RESTORE the RangeLight

Lower RangeLights Renovation!
Since The Ridges Sanctuary’s beginning in 1937, the Lower RangeLight has served as an icon of the unique area of biodiversity that surrounds it. It is in need of restoration to preserve the historic structure. Restoric LLC has been hired to draft a historic structures report and restoration work will start this Summer. Funding for the report came through a match for Lee Traven’s volunteer hours from the ExxonMobil Foundation. Please consider helping with this year long project. Anyone donating $30 or more will receive a special Phil Austin RangeLights print.

Volunteers ‘CHIP’ In
Board members (see left), volunteers, and staff all work together spreading woodchips, changing storms, painting, pruning up signs, and generally getting the Sanctuary cleaned up before the Summer season is here! Members and non-members of all ages are invited to help with a variety of indoor and outdoor projects at the Sanctuary. Come to help, come to supervise, or come to enjoy the company and ride in a wheelbarrow! There’s lots to do for those with all levels of expertise. Special lunch at noon Saturday May 7 • 8:30 AM—Noon Wheelbarrow rides on a first-come, first served basis.

DISCOVERY BIRD HIKES
Saturdays • May 14 & 21 and June 4—July 30
6:30 AM at the Marshall cabin
Discover some of the BEST birding spots in the county! Door County is a busy flyover and stopping spot for many birds. Join this early morning group to visit the hot spots of birding on the peninsula. Beginners are welcome! $5/person - members are free.

NOT SO EARLY BIRD HIKES
May 14, June 11, and July 9
9:00 AM at the Marshall cabin
For those who don’t want to greet the dawn but do want to discover some of the feathered visitors to Door County. This early morning group to visit the hot spots of birding on the peninsula. Beginners are welcome! $5/person - members are free.

We Wish …
Laser or inkjet mailing labels
Copy paper
$5 for clean cedar wood chips
Clippers & loppers for the Barberry Pirates
Heavy Metal Shelving units
Garden gloves, rakes, tools, etc.
Blank CDs & DVDs
Digital cameras for kids programs
Black sunflower seeds
Donations to set up a new server
Chocolate for the staff
Small washer/dryer
Donations for the Flea Market

Wishes Do Come True!
For a list of our many wonderful benefactors, go to the “Donors” link at http://RidgesSanctuary.org.

Call: (920) 839-2802 • or visit our website for more information: http://RidgesSanctuary.org
EXPLORE the OUTDOORS with these No Family Left Inside Programs

This series of Family Events is a collaborative effort with the Northern Door Y to encourage families to connect with the outdoors. Pre-registration required: Call The Ridges or the Northern Door Y • 688-3660.

2 PM–3:30 PM on Mondays
Great for all ages. $10 Family.

June 20 • SURVIVAL! Build a survival shelter!
June 27 • Wigwam Means “House” Learn to build a real wigwam like the Woodland Indians of Wisconsin!

July 4 • No Program
July 11 • Digital Scavenger Hunt Use our digital cameras or bring your own.

July 18 • Skittering Critters Use nets, buckets, hands, or feet to scoop up some macro-invertebrates.

July 25 & Aug 1 • Geocaching Geocaching has been described as a “high-tech treasure hunt.” Seek out caches hidden within The Ridges Sanctuary.

August 8 • TREE-mendous! Join in some tree-mendous activities!

Check your mailing label for an expiration date for your membership and support the oldest member-based nature preserve in Wisconsin. Or consider a donation to support The Ridges. Please let us know if you wish to remain anonymous.

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• Seeing is Believing! It seems that everyone who enjoys The Ridges’ trails, feels the need to protect this special spot. Invite your friends to hike the trails. If they want to become a member–stop at the Nature Center and we’ll give them AND you a free Celebrating Door County’s Wild Places book.

• 75th Anniversary Planning. Lots of things are planned for 2011, but next year is the 75th anniversary of the oldest member-based nature center in Wisconsin. We will be celebrating the vision of our founders, the milestones we’ve passed, and the direction we’re going! Got some ideas for how to celebrate? Let us know.

• MOONWALKS Come listen to the night and stroll in the less hectic quiet time of day. Wednesday, June 15th, July 13, & Aug 17 • 8:00–9:30 PM

• New, Secure Way to Donate? Go to www.zazzle.com/story/RidgesSanctuary. We learned about this online donation site through one of our members.

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• Do you have a TimeShare or Condo that you could donate for a weekend or week for the Second Round Silent Auction? Or do you know a business, artist, service person that might donate to the auction? We are looking for ideas: plane tickets, flying lessons, a pie a month, etc.

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Trail Talk at The Ridges

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The Ridges Memory Project is seeking submissions for a collection of personal memories for our 75th anniversary coming up in 2012. A few sentences, photos, or detailed paragraphs are all welcome as we want to hear your favorite memory, to know how this special place has touched you, or lessons you have learned from time spent at The Sanctuary. All who submit will be entered in a drawing for one of 10 of the finished books! Deadline June 1st, 2011! Contact Cathleen Haskins at 262-949-4617, or cathleenhaskins@yahoo.com or The Ridges Sanctuary at 920-839-2802, or info@theridgessanctuary.org.