

EXPLORATIONS



Explore The world of nature with some of the Ridges' favorite people. Thursday evenings from 7 PM—8:30 PM at the Baileys Harbor Town Hall.

July 2—"Nature Discovery Night" Hands-on explorations, crafts and snacks for the entire family!

July 9—"Wisconsin's Bats" with Scott Craven. Learn about the major "mosquito beaters!"

July 16—"Everybody Lives Downstream from Somebody Else" with Brian Forest. The latest on that 90% of the Earth's surface!

July 23—"Nature Photography" with Roy Lukes sharing secrets about the great photos that accompany his articles.

July 30—"My Kind of County" with John Fraser Hart. A perspective on the Door.

August 6—"Algae: Not Just Green Stinky Stuff" with Shana Ederer. Develop a new appreciation for the 'other' green plants.

Wild Places Family Fridays! July 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31. Explore different ways to connect to nature as a family with hands-on activities. 10 AM—11:30 AM.

Ridges Rambles Summer Programs

There are still a few openings for the summer kids' programs. Download a registration forms at RidgesSanctuary.org/camps.htm or stop in at The Ridges Nature Center. Openings for kids entering grades 1-6.

Ask at The Nature Center or at the McArdle library in Baileys Harbor about The Ridges' Wild Places initiative to get kids connected with nature. Read more about the benefits of nature exploration at RidgesSanctuary.org/WildPlaces.htm.



DRAGONFLY Workshop

Ramble The Ridges & Pickerel Pond with Paul Burton searching for the famous Hine's emerald dragonfly and its relatives. Learn about their lifestyles and status and how to identify these very colorful and adept skimmers of the flyways!

\$10 adults/\$15 couple. Children under 18 free when accompanied by adult. Pre-registration requested.

(920) 839-2802. **Saturday, July 11** at 9 -11AM. Meet at the Marshall Cabin.

Meet & Munch!

It IS possible to have fun and get some official business done too!

At The Ridges Annual Meeting & Member Picnic. There is a members' meeting at 2 PM at the Baileys Harbor Town Hall and an awesome picnic supper at 5 PM at The Ridges catered by Alexander's of Fish Creek. There will be activities at The Ridges during the meeting for kids and more activities for adults and kids at the picnic.

The Ridges Sanctuary is Wisconsin's oldest member based nature preserve and it needs your input.



Saturday,
August 8.
\$20/adult,
\$10/child.

Coming Up!

Saturdays in July • Discovery Bird Hikes at 6:30 AM

Fridays in July • Wild Places Family Fridays 10-11:30 AM

July 2 • Ridges' Thursday Evening Explorations start at the Town Hall

July 11 • Dragonfly Workshop at Pickerel Pond

July 14 • Training for HED dragonfly survey

July 21 • Volunteer BBQ and Barberry Pirates

July 31 • a 'Round for The Ridges golf outing

Aug 8 • Annual Meeting and Member Picnic

Aug 23 • Volunteer Recognition at Bjorklund

Sept 26 • Ridges Flea Market

Discovery Bird Hikes

Every Saturday morning in July
6:30—8:00 AM
(no hike July 4)



Learn with us as we "discover" the variety of birds found in and around the Ridges Sanctuary. Both beginning and experienced birders are welcome! Meet at The Ridges Nature Center, 8288 Hwy Q, Baileys Harbor. No charge for Ridges members. \$5 donation requested for non-members.

We Wish ...

Copy machine paper

Office Supplies & chocolate

Large plastic covered tubs/bins

Vacuum for the Range Light

\$\$\$ for a riding lawnmower

Underwriter for taxidermy cost for one or all of our frozen zoo!

\$\$\$\$ for our wish list!

Wishes Do Come True!

Watch for the Annual Report for a complete list of those who have generously supported The Ridges.



Gather a foursome and come to Maxwellton Braes golf course for a 9-Hole Scramble with lots of prizes, pizza, salad, and fun. Open to teams of men, women, or mix-it-up!

Plan to sponsor a hole, underwrite the prizes, or just get a foursome together and come out and have fun at Maxwellton Braes golf course. Proceeds from this event support the education programs of The Ridges. Call Ed (839-1475) or George (839-2651)



RIDGES PAST

"The Ridges is not your average walk-in-the woods nature area."

Excerpted from an article in the Appleton Post-Crescent 10/25/86

Notes from the Range Light

6/4/09 First monarch butterfly spotted

6/9/09 Ram's head lady's slipper blooming on Mt. Maple

6/22/09 Hine's emerald dragonflies are out and flying

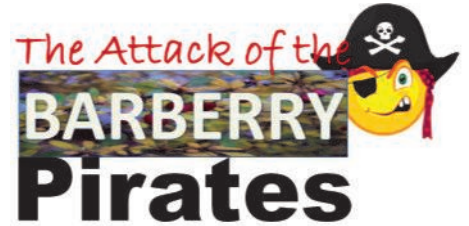
6/25/09 Last of the Dwarf lake iris blossoming

6/26/09 First monarch caterpillar spotted

All Ye Hearty Lads & Lasses!

Spend a morning attacking invasive barberry (we have a 'weed wrench' to make it easier) on Winter Wren trail—then back to the Rangelight for a 'Swashbuckling' barbeque!

July 21 at 9 AM (or earlier if you want!). Any volunteers for walking the Plank?



HERE THERE BE DRAGON(FLIES)



A male Hine's emerald dragonfly Photo by Paul Burton

The Hine's emerald dragonfly was first discovered in Door County in 1987 and there are only a few places in the country where it survives and breeds. Studying its life and numbers is an important part of keeping these Federally endangered populations viable.

Looking for Volunteers!

to learn to identify 'road kill' dragonflies!

This great opportunity to increase your knowledge and skills will involve a few hours of **training on July 14** and then 3-4 days in the last two weeks of July to survey County Q. (It's easier to explain in person!)

We need **two teams of three persons each**. Call Carol at The Ridges if interested. (You will get to wear cool orange vests!!)

Scientists in Rubber Boots

Need an excuse to get out? The Ridges is recruiting interested individuals to join our group of watershed monitor-ers. Starting this month, we will begin sampling streams within the Ridges Watershed system. Some individuals have requested becoming the steward of specific streams, but there are certainly more than a few that need our attention. If you are interested, but have specifics on how much time you can donate- not a problem! We can find an important, fun project tailored to your available hours. If playing scientist in rubber boots is up your alley, please contact Marne at the Ridges office, 920-839-2808. Some people just need to get dirty once in a while to feel *alive*. Do you?

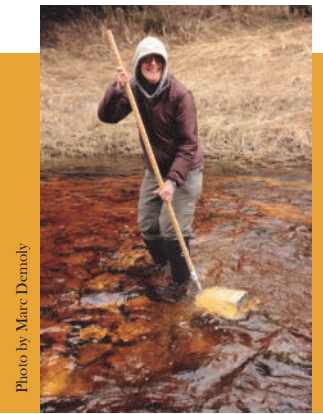


Photo by Marc Demoly

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: _____

Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____ Phone () _____

Email address: _____

Second Address from ____/____/____ to ____/____/____

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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)