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Program Guide of The Ridges

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Greetings from the Trailhead

Join us this winter as we wrap up 2017 and welcome 2018. We are offering the traditional programs you know and love, along with a few new ones. Don't forget to check out our website for a full calendar of events and we will see you on the trail!

Sincerely,
Steve Leonard, *Executive Director*

Between the Holidays!

NEW this year!

Tuesday, December 26 – Saturday, December 30

The Hidden Brook Boardwalk will remain open until 7:00pm. Walk the softly lit boardwalk and enjoy the peaceful evening surroundings. On Friday the 29th and Saturday the 30th, join us for a cup of Ridges Roast (our new coffee) or hot chocolate and roasted marshmallows around a beautiful campfire.

The Nature Center and Store will remain open until 7:00pm on Friday and Saturday.

Crafts & Projects

Family friendly activities will be set up at the Cook-Albert Fuller Nature Center between 10am and 4pm. Make a day out of your visit with some crafting and learning at the center and snowshoeing or a hike through the sanctuary.

Tuesday, Dec. 26th: Get crafty and create unique pine cone creations.

Wednesday, Dec. 27th: Help our winter bird friends by creating peanut butter bird feeders to display around your yard.

Thursday, Dec. 28th: New Year's Day is around the corner! Come use tree cookies to create New Year's ornaments.

Friday, Dec. 29th: Use a wide variety of natural materials to create cedar rubbings and woodland crafts.

All Between the Holidays programs are free.



Shop The Ridges Nature Store this holiday season!

Not sure what to purchase... The Ridges Gift Card is the perfect option.

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Carnivore Tracking Class

Michelle Hefty, carnivore tracking extraordinaire from Newport State Park, will be leading a two-day mammal tracking class. This class will cover common mammal tracks, carnivore ecology, and an in-field tracking and howling demonstration.

January dates to be determined

Locations: Cook-Albert Fuller Nature Center and Newport State Park

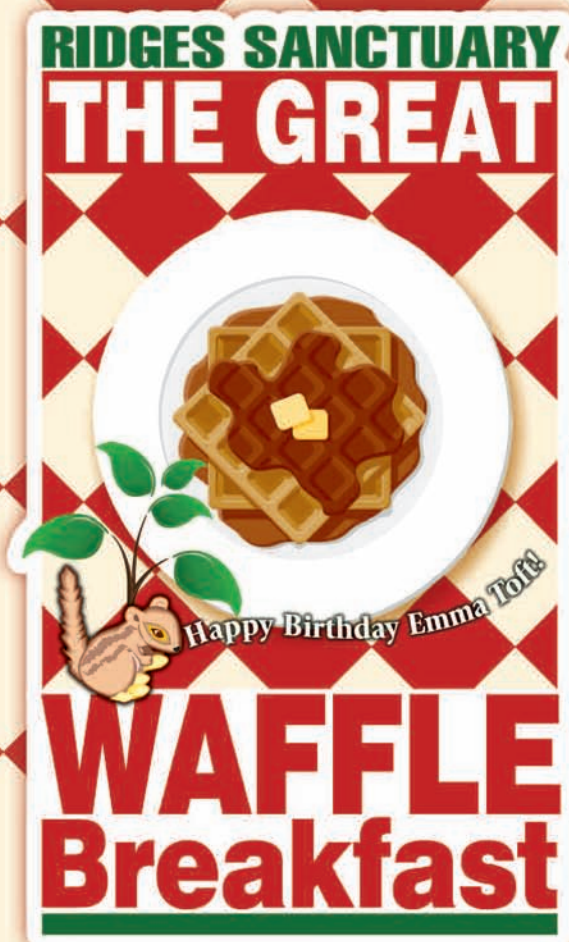
Check website for more information as it becomes available

Feed the Birds!



Stop by anytime the trails are open and feed our chickadees and nuthatches!

Seed and benches located throughout the Hidden Brook Boardwalk.



10th Annual RIDGES SANCTUARY *Great Waffle Breakfast*

Saturday, February 3, 9 - 11 AM

We invite you to join the staff and volunteers of The Ridges for the ***Great Waffle Breakfast***. Again this year, the Baileys Harbor Town Hall will be filled with the aroma of delectable, golden waffles. ***This is the 10th year for our popular breakfast event!*** Enjoy your fill of waffles of all shapes and sizes, topped with Door County maple syrup, homemade cherry topping and whipped cream.

**Donations of \$8 for adults
and \$5 for children under 12 are appreciated.**

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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, January-March

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

Location: Cook-Albert Fuller Nature Center

Logan Creek Hikes

Explore the beautiful winter 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: Wear good hiking boots or bring your own snowshoes.

Sundays: Jan 21, Feb 18 & March 18 at 2 PM

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

Location: Meet at Trailhead at 5724 Loritz Road

Owl Prowl-Nesting Season Hike

It's nesting season for owls, and it is not unusual to hear their romantic hooting out on the trails. Join The Ridges naturalists for a special hike to get out into the woods and listen to these fantastic calls. We'll head into the night to listen and then return to the cabins for a mug of hot chocolate by the campfire (weather permitting).

Friday, January 12th 5-6:30 PM

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

Location: Ridges Cabins

New Moon - Night Sky Hike

There is no better time to observe the stars than during a new moon. Join us for a hike into the night where we look to the sky and observe our great galaxy. Join us afterwards for some hot chocolate by the campfire (weather permitting).

Wednesday, January 17th 6 PM

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

Location: Cook-Albert Fuller Nature Center



Bring on the Snow! Snowshoe Rentals

Stop in this winter for a winter experience you won't forget. Snowshoes will be available for rent at the Cook-Albert Fuller Nature Center. Snowshoes will be available for all ages.

Snowshoe rental: \$5 per pair

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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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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



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



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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!



- **Jan 6** – *When Winter Comes* by Nancy Laan
- **Jan 13** – *The Longest Night* by Marion Dane Bauer
- **Jan 20** – *First Snow* by Bernette Ford
– *Big Tracks Little Tracks* by Millicent Selsam
- **Jan 27** – *Under the Snow* by Kate Messner
- **Feb 3** – *Over and Under the Snow* by Kate Messner
- **Feb 10** – *The Moon of the Owl* by Jean Craighead George
- **Feb 17** – *Look to the North* by Jean Craighead George
- **Feb 24** – *Do Beavers Need Blankets* by Stan Tekiela
- **March 10** – *If You Find a Rock* by Peggy Christian
- **March 17** – *The Gruffalo* by Julia Donaldson
- **March 24** – *The Dandelion* by Joseph Anthony

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. Children will engage in thoughtfully planned, supervised indoor and outdoor learning activities. On Fridays, campers will enjoy "Friday Fun Day" at the beach!

Week-long registrations only. Registration opens early March 2018

Full Week: \$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.

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Sneak Peek in 2018

Story Hour

Saturdays at 11 am

January, February & March

Guided Snowshoe hikes

Friday & Saturday starting in January.

Festival of Nature

May 24 - 27

Spring Work Day

April 21st - Earth Day

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16th ANNUAL DOOR COUNTY FESTIVAL OF NATURE

May 24 - 27, 2018

Registration begins early March of 2018

*"There are some who can live
without wild things and some who cannot."*

ALDO LEOPOLD

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

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