

Monarch Mania at The Ridges

Fri & Sat Aug 27 & 28 10 AM–Noon

Enjoy a beautiful day at The Ridges. Learn how you can help in the study of these winged wonders. Capture, tag, and release butterflies to help in Monarch research. During this hands-on program, participants will learn many details about this fascinating butterfly. We will look at the different stages in the monarch's life cycle, and learn how to raise them from egg to adult. We'll also discuss the amazing migration of monarchs from Wisconsin to their wintering areas in Mexico, and their multi-generational return in the spring. We'll finish by capturing and tagging as many butterflies as we can, in order to track them on their migration routes.

Call to pre-register. Same program each day.



Coming Up!

July 23 • Hands Off! A digital scavenger hunt.

July 26 • a 'Round for The Ridges—Golf Benefit at the Alpine Resort (and

July 29 • Lake Lessons— Butterflies & Moths

Aug 5 • Lake Lessons— Status of WI Wildlife

Aug 7 • Meet & Munch— Annual meeting & picnic

Aug 12 • Lake Lessons— Mosquitos: the good, the bad & the ugly!

Aug 13 • If you can't beat 'em—join 'em Mosquito Fest

Aug 13 • Bite 'em back with Bats! - Build a bat house for your garden or yard. Evening bat watch.

Aug 14 • Family Veggie Garden III—Harvest time!!!

Aug 15 • Celebrating Our Volunteers

Aug 27&28 • Monarch Mania

Sept 6 • Midsummer's Music benefit at Bjorklunden

Sept 18 • Flea Market—rent a space for your stuff or donate items to The Ridges' booth

Oct 2 • Work/Fun Day at The Ridges. The famous chili **will be on the menu!**

For more information call The Ridges or visit our website www.RidgesSanctuary.org

If You Can't Beat 'Em

Join. 'Em Mosquito



CELEBRATION

They're inevitable, so why not have some fun with these much-maligned denizens ... of the moist and muggy!

Lots of fun and opportunities to

Bite 'Em Back

August 13th

If you can't beat 'em – Celebrate 'em! *The Ridges is known for its wildflowers but sometimes you have to battle the mosquitoes to enjoy the beauty and diversity of the area. Since knowledge is power, we decided to really discover the ins & outs of the pesky insect.*

There will be treats, activities (including making your very own mosquito buzzer and hikes to our mosquito feeding station), mosquito face painting and tattoos, building bat houses, and information (along with a recipe for home made mosquito repellent). Learn how the mosquito has protected The Ridges for thousands of years!

11- 3 PM Red Cross Bloodmobile Visit at the Baileys Harbor Town Hall

Noon - 4 PM Mosquito related activities, games, and fun at The Ridges Sanctuary

Up close to a proboscis

Guided hikes to see the wildflowers and commune with the mosquitoes

Proboscis Toss

Building Bathouses

Larva races

Judge the Mosquito repellent

Blood and Mosquito Egg races

Smash the Mosquito!

Mosquito Tattoo to impress your friends

Mosquito face painting

8 PM Batwatch around the campfire

HELP WANTED

Besides encouraging people to attend the celebration, consider helping out for an hour or two. We have openings for all kinds of abilities from serving ice cream to staffing the BLOODmobile. Call Karen, Carol or Pam at (920) 839-2802

We Wish ...

Office Supplies
Boot/shoe stationary brushes for trailheads
Cedar wood chips
10 CobraHead® tools for digging invasives

Wishes Do Come True!

For a list of our many wonderful benefactors, go to the "Donors" link at www.RidgesSanctuary.org.

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No Family Left Inside Raffle

A tandem skydive, kayak outing, cave tour, Escarpment art, and lots more prizes! (42½ prizes!) We're trying to get people outside enjoying nature. Join us outdoors!

Buy a raffle ticket from a volunteer or at the Nature Center for a chance to win wonderful prizes from Door County friends and businesses. Just \$2 and the proceeds benefits The Ridges' No Family Left Inside program to get families outside exploring and learning about the Niagara Escarpment.

That Tandem Skydive is Tempting!!!

NATURE

is a Gentle Teacher

Become more informed on the natural history of Door County by becoming a Wisconsin Naturalist. This series of 10 classes by experienced naturalists offers a background in the geology, hydrology, biology, communities and botany of Door County.

After the training, Wisconsin Naturalists are qualified to volunteer in a variety of areas in the County.



Training includes two Saturday field trips. This year's class starts in September. Call The Ridges for more information.

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**Notes from the
Range Light**

7/3/10 A gray fox was spotted near the bridge on Mt Maple trail.

7/9/10 A good year for porcupines. One was gnawing on a tree near the intersection of Wintergreen and Mt Maple.

7/9/10 Dragonflies aplenty were captured and released at the annual Dragonfly Workshop.

7/10/10 Nature Center volunteer watched a fawn in the parking lot behind the cabins.

Hats OFF!

To Nature & Reading

Button up some fun this summer through the McArdle library and The Ridges with activities and nature reading! Check out an activity card—explore nature—read a nature book and get **buttons** and a **hat** to attach them to!



Trail Talk at The Ridges

- **Volunteer Celebration** On August 15th from 5-7 PM we celebrate our dedicated volunteers at a gathering with great food from Harbor Fish Market and great music by the Lee Nordgren trio.
- Come and enjoy lunch with the staff and other volunteers (or want-to-be volunteers) at our **Volunteer Thank You Cookouts**. Wednesday, Aug. 18 & Tuesday, Sept. 21.
- **The Wednesday Crew** has been working on bridges. Repairing, raising, lowering, and putting on safety netting. What a marvelous group of men and women!
- **The Lighthouse Keepers** is another awesome group! The rose garden by the outhouse and the vegetable garden are sights to behold!
- **Be our Friend** on Facebook! We try to post all the latest events and happenings.
- Save the date for our **revenge on the MOSQUITTO!** August 13th.

Celebrating
COMMUNITY!

**Monday
September 6
3 PM**

Labor Day benefit celebration of Human Services, Arts, and Environment at Birch Creek Music Center! Enjoy wine and hors d'oeuvres, a Midsummer's Music classical music concert followed by a catered dinner by Alexander's! \$85 per person. Proceeds benefit The Ridges Sanctuary, HELP of Door County, and Midsummer's Music Festival. Advance reservations required: Call 920.854.7088 or visit www.midsummerSMusic.com.

HELP WANTED

Volunteer at the Nature Center. Proceeds from the Nature Store are important for The Ridges operating budget. The great PR that our volunteers give to visitors is priceless! Meet wonderful people and learn about the natural history of The Ridges. No special skills except a friendly smile. We are especially in need of volunteers on the weekends and those who can give an occasional afternoon or morning to keep our Nature Center open. Call Pam G at 839-2802.

**FLEA MARKET
Space is Available!**

Clean out your attic, cupboards, closets or under the bed. Reserve a space at The Ridges' Flea Market on **September 18** and make some money on your 'stuff'!

If you don't want to rent a space, The Ridges is again accepting (after 9/9/10) donations of items for its booth. No furniture, clothes or electronics. Books went VERY fast last year. A beautiful canoe was donated also! Think creatively.

Please call before you donate—*NO white elephants!*

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: _____

Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____ Phone () _____

Email address: _____

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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)