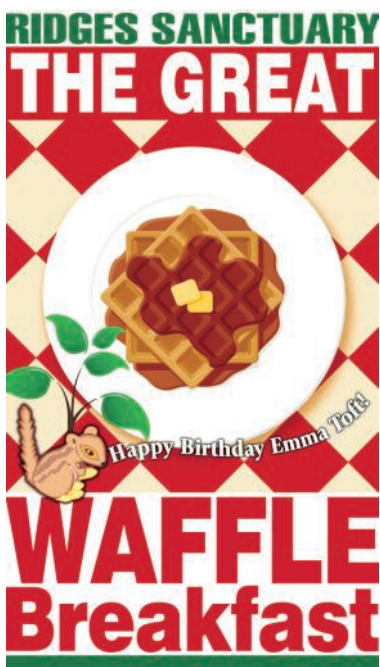


A GREAT WAFFLE BREAKFAST February 5 • 9 AM—11 AM

Before you head out for a busy weekend in Door County, you need a great breakfast. Join the staff and volunteers of The Ridges Sanctuary for the third annual "Great Waffle Breakfast" at the Baileys Harbor Town Hall. Enjoy waffles of all shapes and sizes, topped with Door County maple syrup, homemade cherry topping and whipped cream. Donations will be accepted at the door.

The Waffle Breakfast is a community- and family-oriented event, and people are encouraged to stay for other activities after they've finished their breakfast. Sit and visit with neighbors, or play one of our family-oriented board games. All those who attend will receive a free Ridges' Trail Pass to hike the trails and boardwalks enjoying the winter wonders of The Ridges Sanctuary.



Coming Up!

Feb 19 • GEOCACHING Join us for a high-tech scavenger hunt!

Mar 18 • Build a Bluebird House Everything you need to build and maintain a bluebird house.

Apr 9 • Early Birders meeting Join other bird enthusiasts of the younger type!

Apr 16 • Signs of Spring get re-acquainted with the small things that give us hope!

May 1 • 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 • Early Birders' meeting Join other bird enthusiasts of the younger type!

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

June 11 • Early Birders' meetings Second Saturday of each month!

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 at The Alpine Golf Course & Resort in Egg Harbor. A big fundraiser for The Ridges' education programs.

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



EXPLORE the OUTDOORS with these No Family Left Inside Programs

**Saturday February 19 • 10 AM
GEOCACHING**

Learn the newest outdoor/technology scavenger hunt activity.

**Saturday March 19 • 10 AM
Build a Bluebird House**

Everything you need to build a birdhouse and help building it! Learn more about the Early Birders Club.

**Saturday April 16 • 10 AM
Signs of Spring!**

Will Spring ever come? Search for the signs!

**Friday May 13 • 6 PM
Frog Walk**

Frogs are noisy—but can we FIND them?

Bright Splashes of Color Music to please all tastes Antics that Amuse Us

Birds are all around during all seasons and easy to study. Introduce a child to this fascinating hobby with our new Early Birders Club. There will be meetings, hikes, presentations, and learning opportunities. The First Meeting of the Early Birders will be Saturday, April 9 at 10 AM at The Ridges Sanctuary. (some meetings will be held at other locations.)

Registration will include a field guide, checklist & binoculars. All ages are welcome but those under five should bring an adult birding partner. (There is a raptors program scheduled for this summer!)



VOLUNTEER—MEET THE NICEST PEOPLE!

The Ridges is looking for volunteers for the Nature Center and several other areas that contribute to the smooth running of the organization. Our dedicated volunteers enable us to offer a variety of programs to children, adults, and families. Our volunteers are also the nicest in the County! — we checked! If you have some time to spend amid the spruce, hemlock and wildflowers, and want to meet more nice people, call 839-2802. **Training is provided!**

Dodracentennial = Twenty-five Less Than a Century!

That's The Ridges' milestone next year—2012 marks the 75th year since the conservation leaders in Wisconsin organized and incorporated The Ridges Sanctuary. The organization has remained true to the ideals of those original idealists, offering education programs, working on preservation and encouraging research in the Sanctuary. Help The Ridges Sanctuary celebrate this important milestone in 2012. We welcome any ideas, help coordinating events, organizing activities, promoting the celebration, or sitting on a committee. Let's make it a great CELEBRATION!

We Wish ...

Laser or inkjet mailing labels
Copy paper
\$\$ for clean cedar wood chips
Clippers & loppers for the *Barberry Pirates*
Shelving units
Garden gloves, rakes, tools, etc.
Blank CDs & DVDs
Digital cameras for education programs
Black sunflower seeds
Donations for a new server (computer)
Chocolate for the staff

Wishes Do Come True!

We received copy paper, sunflower seed, a canoe, chocolate, clippers, & blank CDs from our very generous members—THANK YOU!
For a list of our many wonderful benefactors, go to the "Donors" link at <http://RidgesSanctuary.org>.



Notes from Karen

12/11/10 Our Natural Christmas celebration ended very dramatically – a blizzard rolled into Door County just as we were finishing activities and cleaning up. About a foot of snow fell overnight, and high winds persisted for the next two days.

12/18/10 Several unusual species were recorded during the Christmas Bird Count. A Belted Kingfisher and Bohemian Waxwings, neither of which have been seen on the Count since the late 1980s, were spotted. Species that had never before been recorded on the Count included a Ruby-crowned Kinglet and a White-fronted Goose.

1/4/11 Frequent light snowfalls have created excellent conditions for animal tracking. A Fisher was making his rounds near the Rangelight and the cabins.

1/13/11 Large flocks of Bohemian Waxwings have been seen this winter in the Sister Bay area. This species is considered a rare winter visitor in the county.

MEMORIES are Made for Sharing

The *Ridges Memory Project* is seeking your submissions for a special collection of personal memories for our 75th anniversary coming up in 2012. A few sentences, photos, or detailed paragraphs are all welcome. **All who submit will be entered in a drawing for one of 10 of the finished books!** Contact Cathleen Haskins at 262-949-4617, or cathleenhaskins@yahoo.com or The Ridges Sanctuary at 920-839-2802, or info@ridgessanctuary.org.

Trail Talk at The Ridges

- **Repetition is good!** If you missed the Moon Walk or the Survival program from last Fall or if you'd like to do it again—you're in luck. They were so popular that we are planning to do them again this summer (*can't do a summer Snowshoe Hike!*) **But we CAN do a Geocaching workshop!**
- **Monthly Cookouts for Members!** 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 cookout at The Ridges. Plan to come, renew friendships and meet some new friends!
- **Bring in a new Member—you'll both be rewarded.** 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 Rangelight 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? Let us know.
- **Your IDEAS are important to us!** Send us a letter or go to www.uwsp.edu/schmeeckle/ridges to help us plan our future.
- **Watch for the Discovery Bird hikes starting on May 14 at 6:30 AM.** Discover some of the BEST birding spots in the county! There will be a **9 AM Early Bird** hike starting May 14 and continuing each Saturday through July for those who don't want to greet the dawn but do want to discover some of the feathered visitors to Door County.
- **Something for Everyone!** A big fundraiser for The Ridges on Sunday, July 10th at the Alpine Golf Course and Resort. Golfing at 3:30. A Silent Auction/Raffle at 5:30 at the Yodel Inn—with food! - and a cash bar!
- **Lower Rangelight Renovations!** Restore LLC has been hired to repair the Lower Rangelight. Watch for updates in future flyers and on our website.

Learn more on any of these items at <http://RidgesSanctuary.org>



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.*

Ridges Sanctuary Membership / Donation Form

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

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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: RidgesSanctuary.org)