

## Up Close with Dragonflies



The ridges & swales are alive with colorful acrobatics of meadowhawks, darners, skimmers, and club-tails. Dragonflies are everywhere!

The Ridges Sanctuary has a major population of the federally

endangered Hine's emerald dragonfly as well as many other species.

Join dragonfly expert Paul Burton as he catches and releases these flying insects on Friday July 9 from 9 AM–Noon. This is a WOW outing!

If you are planning on being in Door County on **July 26th** call Pam (920.839.2802) for a registration form for The Ridges' Third annual **9-Hole Scramble** fundraiser at The Alpine golf course. Lots of Great Prizes! Or plan to come for the **Silent Auction** and Pizza at the Hof Restaurant after. The auction features lots of wonderful donations from members and business. Can't come to golf?—sign up as a donation (\$6.5) or sponsor a hole for \$100!



## Coming Up!

- July 1** • Family Discovery Night—Bugs-Slugs-& More!
- July 2** • Owl Hooting Outing
- July 5** • Owl Hooting Outing
- July 8** • Lake Lessons—A look at "Snake Doctors"
- July 9** • Up Close with Dragonflies
- July 13** • Family Veggie Garden II
- July 15** • Lake Lessons—Rare Plant Communities
- July 15** • Meet & Greet—Invasive species contractors
- July 22** • Lake Lessons—25 Years at Newport
- July 23** • Hands Off! A digital scavenger hunt.
- 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.
- Aug 14** • Family Veggie Garden III—Harvest time!!!
- Aug 15** • Celebrating Our Volunteers
- Aug 27&28** • Monarch Mania

For more information call The Ridges or visit our website [www.RidgesSanctuary.org](http://www.RidgesSanctuary.org)

## Lake Lessons

Come to the Baileys Harbor Town Hall on Thursday evenings through August 12 for some updates on natural history topics by noted botanists, geologists, and other scientists.

- July 1** • Family Discovery Night—lots of hands on and in fun with nature for the young at heart and curious.
- July 8** • Another look at "Snake Doctors"—Learn all that's new and interesting about these beautiful aerial acrobats.
- July 15** • Rare Plant Communities of the Niagara Escarpment—More about the amazing rock ledge on the edge of the Door.
- July 22** • Newport Wilderness Society celebrates 25 years—A quarter century of helping this Wisconsin wilderness park.
- July 29** • Butterflies & Moths of The Ridges and Door County—Discover the secrets of these beautiful fluttering insects.
- Aug 5** • Status of WI Wildlife—There's always something interesting going on with the wild and the woolly of the outdoors.
- Aug 12** • Mosquitos : the good, the bad & the ugly!—In conjunction with our Mosquito Fest we offer some little known truths about 'biting' bugs.

## MEET & MUNCH!

Enjoy an old-fashioned potlatch picnic with fried chicken & all the fixin's after The Ridges Sanctuary's Annual Meeting. Save the Date—**August 7th 2 PM** • Meeting at the Town Hall—be involved in the future of The Ridges **5 PM** • Let's Picnic! At The Ridges



**HANDS OFF! A digital nature scavenger hunt • Friday July 23, 10 AM–Noon**

Explore and save the natural beauty of The Ridges without disturbing the Sanctuary. Bring a digital camera if you can.

**MONARCH MANIA! • 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.

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

## Hats OFF!

To Nature & Reading

Button up some fun this summer 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!

Sign up at the Baileys Harbor McArdle Library. (920) 839-2210.

A part of The Ridges' No Family Left Inside' program.



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.



## We Wish ...

Office Supplies  
Boot/shoe stationary brushes for trailheads  
Cedar wood chips

**Wishes Do Come True!**

For a list of our many wonderful benefactors, go to the "Donors" link at [www.RidgesSanctuary.org](http://www.RidgesSanctuary.org).

## Board Candidates for 2010 Election

**Carl Giessel** • 42 years in banking & equipment leasing.

- Director & VP of Willowbrook Wildlife Fdn—Glen Ellyn
- Enthusiastic Ridges' volunteer for seven years

**Vicki Medland** • Researched impacts of human activity on wetlands' ecology

- Associate Director—Cofrin Center for Biodiversity at UW-GB
- Director for WI Naturalists, fostering volunteer citizen scientists.

**Lawrie Kull** • Retired from Land O' Lakes Dairy Cooperatives.

- Representative on numerous industry boards of directors
- Treasurer of the Clark Lake Association

*Come to the Annual Meeting August 7th and vote*

## Whoooo's in the Woods???

Owl Hooting & Night Hike

Friday July 2 & Monday July 5, 8-10 PM



Take a night hike and call for owls in the forest of The Ridges. Learn about owls' nighttime adaptations with activities along the hike. Bring your night eyes and explore with all your senses!

*Address Service Requested*

**Notes from the Range Light**

**5/28/10** A porcupine almost walked into a group on the trails.

**5/29/10** Hines emerald dragonflies were spotted in The Ridges.



**6/15/10** Did we miss the Clintonia or didn't they blossom?

**6/18/10** Grass pink orchids are profusely blooming down at the beach.

**6/22/10** Annoyed Merlins have been 'screeing' at anyone who walks near the Marshall cabin.

**6/23/10** Over 5-inches of rain has fallen since June 1st.

**Trail Talk at The Ridges**

- **Staff Changes** Aubrey Maccoux has dug right in to the summer naturalist program. Check the box on the front for some of the new activities she's planned.
- Come and enjoy lunch with the staff and other volunteers (or want-to-be volunteers) at our **volunteer cookouts**. Tuesday, July 20, Wednesday, Aug. 18 & Tuesday, Sept. 21.
- **Come with children** to The Ridges! There are activities and strange things to look at through the microscopes and we have a **child back carrier** available for loan when you want to hike the trails. Check the front for all the family and children's programming this summer.
- **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. Do you have 3 1/2 hours to give to The Ridges? Call Pam G at 839-2802.
- Sign up your kids, grandkids, nieces, nephews for **The Ridges' Summer Science & Nature explorations**. Call The Ridges or visit our website for more information or a registration form. There are still openings. Guaranteed the kids will have fun (and learn some nature lore)!
- Watch for The Ridges' ad in the American Folklore Theatre program book! **After you've hiked the bridges at The Ridges**, sit under the stars at AFT and enjoy one of their three original shows. Great for kids too!
- Save the date for our **revenge on the MOSQUITO!** August 13th.



**Do You Have a Minute? Or an hour?**

Many of you battle invasive species in your yards and neighborhoods. Each of those minutes and hours are valuable to the effort to keep Door County beautiful!

The Ridges needs your help in counting those hours. Volunteer hours controlling invasive species helps match grant dollars.

For a form call Marne at The Ridges or visit our website at [www.RidgesSanctuary.org](http://www.RidgesSanctuary.org) and click on "Invasive"

**THOSE WERE THE DAYS!**

School trips to enjoy the wildflowers—wedding pictures—quiet reflection times—a special glimpse of nature—stories about people involved with The Ridges—a 'first time' moment—reminiscences of the founders, members or Roy or Paul.

Our Volunteer, Cathleen Haskins, is working diligently on our Ridges' Memories Project. If you have a short anecdote or longer story about an aspect of The Ridges or the impact it has made on your life—please send a note to Memories Project • The Ridges Sanctuary • PO Box 152 • Baileys Harbor WI 54202. or email to [info@RidgesSanctuary.org](mailto:info@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 New?  or Renewal?

Additional Donation: \_\_\_\_\_ \$25 \_\_\_\_\_ \$50 \_\_\_\_\_ \$100 \_\_\_\_\_ \$150 \_\_\_\_\_ Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Check enclosed  Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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