

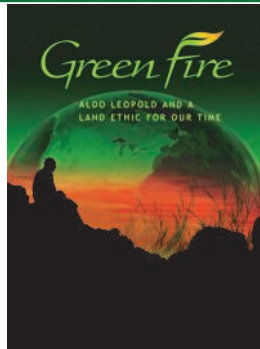


**DOOR
COUNTY**
FESTIVAL of NATURE

May 26—May 28

Guided field trips to all the special spots in Door County. Spring outings focused on all topics of the natural world from wildflowers to geology and photography. Sign up for one or more. Experience Door County's diverse natural areas through guided field trips, bird outings, wildflower hikes, paddle trips and photography workshops. Full day and half day trips to state and county parks and private preserves. Register at <http://RidgesSanctuary.org/FestivalOfNature.aspx> or call if you want a brochure mailed.

A viewing of the beautiful documentary movie "GreenFire" based on Aldo Leopold's life and his growth as an advocate for the land. Donation requested. Thursday May 26 at 7 PM at the Baileys Harbor Town Hall.



Coming Up!

May 6 & 7 • Logan Creek Wildflower Walk 1:00 PM each day. Meet at 5724 Loritz Road. \$5/person.

May 7 • Spring Volunteer Day at The Ridges. Time for fresh air and sprucing up!

May 13 • Frog Walk at The Ridges. Who's making all that noise!

May 14 & 21 • Discovery Bird Hikes begin at 6:30 AM. Also Saturdays in June & July

May 14 • Not So Early Bird Hike begins at 9:00 AM.

May 14 • Early Birders Meeting at Sevastopol School (10 AM)—a club for families who like to learn about birds.

May 26-28 • Festival of Nature Hike to special spots with special guides!

June 11 • Not So Early Bird Hike begins at 9:00 AM.

June 15 • MOON WALK Learn about evening activities in the woods & fields. 7 PM

June 18 • Ride for Nature Bicycle the backroads of Door County. A fundraiser for The Ridges.

July 10 • a'Round for The Ridges & a 2nd Round golfing early in the day and Music, Food, & a Silent Auction later. A fundraiser for The Ridges' education programs.

July 16 • W.O.W Raptors Meet some WILD birds 10 AM and 2 PM

For more information call The Ridges or visit our website <http://RidgesSanctuary.org>

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. Join this early morning group to visit the hot spots of birding on the peninsula. *Beginners are welcome! \$5/person - members are free.*



Volunteers 'CHIP' In

Board members (see left), volunteers, and staff all work together spreading woodchips, changing storms, painting, sprucing 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



RESTORE the RangeLight

Lower RangeLight Renovations! 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 \$50 or more will receive a special Phil Austin RangeLights print.*



We Wish ...

Laser or inkjet mailing labels
Copy paper
\$\$ for clean cedar wood chips
Clippers & loppers for the *Bar-berry 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>.

TICKLER!

Save for the Flea Market

Spring Cleaning! *In case the dust is tickling your nose as you are doing your Spring Cleaning!* Please remember The Ridges' Flea Market. (no clothes, used electronics, furniture, or fleas). If you have something good and don't have room to store it until September—give us a call and we'll come up with something!

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 • 868-8660.

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.*

MEMORIES

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@theridgesanctuary.org.

Trail Talk at The Ridges

- **Lee Traven, a Ridges Volunteer since 1937**, was nominated by The Ridges for the Door County Volunteer Center's Golden Heart-Lifetime of Service award. Lee has spent his life helping non-profit organizations in the county, especially The Ridges.
 - **Many Meet & Munch Cookouts** One of the strengths of The Ridges' organization has been the friendships that have formed around a casual get together to celebrate our achievements. Each month, the staff will host a potluck cookout (*we'll provide burgers & chips-bring your own tableware*) at The Ridges. Plan to come, renew friendships and meet some new friends! May 18, June 15, July 20, Aug 17, Sept 21— 11:30 AM—1 PM—Then walk it off on a guided hike at 1:30 PM!
 - **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.razoo.com/story/Ridges-Sanctuary. We learned about this online donation site through one of our members.
 - **BEST Silent Auction in the County!** A big fundraiser for The Ridges on Sunday, July 10th at the Alpine Golf Course and Resort. 9-Hole Scramble with a shotgun start at 3:30. A Silent Auction/Raffle at 5:30 at the Yodel Inn—with food! - Music! - and a cash bar!
 - **Nature Center Opens May 20th** Thank you to all the wonderful people who volunteer in the Nature Center! If you'd like to try it—call Pam Gregory and she will link you up with a seasoned volunteer. If you decide to be a regular, we'll get you a personal nametag!
 - **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.
- Learn more on any of these items at <http://RidgesSanctuary.org>**

Ridges Sanctuary Membership / Donation Form

Name: _____ Send a gift card? ___ Date: _____

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City, State, ZIP: _____ Phone () _____

Email address: _____

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City, State, ZIP _____

Membership: Individual ___\$40 Family ___\$65 Family Plus ___\$95 Business ___\$150 New? ___ or Renewal? ___

Donation: ___\$25 ___\$50 ___\$100 ___\$150 ___ Other \$ _____

___ Check enclosed ___ Credit Card # _____ Exp date ___/___

Signature _____

Mail to and make checks payable to: The Ridges Sanctuary • PO Box 152 • Baileys Harbor • WI • 54202 (or signup/donate online: (<http://RidgesSanctuary.org>))