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Program Guide of The Ridges

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Green Light Special!



Pelicans



Woodcock

We treat every day as an event at The Ridges Sanctuary. When you are surrounded by one of the states most biologically diverse areas, you never know what you are going to experience. Some days we may have a fawn laying next to the boardwalk, and others we may have a naturalist out on the trails teaching everyone about lichens and mosses. Every day at The Ridges is unique. Be sure to follow us on all social media platforms to keep up to date on our "Green Light Specials" as we feature the new and exciting things that may be happening that day.

Follow us on Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat and Twitter @Ridgessanctuary.



Photos from Ridges Sanctuary Facebook page

Fly Fishing Club



The Ridges has started a Fly Fishing club and we are looking for others to join us. The goals of the club are to educate and introduce shorelines and streams to the residents and visitors of Door County, build awareness of the importance of water and the roles it plays in everything we do and teach Water Ecology and Entomology to the participants as they learn the skills of fly fishing. All experience levels welcome. If this is something you are interested in, contact Drew Richmond at drew@ridgessanctuary.org or 920.839.2802.

AED Donation



This spring, The Zak family from Baileys Harbor donated an automated external defibrillator (AED) to The Ridges in memory of Willard John Zak, a longtime resident of the community. The Ridges sends a sincere thank you to the family for the donation. The AED will be maintained by the Baileys Harbor Fire Department and The Ridges staff and volunteers will participate in CPR and AED trainings over the next year.

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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.



Naturalist Guided Hikes

Join a Ridges naturalist for an exploration out on the trails. Learn about the cultural and natural history of one of the most biologically diverse properties in the Midwest! Depending on the week, experience the variations of wildflowers, insects and birds the Sanctuary has to offer. Hikes are appropriate for all ages. Wear appropriate hiking attire. Hike will last roughly 1.5 to 2 hours and will travel about 1.5 miles. NO PREREGISTRATION NECESSARY.

Daily at 10:00 AM, June 1 - 8

Daily at 10:00 AM & 2 PM, June 9 - August 31

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 your binoculars or use those we supply.

Saturdays at 6:30 AM; June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 & July 7, 14, 21, 28

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

Location: Meet at the Ridges Cabins, 8288 Cty Q

Appel's Bluff Guided Hikes

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

Saturdays at 2:00 PM, June 2, July 7, and August 4

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 featuring upland hardwood forest, lowland cedar-hemlock forest and frontage along Clark Lake and Logan Creek. Moderate to easy hiking. Wear appropriate footwear and bring binoculars if desired.

Saturdays at 2:00 PM, June 16, July 21, and August 18

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

Location: Meet at Trailhead at 5724 Loritz Road

Family Discovery Trail

The Family Discovery Trail and all Exploration Stations will open Saturday, May 26th! Stations include bird blind building, butterfly catching, fort and bridge building, and bone digging among many other outdoor activities. Adventure backpacks are available along the trail. Stop by the Nature Center to learn more, then head out to the entrances located behind the Baileys Harbor Fire Department and across from the County Q and Highway 57 intersection.

Open Daily; dawn to dusk beginning Saturday, May 26

Fee: \$5 - Public • Free - Under 18 (Trail fee included)

Location: Cook-Albert Fuller Nature Center



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Natural Connections

Who Croaks There?

Want to learn to identify frogs and toads by their sounds? Take a hike with us! After a short indoor presentation to learn about Door County frogs and their sounds, we'll hit the trails to hear the peeps, trills, and snores of male frogs still hoping to attract mates. Suitable for 6 yrs. and up.



Friday, June 1 from 8:00 - 9:30 PM

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

Location: Cook-Albert Fuller Nature Center

Nature Play Day

What do climbing on tree stumps, building tree forts, exploring the bottom of a stream and creating crafts out of natural materials all have in common? Nature Play! It is important for children to explore and interact with the natural world. Join us for a day full of activities that encourage children to connect with the outdoors. Our front yard and Family Discovery trail are a child's natural playground all summer long.

Saturday, June 9 from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Fee: FREE

Location: Cook-Albert Fuller Nature Center/Family Discovery Trail

Moths on a Cloth

What is flying around in the darkest moments of summer? All you need to find out is a new moon, a white sheet, and a bright light. Join us and local experts while we explore the summer night fliers with this interesting and exciting activity. Program is geared for all ages!

Saturday, August 11 from 8:30 - 9:30 PM

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

Location: Cook-Albert Fuller Nature Center

Princess Pine & Fireworks?

Find out in this class! Learn to identify some of our common Club Mosses (Lycopodium)—Princess Pine, Ground Cedar, Shiny Club Moss, Wolf's Claw—plus a few others. We'll start with a short program introducing several Lycopodium species and identification tips. Will there be "explosive fun"? You bet!! Then we'll head into the field to practice what we learned.

We'll be on our knees in a wet/muddy area, so wear appropriate clothes and shoes. Bring a hand lens or use one of ours.

(Because of the sensitive natural area for the field trip, **pre-registration is required**. Last minute walk-in registration allowed only if class not filled.)

Wednesday, August 29 from 2:00 - 4:00 PM

Fee: \$10 - Members • \$13 - Public

Location: Ridges Cabins. We will carpool for the fieldtrip.

An Afternoon with Jens Jensen



You may know that Jensen was the founder of the Clearing in Ellison Bay and that in his seventh decade he sought a location that reminded him of his native Denmark for a folk school for adults. Jensen also had a strong hand in the early protection of The Ridges Sanctuary. For 14 years, Jensen worked with the directors and made an impact and set goals for the future of The Ridges.

Join Roger Kuhns, geologist and educator, while he depicts Jensen when he is 86 years old and gives a very personal, moving, and engaging glimpse of this amazing person. The program will begin at 3:00 pm and is being hosted by the Baileys Harbor Historical Society, The Ridges Sanctuary, and the Friends of Toft Point.



Donations from this program will benefit all three organizations. The program will be of interest to young adults and all who have an interest in nature, conservation, environment, local history, and landscape design and architecture.

Saturday, August 25th, 3:00 PM

Location: Baileys Harbor Town Hall

Fee: Donations appreciated

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Lake Lessons

Held Thursdays in July & August, 7:00 PM

Fee: FREE

Cook-Albert Fuller Nature Center, Discovery Room



Doug Sherman

JULY 12

Orchid Research and Restoration at The Ridges Sanctuary

In collaboration with the Smithsonian and the University of Wisconsin – Green Bay, The Ridges Sanctuary is committed to terrestrial orchid research and restorative endeavors in Door County, Wisconsin. But what exactly does this entail? Join Tony Kiszonas, Naturalist and orchid researcher at The Ridges, as he shares information regarding terrestrial orchid projects taking place at The Ridges Sanctuary.

JULY 19

A Quest to Visit Every State Natural Area in Wisconsin

In 1952, Parfrey's Glen in Devil's Lake State Park was established as the first State Natural Area (SNA) in Wisconsin. Since then, 686 more SNAs have been added and together these areas protect the best examples of Wisconsin's natural communities. Wisconsin's SNA program was the first such system in the country and is one of the things that has made Wisconsin a leader in conservation. For the last ten years, Joshua Mayer, nature explorer and photographer, has visited over 600 SNAs across the state in an attempt to check out the unique plants, animals, geologic features, and natural communities that they protect. Josh will discuss stories from his quest to visit every State Natural Area, the plants he's found, tips for visiting these sites, and share some of the amazing photos he has taken.

JULY 26

Effective communication in the face of skepticism: Climate Change

How do we effectively communicate with others on climate change in the face of skepticism? Despite resistance by our federal government, we as individuals have the authority to communicate with our peers and act in concert with one another to make change. Join Katie Krouse, Coordinator of the Climate Change Coalition, as she walks through trainings and experiences she has been associated with to learn the best ways to communicate effectively.



Photo by Paul Burton

AUGUST 2

The Hine's Emerald Dragonfly: A Story of Endangered Species Survival in a Changing World

Dr. Dan Soluk from the University of South Dakota will review what we know about the ecology and life history of the federally endangered Hine's Emerald Dragonfly and talk about why Door County is the best place in the world to find it. Dr. Soluk will also talk about our increased understanding of the threats the species faces, what we can do about them, and why we should care.

AUGUST 9

Lake Whitefish Management in Wisconsin Waters of Lake Michigan

Scott Hansen, Wisconsin DNR Fisheries Biologist, will

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Lake Lessons, *continued*

be presenting on lake whitefish assessments and population dynamics in Wisconsin waters of Lake Michigan, including Green Bay. The presentation will also include information on various research projects studying lake whitefish populations in this area.

AUGUST 16

Slowing the Hands of Time on Two Door County Inland Lakes

Door County consists of over 300 miles of shoreline but, relative to other Wisconsin counties, has few inland lakes. Only a portion of these inland treasures have not displayed the negative impacts of human influence. Two impacted systems, Dunes Lake and The Forestville Millpond, are in the midst of research and restoration activities. Brian Forest, of the Door County Soil and Water Conservation, will share the very different natural and cultural history of these two lakes as well as the recent efforts to reverse their premature aging due to human activities. Come and learn about these often-overlooked gems and find out what the future holds for them.

AUGUST 23

Forensic Anthropology in NE Wisconsin: Bones, Burials, and Booyah

Do you remember hearing on the news that human bones were found somewhere in Northeastern Wisconsin? When that happens, law enforcement officials call in a forensic anthropologist for consultations. Typically, forensic anthropologists need to positively identify individuals represented only by bones, figure out how long since they've died, and determine the cause of death. This talk will describe how forensic anthropologists achieve these goals, and give examples from cases that occurred in Northeastern Wisconsin, including the Door Peninsula.



Wisconsin DNR

AUGUST 30

Wisconsin Mussel Monitoring Program: Conservation of freshwater mussels through citizen-based monitoring

Wisconsin contains a high diversity of freshwater mussels where 52 native species occur. However, many populations have been locally extirpated and others are failing to reproduce. Primary factors responsible include extensive habitat modification and destruction, water contamination, and competition with invasive exotic species.

Despite their importance, limited work has been done to comprehensively inventory and monitor freshwater mussels and large informational gaps remain within Wisconsin's 84,000 river miles and 15,000 lakes. Citizen scientists have provided vital information contributing to the protection of several species of plants and animals. Therefore, the Wisconsin DNR is partnering with volunteers and education centers with a goal of gaining a statewide perspective on mussel populations and inventory where individual mussel species occur through citizen science.

Join us for a live field demonstration of the mussel monitoring program from 2-4 pm followed later by a presentation at 7 pm. Meet at the Cook-Albert Fuller Nature Center for both portions.

Trails and Ales

Swales & Ales

Explore the Ridges Sanctuary and learn what plants can be used to brew beer. We will walk the Sanctuary and sample some nature inspired brews along the way. After our hike, we will walk to Door County Brewing Tap Room and Music Hall to experience the local brews on tap!

Friday, June 15 from 1:00 to 3:00 PM

Fee: \$10 - Members • \$13 - Public

Location: Cook-Albert Fuller Nature Center, then to the Door County Brewing Tap Room and Music Hall

Trails & Ales - Monthly Experience

Stop by the Nature Center for a Naturalist-led Guided Hike. Hike will last roughly 1.5 to 2 hours and will travel about 1.5 miles. And then head over to the Door County Brewing Tap Room and Music Hall for a Brewery Tour!

Tuesdays; June 12, July 10 & August 14 at 1:00 PM

Fee: \$10 - Members • \$13 - Public

Location: Cook-Albert Fuller Nature Center, then to the Door County Brewing Tap Room and Music Hall

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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



Flight of the Butterflies

Join us for a showing of this incredible 45 minute film. *Flight of the Butterflies* is an interconnected scientific adventure story that spans not only thousands of miles, but generations. It's about the remarkable Monarch butterfly migration, the most incredible migration on Earth, and the determined scientist who spent 40 years trying to discover exactly where the butterflies mysteriously disappeared when they flew south for winter.

Saturday, August 25 at 11 AM

Fee: FREE

Location: Cook-Albert Fuller Nature Center



Tagging a Monarch butterfly

Monarch Tagging Workshop

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 25 starting at 1 PM until 4:00 PM

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

Location: Cook-Albert Fuller Nature Center



Checking out Monarch butterfly chrysalises

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Annual Meeting & Gathering

New Location and Event!

Join us for the Annual Meeting at the Cook-Albert Fuller Nature Center. This years' meeting will be held on **Saturday, August 4th from 5:00 – 7:00 pm.** We will begin at 5:00 with staff and The Ridges Board sharing the Year in Review. Then enjoy a classic style grill-out starting at 6:15 and relax and visit with friends. Tickets are \$15/person. Space is limited, we encourage you to reserve your spot soon! **RSVPs requested by July 27: 920-839-2802 or online: www.RidgesSanctuary.org**

Board member Rob Davis, is ending his first three-year term and wishes to continue to serve on the board.

He has been nominated by the Board for a second term. We also thank Mark Martin and George Cobb for their service, as they will end their board terms in August. The Board nominates Maury Sullivan and Cindy Wolter to fill the two vacancies.

Please review their biographies below in preparation for voting.

MAURY SULLIVAN

I have been an educator for 34 years and served as a teacher, school principal, personnel and instructional director in the Madison and Kettle Moraine school districts. I have also served as superintendent of Wauwatosa and Rockford, Il. school districts.

I received my Bachelors of Business Administration and a Masters and PhD. In education. I was involved in local government and politics and was elected Chairman of the Town Board of Summit. After serving three terms I moved to the City of Oconomowoc. Subsequently, I was elected and served three terms as Mayor. I have also been a Rotarian for 24 years and served as president.

About thirty years ago a friend introduced our family to The Ridges Sanctuary. We had no idea that today we would drive down Ridges Road to our home. Living close-by has led to a personal interest in the preservation of the Sanctuary and educational opportunities to enhance the knowledge and well-being of Door County residents and visitors.

In summary, I believe my strengths and potential contributions are in the areas of educational programming and finance of non-profit organizations. Should these strengths be useful to the Ridges Board, please consider my application.

CINDY WOLTER

Cindy received her Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from the University of Illinois in Urbana, IL and her MBA from Northwestern University in Evanston, IL. Her professional career included the positions of Director of Merchandise Operations and Planning for catalog retailer Spiegel, Inc. and Director of Research for Product Dynamics, a consumer & sensory research firm. She retired in 2013.

Cindy's family has vacationed in Door County since the early 1980s. She and her husband became full-time Door County residents in 2016.

Cindy has been a member of The Ridges for many years. She has regularly volunteered for a variety of activities including the Natural Christmas, Festival of Nature, wreath making, various work days, and the waffle breakfast.

Having been enamored of The Ridges' beauty as well as its environmental importance for several decades, Cindy now would like to assist in furthering the Ridges' mission and goals with a position on its Board of Directors.

WAYS TO VOTE:

- At the Annual Meeting
- Online at www.RidgesSanctuary.org
- Request an absentee ballot, 920.839.2802



YES! I Want to Join The Ridges and Experience an Original!

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