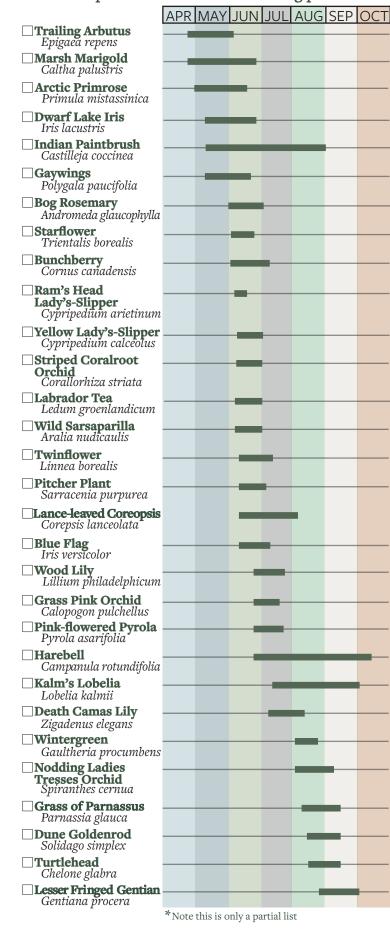
Beautiful Blooms

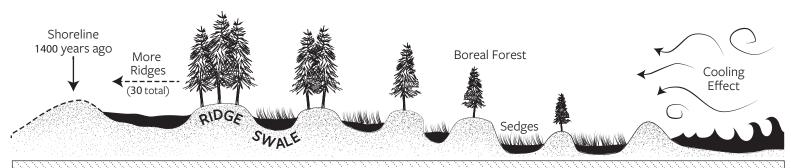
Seasonal species list of native flowering plants*



The Lands We Protect

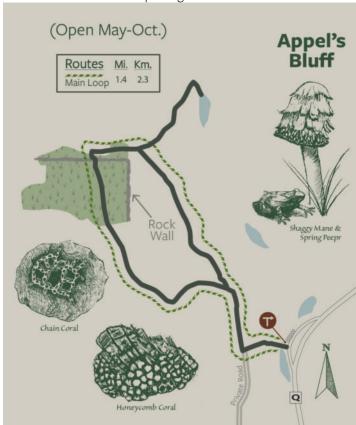
The Ridges Sanctuary, Wisconsin's first land trust, was founded in 1937 to conserve the original 40-acre parcel. Today it protects 1,600 acres of one of the most biologically diverse ecosystems in the state. Our conservation and stewardship work is an integral part of the character of our community. Our campus comprises six very distinct areas: Hidden Brook, the Baileys Harbor Range Lights, the Sanctuary, the Family Discovery Trail, Logan Creek and Appel's Bluff. It conserves critical wildlife habitat and diverse ecosystems, protects natural landmarks and scenic landscapes and facilitates important research initiatives essential to the future of the Sanctuary and Door County. Perhaps most importantly, it provides environmental education opportunities to explore and connect with the natural world and inspires a legacy of conservation for our children and grandchildren to inherit and enjoy.

Meandering along our sanctuary trails, you are walking atop ridges that were built by Lake Michigan's receding shoreline. Running parallel to the ridges are water-filled wetlands called swales. Boardwalks allow you to safely cross over swales and provide spectacular long views down these wetlands. Baileys Harbor faces almost directly south allowing winds cooled by the lake to create the ideal conditions for a boreal forest including 11 species of conifers. Springtime carpets the sanctuary in wildflowers and an abundance of rare plant species that flourish through summer. Monarch butterflies, Hine's Emerald dragonflies and over 60 bird species can be spotted. Fall brings fungi and warm colors including magnificent tamaracks painting the swales in gold. Trails are well-marked and easy to follow. With the exceptions of the Family Discovery Trail and Appel's Bluff, our trails are open year-round for hiking and snowshoeing.



Dolomite Limestone Bedrock

Directions: Head north on Hwy 57 for 0.5 miles and turn east (right) on Cty Q. Travel 0.8 miles and turn west (left) at 8523 Cty Q and continue on 50 feet to parking lot on the left.



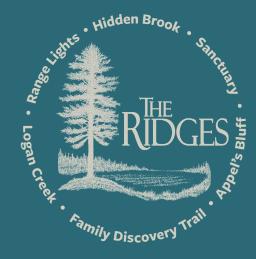
This diverse property offers a view of the ancient Lake Nipissing shoreline, wooded trails, and an open field lined with rock walls, birches and aspen. Keen observers can find a variety of fossils from the Silurian Period including honeycomb and chain corals.

Directions: Head south on Hwy 57 for 9 miles through Jacksonport. Turn east (left) on Loritz Rd. and travel 0.1 miles to parking lot on the left at 5724 Loritz Rd.



This beautiful parcel of 170 acres has over 4,500 feet of Clark Lake shoreline. Mature beech, hemlock and sugar maples create the forest canopy, and in the spring, the forest floor is carpeted with Trillium, Hepatica, Bellwort, and other spring wildflowers.

TRAIL MAP



Trails Open Daily Dawn-Dusk \$5-Adult, free for members & children under 18



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