

February 18, 2010

THE RIDGES SANCTUARY

Preservation, education and research since 1937

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2010



December 12, 2009 • THE RIDGES' NATURAL CHRISTMAS, BAILEYS HARBOR

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January 8, 15, 22, 29 • GUIDED SNOWSHOE HIKES AT THE RIDGES SANCTUARY, BAILEYS HARBOR

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January 9 • NO FAMILY LEFT INSIDE -SNOWSHOE HIKE

This series of Family Events is a collaborative effort with the Northern Door YMCA. To encourage families to re-connect with the outdoors, we are inviting you to attend any or all of the events scheduled for the second weekend of the month. (Jan 9, Feb 13, and March 12).

Location: The Ridges Sanctuary, 8288 Hwy Q, Baileys Harbor. Strap on a pair of snowshoes and take to the trails at The Ridges! Snowshoeing is easy and fun for all ages, and a great way to explore the winter woods. Along the way, you might identify animal tracks, learn how snow can actually keep wildlife warm, and study the science of snowflakes. Hot chocolate to warm up after the hike! Limit: 15 • 10:00 AM – Noon • Registration: Call the YMCA at 868-3640



February 5, 12, 19, 26 • GUIDED SNOWSHOE HIKES AT THE RIDGES SANCTUARY, BAILEYS HARBOR

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February 6 • THE RIDGES' GREAT WAFFLE BREAKFAST, BAILEYS HARBOR TOWN HALL

Waffles in all shapes and sizes made by The Ridges Sanctuary staff and volunteers. Top your waffles off with Door County grown and produced maple syrup and cherry sauce. Games to keep the kids occupied and 'eating breakfast' music. 9 AM – 11 AM. Free-will Donation to cover costs. Call The Ridges (920) 839-2802.

February 13 • NO FAMILY LEFT INSIDE - GEOCACHING

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Geocaching has been described as a “high-tech treasure hunt.” After discussing what geocaching is, how it got started, and some of the tips and tricks, you’ll head into the woods to seek out a cache hidden within The Ridges Sanctuary. A few GPS units will be available for use during the session, or you can bring your own.

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March 1—April 12 • ‘READING THE RIDGES’ – ART SHOW AT THE LINK GALLERY, FISH CREEK

Works from Door County artists tell the story of The Ridges Sanctuary in paint, clay, fiber, wood, and metal . All works are reflective of or inspired by the natural areas of the ridges and swales of The Ridges Sanctuary or the old growth forest of Logan Creek

March 12 • NO FAMILY LEFT INSIDE - WANDER THE WOODS AFTER DARK

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Have you ever explored the outdoors at night? Too scary? 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 (put red cellophane over the lens so you don’t affect night vision) if you’d like.

Limit: 15 • Friday, March 12, 7:00 – 8:30 PM • Registration: Call the YMCA at 868-3640

April 17 • Midwest Crane Foundation Crane Count

Location: Various locations in Door County

Be a part of the ongoing study these large impressive birds. An outreach of the Midwest Crane Foundation. Volunteers needed from 5:30 AM - 7:30 AM.

Saturday, April 17, 5:30 AM-7:30 AM • Call the Karen at 839-2802 or karen@RidgesSanctuary.org

April 17 • NO FAMILY LEFT INSIDE - SIGNS OF SPRING -- BIRDS, BUGS, & BUDS

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Be the first to sight a sign of Spring. Look high and low and in-between to catch the creatures and plants as they come out of their winter sleep. Watch for the first birds, or maybe listen for the quack of the first wood frogs, or dig in the leaf litter for scurrying bugs as they welcome warmer weather.

Limit: 15 • Saturday, April 17, 10:00 – NOON • Registration: Call the YMCA at 868-3640



May 1 • THE RIDGES’ SPRING FUN/WORK DAY

Celebrate the Spring Peepers and trailing arbutus by helping The Ridges ‘spruce’ up for the upcoming summer season.

May • GUIDED NATURE HIKES AT THE RIDGES SANCTUARY, BAILEYS HARBOR

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May 14 • NO FAMILY LEFT INSIDE – FROG WALK

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All the male frogs in the sanctuary are proclaiming their love for some little green cutie. Listen to their deafening chorus and learn a little about their watery lifestyle during this early evening hike.

Limit: 15 • Saturday, May 14, 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM • Registration: Call the YMCA at 868-3640



May 8, 15, 22 • DISCOVERY BIRD WALKS

Bird enthusiasts of all abilities, ages, and interest explore the great birding 'hot spots' in the Baileys Harbor area. Meet at the Marshall cabin at The Ridges Sanctuary. 6:30 AM – 8:30 AM.

May 27-29 • DOOR COUNTY FESTIVAL OF NATURE

The Ridges Sanctuary joins forces with five local conservation groups to offer guided field trips through some of Door County's unique and beautiful natural areas, many not generally open to the public. Evening presentations, early morning bird walks, canoe and boat trips. Pre-registration required. Info (920) 839-2802 or www.RidgesSanctuary.org.

June • THE RIDGES NATURE CENTER ACTIVITIES

Visit the Nature Center at The Ridges Sanctuary and explore the most recent 'find' -- a butterfly wing, a wasp nest, lichen, leaf veins, etc, Get close to nature with our microscopes and bug boxes. Monday—Saturday 9 AM – 4 PM, Sunday Noon—3 PM.

June 5, 12, 19, 26 • DISCOVERY BIRD WALKS

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June 12 • NO FAMILY LEFT INSIDE – SKITTERING CRITTERS

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Use nets, buckets, hands, or feet to scoop up some macro-invertebrates at Peil Pond.

It's shallow, warm water so don't be afraid to get your feet wet! Once you start looking,

you'll notice polliwogs, caddis fly larvae, whirligigs, diving beetles, and all manner of tiny skittering critters.

Limit: 15 • Saturday, June 12, 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM • Registration: Call the YMCA at 868-3640



June 19 • THE RIDGES' RIDE FOR NATURE

Bicycle the backroads of Door County and support the education programs of The Ridges Sanctuary. Sagwagon, rest stops, well-marked routes, nature notes, and a delicious pasta lunch. Register online at www.RidgesSanctuary.org or call: (920) 839-2802. 7:30 AM – 3:00 PM.

June 24 • THE RIDGES' "Lake Lessons" THURSDAY EVENING PRESENTATION, BAILEYS HARBOR TOWN HALL

Experts from many fields share their interests with you in an informal, relaxed approach to nature. Programs on a variety of topics at 7 PM every Thursday evening from June 24 – August 5.



June 28-30 • THE RIDGES' KIT CAMP, BAILEYS HARBOR

Explore nature with activities, nature art, storytime, snack, hikes, and rambles through The Ridges. Age 4 – entering Kindergarten. Three mornings, 9 AM—Noon. Registration required. Cost \$60 (\$10 discount for Ridges members). Parents are encouraged to stay and explore along with their child.

July Mondays—Saturdays • GUIDED NATURE HIKES AT THE RIDGES SANCTUARY, BAILEYS HARBOR

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July • DRAGONFLY WORKSHOPS AT THE RIDGES SANCTUARY, BAILEYS HARBOR

Dragonflies are beautiful and mysterious. Learn from a licensed dragonfly expert about the lives and loves of the aerial acrobats. Children and adults are captivated as they spend a morning capturing, studying, and releasing many different kinds of dragonflies, including the Federally endangered Hine's Emerald dragonfly. Door County has the largest population of this wonderful green-eyed insect. Info: (920) 839-2802.

July 1 • THE RIDGES FAMILY DISCOVERY NIGHT, BAILEYS HARBOR TOWN HALL

The Ridges Sanctuary invites kids and adults to explore nature with lots of hand-on and hands-in activities! Crafts, games, nature activities, up close and personal views of water critters and a natural snack. From 7 PM – 8:30 pm.

July 5, 12, 19, & 26 • THE RIDGES' FOXES Kids Programs, BAILEYS HARBOR

Take a close-up look at the animals of all shapes and sizes that make their homes at The Ridges. Each day's activities include a hike, games, stories, and a snack. Entering Grades 1 –2. Sign up for one or all sessions, 9 AM—Noon. Registration required. Cost \$25 per session (\$5 discount for Ridges members).

July 7, 14, 21, & 28 • THE RIDGES' EXPLORERS Kids Programs, BAILEYS HARBOR

Outdoor adventures, rambles in The Ridges education area, hikes on the trails, and nature art fill a busy morning along with discussions of our impact on the environment. Entering Grades 3 –6. Sign up for one or all sessions, 9 AM—Noon. Registration required. Cost \$25 per session (\$5 discount for Ridges members).

July 30 • a'ROUND FOR THE RIDGES & a'ROUND OF FUN

Nine-hole golf scramble to benefit The Ridges Sanctuary with an evening of pizza, fun, and the County's Best Silent Auction for those who golf and for those who don't. Location: TBA Time: 3 PM tee off and 5 PM for pizza, refreshments, and the silent auction!



July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 • DISCOVERY BIRD WALKS

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August • MONARCH BUTTERFLY WORKSHOPS AT THE RIDGES SANCTUARY, BAILEYS HARBOR

Share an adventure with a child as you learn about the various life stages of the beautiful Monarch butterfly and then go out with the naturalist to capture, tag and release these delicate creatures. You can then follow the monarch migration to Mexico on the internet at <http://www.learner.org/jnorth/>. Info: (920) 839-2802.

August 2–4 • CAMP TAIGA I , THE RIDGES SANCTUARY, BAILEYS HARBOR

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September 18 • THE RIDGES’ RECYCLE EXTRAVAGANZA—FLEA MARKET, BAILEYS HARBOR

Clean out the attic and set up a booth or donate items to benefit The Ridges Sanctuary. Vendors and The Ridges’ Sanctuary set up booths to recycle gently used ‘treasures’. 8:30 AM-2 PM in conjunction with Baileys Harbor AutumnFest. Call to reserve a spot or donate items: (920) 839-2802.



October 3 • THE RIDGES’ FALL FUN/WORK DAY

Intrepid volunteers gather for a morning of wood chip hauling, cleaning, repairing, etc. getting The Ridges ready for winter. Gathering for conversation with hot cider, cornbread, brownies and awesome chili is a part of the fun.

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