary.org).

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## Story Hour AT THE RIDGES



### What could be better than Nature?

#### BOOKS about Nature!

Come join us for Story Hour and hot chocolate. You will hear a Ridges staff member read a book about animals and plants that live at The Ridges, and you will make something special to take home. Weather permitting, we will take a short hike outside. And, if YOU have a favorite book about an animal or plant that you would like to show us, please bring it in! We love to share ideas about good books!

- **March 3** – No Story Hour during Owl-O-Rama
- **March 10** – *If You Find a Rock* by Peggy Christian
- **March 17** – *The Gruffalo* by Julia Donaldson
- **March 24** – *The Dandelion Seed* by Joseph Anthony

## Volunteer Opportunities

### Midwest Crane Count Volunteers

The primary purposes of the Crane Count are 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 Nature Center.

Contact Matt Peter, Land Manager, for more information about the Crane Count and other citizen monitoring volunteer opportunities: [matt@ridgessanctuary.org](mailto:matt@ridgessanctuary.org) or 920-839-2802, extension 108.

**Saturday, April 14; 5:30 am to 7:30 am**

**Location:** Door County

### Earth Day Volunteer Clean Up

The Ridges will be hosting its annual Spring Clean Up on Saturday April 28th from 9am until noon, in honor of Earth Day (April 22nd). Members and volunteers are

invited to help us get out and 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. Come prepared to get dirty and bring those neglected garden/work gloves. Extra wheelbarrows are welcome. Lunch will be provided for all!

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

**Saturday, April 28; 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 10; 10:00 am to 12:00 pm**

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

### Attention Volunteers!

Throughout 2018 we will be making changes to our Volunteer Program to better support our volunteers and to identify training needs. People who have actively volunteered during the last few years will receive a survey asking about current interests and how we can improve our program. With our growth and expanded programming over the last few years, there are so many different ways you can help The Ridges. If you are interested in volunteering but haven't notified us, or if you haven't volunteered for a few years and would like to become involved again, please email [katie@ridgessanctuary.org](mailto:katie@ridgessanctuary.org) or call 920.839.2802 x 101. Our volunteers do so much in so many different ways. Join us!



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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

Experience The Ridges in a new way and in a whole new season! These hikes with a Ridges naturalist cover the cultural and natural history of the ridges and swales during the winter season. Enjoy a leisurely hike on level terrain. Participants may always hike in boots or, if sufficient snow cover, may choose snowshoes. Hike will end at the Center with a cup of hot chocolate or locally roasted coffee.

**Notes/Special Instructions:** A limited number of snowshoes are available for hike participants – call ahead to reserve.

**Additional \$5 to rent snowshoes.** (If weather does not permit snowshoes, hikes will still proceed.)

**Fridays at 2:00 PM**

**Saturdays at 10:00 and 2:00 PM, until March 24th**

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

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

### Daily Guided Spring Hikes

Join a Ridges naturalist for a relaxing 2 hour walk on the trails. Learn about the history of The Ridges and about the wild-flowers, insects and other features of one of the most biologically diverse properties in the midwest. Includes access to the Upper Range Light lantern room. Appropriate for all ages. NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

**Daily, May 1-31 at 10:00AM**

(No hikes May 25 - 28 during the Festival of Nature)

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

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

\*There will be no bird hike on May 26th during the Festival of Nature. Check out more information of the Festival of Nature to participate in special bird hikes included in the festival.

**Saturdays: May 5th, 12th, 19th at 6:30 am**

**Fee:** Free - Members • \$5 - Public

**Location:** Meet at the Ridges Cabins, 8288 Cty Q

### Appel's Bluff Hikes

Join a Ridges naturalist for a hour and a half to two-hour hike exploring this varied landscape featuring ledges, a hardwood forest, and open fields. Moderate to easy hiking. Wear appropriate footwear

**Sundays: April 8 & May 6th - 2:00 pm**

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

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

### Logan Creek 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.

**Notes/Special Instructions:** Meet at trailhead at 5724 Loritz Road. Dress for the weather. Wear good hiking boots or bring your own snow shoes.

**Sundays: March 18th, April 15th, May 20th - 2:00 – 3:30 pm**

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

**Location:** Meet at Trailhead at 5724 Loritz Road



## By 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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## 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 creating 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 are \$5.

**Saturday, March 17 at 10 am**

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

**Location:** Meet at the Cook-Albert Fuller Nature 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 if you have them, and a blanket or cushion to sit on if desired.

**Saturday, April 28; 7:00 to 8:30 pm**

**Fee:** \$10 Members • \$13 Public • Free Under 18

**Location:** Meet at the Ridges Cabins, 8288 Cty Q



### 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 all ages. **Limit:** 20 people

**Saturday, May 5; 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm**

**Fee:** \$10 Members • \$13 Public • Free Under 18

**Location:** Meet at the Cook-Albert Fuller Nature Center

## Family Camp

**Registration opens March 1st.**

**Mark your calendars for Family Camp!**

This camp is designed for ages 8 and up, accompanied by an adult. Activities will be offered July 5th through July 7th, starting at 9:00 AM and ending at 1:00 PM. Each day, families will have the opportunity to participate in activities connecting kids and adults with nature. Come enjoy activities that are relationship-building and fun!

**Register online at [RidgesSanctuary.org](http://RidgesSanctuary.org) or by calling 920-839-2802**

**Cost per participant:**

(Children must be accompanied by at least one adult.)

•Three days: \$100 - Members • \$130 - Public • Per Day: \$35 - Members • \$45 - Public

**Fee includes:**

A variety of outdoor explorations led by qualified Ridges staff and volunteers, daily snack & a Ridges T-shirt.

### 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. This year we will be monitoring two streams and will compare the conditions of both.

### 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.

### NEW!

### P4P (Planting for Pollinators)

**July 7**

Let's plant for pollinators (P4P)! Pollinators are vital to many aspects of our lives; from the food we eat to the beautiful landscape we like to observe, pollinators are involved. Join us as we explore habitats that pollinators rely on as well as the rich earth that the plants rely on. Each family will have the opportunity to help us plant pollinator specific gardens and take home seeds to start their own.



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### Membership Level:

☐ Individual - \$40 ☐ Family - \$65 ☐ Family Plus - \$95 Membership Fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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# 16th ANNUAL DOOR COUNTY FESTIVAL OF NATURE

**May 24 - 27, 2018**

Once again, four Door County conservation organizations have joined with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to bring you the Door County Festival of Nature.

We are excited to announce Tom Mlada as this year's Festival dinner keynote speaker. Tom serves as co-chair of the Lake Michigan Stakeholders Association and is Mayor of Port Washington, Wisconsin.

Registration begins March 19th at 10 am  
Program guide available March 12th  
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