Beautiful Blooms
Seasonal species list of native flowering plants

Lesser Fringed Gentian
Turtlehead
Dune Goldenrod
Tresses Orchid
Nodding Ladies
Wintergreen
Death Camas Lily
Kalm's Lobelia
Harebell
Pink-flowered Pyrola
Grass Pink Orchid
Wood Lily
Blue Flag
Pitcher Plant
Twinflower
Linnea borealis
Gentianopsis virgata
Chelone glabra
Solidago simplex
Parnassia glauca
Spiranthes cernua
Gaultheria procumbens
Zigadenus elegans
Lobelia kalmii
Campanula rotundifolia
Pyrola asarifolia
Calopogon tuberosus
Iris versicolor
Coreopsis lanceolata
Sarracenia purpurea
Aralia nudicaulis
Corallorhiza striata
Cypripedium parviflorum
Cornus canadensis
Lisimachra borealis
Andromeda polifolia
Polygala paucifolia
Castilleja coccinea
Iris lacustris
Caltha palustris
Epigaea repens
Primula mistassinica
Lillium philadelphicum
Chain Coral

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 carps 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.

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Shoreline 1400 years ago

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 8323 Cty Q and continue on 50 feet to parking lot on the left.

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.
Trails convert for snowshoeing during the winter months, excluding the Family Discovery Trail & Appel’s Bluff. In order to maintain boardwalks, Hidden Brook trail is rerouted (see above).