



## February 6 9 AM — 11 AM Baileys Harbor Town Hall

Join us for the second annual Great Waffle Breakfast! Ridges' staff and volunteers will be serving waffles of every size and shape (even cows), topped with Door County maple syrup, homemade cherry topping and real whipped cream. After breakfast, stay for coffee, great conversation, and games like nature Scrabble. Everyone attending will receive a free pass to hike the trails of The Ridges Sanctuary and burn off the calories from those yummy waffles. Free-will donations accepted. Open to the public.

The annual Great Waffle Breakfast is a celebration of Emma Toft's birthday. "Miss Emma" was one of the founders of The Ridges Sanctuary back in 1937.

Thanks to these sponsors: *Hyline Orchards—Fish Creek, Jorns Sugarbush—Egg Harbor, Country View Farms—Sturgeon Bay, econofoods—Sturgeon Bay, Pick ' Save—Sturgeon Bay, & Wal-Mart—Sturgeon Bay.*

Do you remember your childhood experiences with nature? The Ridges is partnering with the Door County YMCA to offer "No Family Left Inside," a series of fun and exciting outdoor programs for parents and children who want to explore Door County. Each month, we will offer fun activities to give your family more "outdoor time" and learn a few things about nature, too!



### Geocaching • Saturday, February 13, 10:00 AM - 12 noon

Geocaching has been described as a "high-tech treasure hunt." After a short indoor session, you'll head into the woods to seek out a cache hidden within The Ridges Sanctuary. A few GPS units will be available, but bring yours along if you have one.

### Wander the Woods After Dark • Friday, March 12, 7:00 - 8:30 PM

On this hike, you'll discover that night explorations can be great fun, and not at all frightening. We'll learn about nighttime animals and their adaptations, call owls, and finish with a bonfire and s'mores. Bring a small flashlight if you'd like.

All programs will be held at The Ridges Sanctuary, but please register with the Northern Door YMCA in Fish Creek (920-868-3660). Fee for each program is \$10 per family.

## READING THE RIDGES

An Invitational Exhibit of Door County Artists reflecting the natural wonders of The Ridges Sanctuary

March 1 — April 12, 2010

Monday — Friday 10 AM-2 PM

The Link Gallery • Fish Creek

Door Community Auditorium

Opening Reception

Sunday, February 28, 1-3 PM

Sponsors: *Espresso Lane—Baileys Harbor, Ecology Sports—Sister Bay, Homestead Suites—Fish Creek, Hide-Side Corner Store—Fish Creek, & Main Street Market—Egg Harbor*



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### Coming Up!

**Feb 5, 12, 19, 26** • Guided Snowshoe Hikes at The Ridges (1 PM)

**Feb 6** • Ridges' Great Waffle Breakfast (*Emma Toft's Birthday Feb 9*)

**Feb 13** • Geocaching—No Family Left Inside

**Feb 28** • Opening Reception -*Reading The Ridges* art show at The Link Gallery

**Mar 1-Apr 12** • *Reading The Ridges* art show at The Link Gallery

**Mar 12** • Wander the Woods after Dark—No Family Left Inside

**April 17** • *Midwest Crane Count*

**May 1** • Spring Fun/Work Day

**May 8, 15, 22** • Discovery Bird Walks

For more information or to sign up for any of The Ridges' events:  
**(920) 839-2802**  
[info@RidgesSanctuary.org](mailto:info@RidgesSanctuary.org)

### We Wish ...

Office Supplies  
Large plastic covered tubs/bins  
Canister vacuum for the Range Light  
\$\$\$ for a riding lawnmower  
Underwriter for taxidermy cost for one or all of our frozen zoo!  
Stacking plastic patio chairs  
Small garden tiller  
A roofing fork  
Underwriters for our newsletter "sanctuary"  
1-Gal Shop Vacuum for the Nature Center  
Cedar wood chips  
Boot/shoe stationary brushes for trailheads  
\$200 for a server back-up

### Wishes Do Come True!

Special thanks to Mark Sprague for keeping us supplied with sunflower seed for the birds. We all enjoy watching their antics. For a list of our many wonderful benefactors, go to the "Our Donors" link at [www.RidgesSanctuary.org](http://www.RidgesSanctuary.org)

**Notes from the  
Range Light**

**11/24 /09** November was unusually warm this year, with Witch Hazel (pic.), Hoary Alys-sum, and a species of Mustard still in bloom on November 24.



**12/5/09** Spotted several 'confused willows' near Sturgeon Bay that were putting out catkins.

**12/8/09** Winter hit on December 8-9, with freezing rain followed by over a foot of snow and high winds. Many branches – and entire trees – fell in the Sanctuary.

**1/7/10** A group hiking in the Sanctuary on January 7 observed a busy flock of Golden Crowned Kinglets near the Nature Center.

# Trail Talk at The Ridges

- The Peninsula Pacers (the group that runs the Door County Half Marathon) will help with the promotion and organization of **The Ridges Ride for Nature** this year. This 22-year fundraiser for The Ridges will still feature the same family-friendly atmosphere, the familiar faces of Ridges' volunteers and great food from Weisgerber's. ☺

- **Snowshoe Fridays** (Fridays at 1 PM in January & February). It's amazing how much is going in nature this time of year! Join Naturalist Karen Newbern as we explore the frozen tundra of The Ridges on snowshoes. New sites each week. Some loaner snowshoes are available; call ahead to reserve. Dress for the weather. If there's no snow, we'll hike anyway. \$5/adult, no charge for children under 18. ☺

- The Chicago Sun-Times (December 6, 2009) included an article on **Snowshoeing in Door County** and specifically at The Ridges! Go to the Sun-Times website: <http://www.suntimes.com/lifestyles/travel/1920054,snowshoe-door-county-wisconsin-120609.article> to read the full article. (There's a link on our website also.) ☺

- In 2009, The Ridges has welcomed over 531 new and renewing members. Of those, 35 were business memberships. Go to our website [www.RidgesSanctuary.org](http://www.RidgesSanctuary.org) and click on **Our Donors** or **Business Members**. (both updated monthly.) ☺

- The **Ridges' 2009 Annual Appeal** has brought in over \$51, 029.00 as of Jan 19, 2010 Thank you to the over 235 donors who gave so generously to keep this special place active and viable. ☺

- A painless (or nearly so) way to **donate to The Ridges!** Have a set amount taken from your debit card or charged to your credit card each month through PayPal and cancel anytime. Go to The Ridges' website and click on the "Monthly Donation" link at the lower left. ☺



The Ridges Sanctuary recently closed on three additional parcels of land, totaling 53 acres. All are adjacent to property already owned by the Sanctuary and will help to protect the watershed which feeds into the swales and Lake Michigan. Funding for these purchases was provided through the Wisconsin Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Fund and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Coastal Wetland grant program. Ridges members, through their generous contributions to our Land Fund, also helped to make these acquisitions possible.

**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.

## Ridges Sanctuary Membership / Donation Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Send a gift card?  Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Membership: Individual \_\_\_\_\_ \$40 Family \_\_\_\_\_ \$65 Family Plus \_\_\_\_\_ \$95 New?  or Renewal?

Additional 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](http://RidgesSanctuary.org))