The mission of the Door County Festival of Nature is to cooperatively celebrate and promote the protection of Door County's natural landscapes and all its components. This is done through a variety of indoor and outdoor educational sessions on wildflowers, birds and the important land and resource conservation efforts taking place in Door County.

Celebrating the Natural Beauty of the Door Peninsula

...drink in the beauty and wonder at the meaning of what you see. 

Rachel Carson
Join The Ridges Sanctuary in 2021 celebrating 19 years of “The Door County Festival of Nature”. Historically, the Festival of Nature has been a three-day experience held over Memorial Day weekend. Over 19 years, thousands of people have come to Door County to revel in the natural beauty of the Door Peninsula.

This year, we have redesigned the 19th Annual Festival of Nature to accommodate potential impacts and restrictions brought about by COVID. This year, so you won't miss out on the opportunity to experience the natural beauty of the Door Peninsula, we will continue the celebration the entire season beginning May 28th and ending August 29th.

Based on CDC recommendations, here is what you can expect this 2021 season:

- Programs will be offered virtually and in person.
- Field trips will be held on Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays.
- We have limited the number of participants in each session.
- We are also ensuring that programs are 100% outdoors and socially distanced.
- We will be following all current recommendations regarding masking and social distancing.
- We have removed bus tours from this year’s experience; however, we recommend carpooling with those in your own party.

An additional change to the 2021 Festival of Nature experience, is that we will be utilizing email marketing to keep you connected with what is to come and inform you of any changes throughout the season. If you would like to stay informed, join our email list. Email: Katie at katie@ridgessanctuary.org.

We are so excited and look forward to sharing the wonders of Door County with you.

See you on the Trails!

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The mission of the Greater Escarpment Organization of Door County is to cultivate knowledge and stewardship of the Niagara Escarpment and its geological, ecological, and cultural wonders through raising awareness in people of all ages and from all walks of life. Further information about us can be found at our website and Facebook: www.geo-dc.org and Facebook.com/geo.doorcounty.

The Nature Conservancy is a global conservation organization guided by science and dedicated to conserving the lands and waters on which all life depends. We have worked with landowners, communities, and other partners in Door County since 1962 to protect nearly 8,000 acres of ecologically-significant lands and waters, including at our four preserves on the Door Peninsula: Mink River, North Bay-Mud Lake, Kangaroo Lake, and Shivering Sands. Learn more about us at nature.org/Wisconsin.

Come experience Björklunden ~ a 441 acre estate located just south of Baileys Harbor. If you’re in search of a unique adventure that combines relaxation with education, Björklunden has just
what you’re looking for. The Björklunden seminar program provides an opportunity for you to spend a week at the Lodge attending an engaging and thought-provoking class in the mornings while giving you ample time to explore beautiful Door County in the afternoons. We like to call it a “vacation with a focus”. Björklunden is also home to the Boynton Chapel which is open for tours on Monday and Wednesday afternoons from 1-4pm mid-June through August. The Chapel is available for weddings and bus tours, too! The facilities are also available for use by private, public and corporate groups. Lawrence.edu/s/björklunden · 920.839.2216.

The Clearing, a folk school for adults in Ellison Bay, offers classes in the arts and fine crafts, humanities and natural sciences. The Clearing was founded in 1935 by renowned landscape architect and conservationist, Jens Jensen, and is on the State and National Registers of Historic Places. For information, stop at the visitor center at 12171 Garrett Bay Road in Ellison Bay, call 920-854-4088 or visit www.theclearing.org.

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Come enjoy the unique experience of birds or prey in a natural environment! Be awed and inspired by close encounters with raptors during a 1-hour program, talk with educators, see and touch artifacts and visit birds on display. With 34 acres of serene landscape, 3 different scenic hikes and a picnic area, make it an afternoon to remember! Open to the public every Saturday between June 20-September 5; Friday 7/3 and Sunday 9/6. Program at 1pm, guided trail hike 2:30pm - open 12-4pm. (Private tours available at any time by appointment).
Pre-Registration is required for all Festival of Nature Programs

Registration
Registration opens Monday, April 26th at 10am.
Registration is easy – go to www.RidgesSanctuary.org/education/festival-of-nature or call 920-839-2802. We’ll confirm your registration by email.

There is a maximum number of participants allowed for each field trip or program, so registering early is the best way to ensure you get to participate in the activities you want.

Walk-In Registration and Program Packets
Walk-in registration is available at The Cook-Albert Fuller Nature Center, 8166 HWY 57, Baileys Harbor, WI, during business hours. Please check our website for current hours as they change throughout the year.

Program packet materials will be included in your registration confirmation email. Please keep the email handy, as it will include driving directions, special instructions, and your itinerary.

Program Fees
Program Fees vary from $25 to $50 per person per program. Prices listed with each program description.

Youth Program Fees*: Under 12 = $5  12-15 = $15  16 and up = $25
*Fees subject to variability depending on program. Pricing structure listed above is suitable for all $25 programs. Visit our website for breakdown of all program fees.

Cancellation & Refund Policy
The Door County Festival of Nature reserves the right to cancel an activity or field trip when necessary. If a trip is canceled, you will be notified as soon as possible so that you may select an alternate trip or receive a full refund. You can cancel your registration by email or phone. Cancellations made 14 days prior to the program start date will be refunded in full minus a $10 processing fee. Cancellations made between 3 and 13 days prior to the program start date will be refunded at 50% of the total fees. Refunds will not be issued for cancellations made less than 2 days prior to the program start date.

The North, South and Central areas on the map correspond to designations at the end of each field trip description and will help you to determine the general location of each trip.

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Visit our website, www.RidgesSanctuary.org, to sign up or find more information on our Youth Education Programs!
Be sure to follow us on Instagram (@ridgessanctuary) and on Facebook (The Ridges Sanctuary, Inc.) for more information on upcoming events!
Masks are required for all programming.
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Multiple Offerings:
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1.B: Saturday, May 29, 9AM-12PM
1.C: Sunday, May 30, 9AM-12PM
1.D: Friday, June 25, 9AM-12PM
1.E: Friday, July 23, 9AM-12PM
1.F: Friday, August 27, 9AM-12PM

Leader: Shoreline Charters
Fee: $50

Head out into the waters of Deaths Door Passage and experience the lighthouses and learn about maritime life back in the day. You will also stop on Plum Island to view the natural beauty of this part of the Green Bay National Wildlife Refuge. Learn about the natural and maritime history aspects of the area and the natural communities. Bald Eagle Nests, a small wetland complex and a multitude of migratory birds will be easy to view during this tour.

Suitable for ages 16 and up.
NORTH. Meet: Shoreline Charters, Gills Rock
Limit: 12

2. Lighthouse Bike Tour

Friday, May 28, 9AM-12PM

Leader: Bill Wolff
Fee: $25

Recently celebrating their 150th anniversaries, The Baileys Harbor Range Lights and Cana Island Lighthouse will be on full display during this bike ride. This bike ride includes a beautiful ride down County Q and tours of both the Lighthouse and Range Lights. Bring your own bike and shoes that you don’t mind hiking in. Total biking distance is approximately 12 miles round-trip with stops and breaks along the way. Suitable for ages 16 and up.
CENTRAL. Meet: Cabins at The Ridges Sanctuary, Baileys Harbor
Limit: 12

3. Wildflowers Galore!

Multiple Offerings:
3.A: Friday, May 28, 10AM-12:30PM
3.B: Saturday, May 29, 1PM-3:30PM

Leader: Julie Knox and Jane Whitney
Fee: $25

The spring wildflowers at Logan Creek are not to be missed! We will walk at a leisurely pace along the wildflower path taking our time to discover the hidden beauties and to ID those flowers we don't know. After enjoying the wildflower display, we will hike the remainder of the Logan Creek trails which pass through various habitats on the way to Clark Lake and Logan Creek. Hike is a leisurely 2 miles. Sections of the trails likely to be very muddy. Wear shoes appropriate for hiking. Suitable for ages 16 and up.
CENTRAL. Meet: Logan Creek Preserve, Jacksonport
Limit: 12

4. Trees and Shrubs of the Niagara Escarpment

Multiple Offerings:
4.A: Friday, May 28, 1PM-3:30PM
4.B: Friday, June 4, 1PM-3:30PM

Leader: Mike Schneider
Fee: $25

Enjoy an afternoon walk along the edge of the beautiful Niagara Escarpment at The Clearing in Ellison Bay. Mike Schneider will focus on the plants that grow along and near the edge of the escarpment, highlighted by the ancient arborvitae (white cedar) trees, the oldest trees in North America east of the Rocky Mountains. The hike is along well-established Clearing trails. This hike is sponsored by The Clearing. Suitable for ages 16 and up.
NORTH. Meet: The Clearing Folk School, Ellison Bay
Limit: 8
5. Experience the Brey Cycle Demo Farm
Friday, May 28, 1:30PM-4PM  ■
**Leader:** Brey Cycle Demo Farm & NRCS  ■
**Fee:** $25  ■
See where milk comes from and how sustainability is behind every decision on this fourth-generation family farm. Learn about modern dairy farming and how milk is sustainably produced, from the crops to the cows. Get up close with the animals as you learn about the life of a calf through becoming a member of the milking herd. We'll also show you some of the land we use to grow crops to feed our animals and talk about the conservation practices used. Cycle Farm is part of the Door-Kewanee Demonstration Farm network, testing various innovative practices to help increase organic matter, improve soil health, and reduce soil erosion and nutrient loss. **Suitable for ages 16 and up.**  ■
**SOUTH. Meet:** Brey Cycle Farm LLC, Sturgeon Bay  ■
**Limit:** 12  ■

6. Explore Toft Point  ■
Friday, May 28, 1:30PM-4PM  ■
**Leader:** Charlotte Lukes  ■
**Fee:** $25  ■
Over two miles of rocky Lake Michigan shoreline, 440 species of vascular plants, and 17 species of nesting warblers – these are only some of the features that make Toft Point one of Wisconsin's most outstanding natural areas. Plant communities found here include boreal and mesic forests, sedge meadow, and tamarack swamp. This area is also known for its diversity on non-flowering plants such as mosses and ferns. Moderate hiking, possibly with some wet spots. **Suitable for ages 16 and up.**  ■
**CENTRAL. Meet:** Baileys Harbor Town Hall  ■
**Limit:** 8  ■

7. Ellison Bay Bluff Exploration  ■
Saturday, May 29, 9AM-11:30AM  ■
**Leader:** Coggin Heeringa  ■
**Fee:** $25  ■
This county park is known for its spectacular scenery. The tour will start with geologic history, but once on the trails, the group will examine a plethora of spring wildflowers to make this an unforgettable spring trip. Moderate hiking. **Suitable for ages 16 and up.**  ■
**NORTH. Meet:** Ellison Bluff County Park, Ellison Bay  ■
**Limit:** 10  ■

8. Waseda Farms Tour  ■
**Multiple Offerings:**  ■
8.A: Saturday, May 29, 10AM-12:30PM  ■
8.B: Saturday, May 29, 1:30PM-4PM  ■
**Leader:** Waseda Farms Family  ■
**Fee:** $25  ■
Explore the historic organic farm on an exploratory tractor & wagon ride. Formerly farmed by the Catholic Priests of the Sacred Heart, Waseda Farms is home to cattle grazing on more than 500 acres of beautiful perennial grass pastures in Baileys Harbor. The Certified Organic farm raises cattle, pigs, and chickens and grows fruits, vegetables, and herbs in their 2-acre garden. Waseda Farms was the first in Wisconsin to implement a cattle handling system developed by world renowned animal behavior expert Temple Grandin. Through improved farming practices that are better for people, animals, and the earth, Waseda Farms works to inspire better eating and better living. **Suitable for ages 10 and up.**  ■
**CENTRAL. Meet:** Waseda Farms, Baileys Harbor  ■
**Limit:** 10  ■
9. Horseshoe Bay Farms Tour

Multiple Offerings:
9.A: Saturday, May 29, 10AM-12PM
9.B: Saturday, June 12, 10AM-12PM
9.C: Saturday, July 10, 10AM-12PM
9.D: Saturday, August 14, 10AM-12PM
Leader: HSBF Tour Leaders
Fee: $25

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CENTRAL. Meet: Horseshoe Bay Farms, Egg Harbor
Limit: 8

10. Lakeside Coastal Tour

Multiple Offerings:
10.A: Saturday, May 29, 1PM-3PM
10.B: Friday, June 11, 1PM-3PM
10.C: Friday, July 9, 1PM-3PM
10.D: Friday, August 13, 1PM-3PM
Leader: Shoreline Charters
Fee: $50

Head out into the sparkling waters of Lake Michigan on the retired US Navy boat, the “Water Taxi.” The boat got its name from its years of residence in Chicago, ferrying passengers along the Chicago River. The crew of “Water Taxi” will navigate the rustic shoreline of Lake Michigan. Passengers will experience the unique landscape of the region teeming with rich history and view historic lighthouses that aided the Lake Michigan shipping industry. Suitable for ages 16 and up.
CENTRAL. Meet: Baileys Harbor Marina
Limit: 14

11. Get To Know Wisconsin Sedges
Sunday, May 30, 9AM-12PM
Leader: Andrew Hipp
Fee: $25

Sedges (Cyperaceae) are dominant members of North America’s wetland flora, and exceedingly important to the ecology of bogs and fens. In this hike, we will learn the basics of sedge identification, learn to distinguish sedges from rushes and grasses, and identify as many of the sedges as we can, with an emphasis on the genus Carex (which has more than 150 species in Wisconsin, approximately half of which can be found in Door County alone!). Bring a 10x hand lens. A copy of “Field Guide to Wisconsin Sedges” will be handy, but it is not required. Suitable for ages 16 and up.
CENTRAL. Meet: Cook-Albert Fuller Nature Center, Baileys Harbor
Limit: 8

12. Introduction To The Plants of The Ridges
Sunday, May 30, 1:30PM-4PM
Leader: Andrew Hipp
Fee: $25

The Ridges Sanctuary has a unique flora, where bog, fen, and boreal forest intersects. In this hike, we will learn to identify some of the northern Wisconsin wildflowers, shrubs, and trees of The Ridges. Participants do not need to have prior knowledge of the flora. Bring a 10x hand lens. A copy of “Wildflowers of Wisconsin and the Great Lakes Region” will be handy, but it is not required. Suitable for ages 16 and up.
CENTRAL. Meet: Cook-Albert Fuller Nature Center, Baileys Harbor
Limit: 8
13. Europe Lake Exploration
Friday, June 4, 9AM-11:30AM
Leader: Coggin Heeringa
Fee: $25
Take a hike through the dunes to Europe Lake and the rocky headlands of Newport State Park in search of wildflowers and birds. You'll also learn about the geology of this unique and fragile area. Bring binoculars. Some hills. Suitable for ages 16 and up.
NORTH. Meet: Hotz Memorial Town Park, Ellison Bay
Limit: 10

14. Kayak Logan Creek
Multiple Offerings:
14.A: Friday, June 4, 1:30PM-4PM
14.B: Friday, July 23, 1:30PM-4PM
Leader: Katie Krouse
Fee: $25
Owned by The Ridges, the 170 acres located at the north end of Clark Lake is comprised of a variety of habitats. Paddle along with us and enjoy all of it from the water! We will put in at Clark Lake and take a leisurely trip into Logan Creek. Experience this diverse community filled with many birds, shorelines full of spring flowers and numerous aquatic plants. Glide through the pond lilies and part the bulrushes as we talk about the cultural and natural history of this beautiful inland lake fed by Logan Creek. Easy paddle. Bring binoculars, your own canoe/kayak, paddles and PFDs. Length of trip may vary, based on wind conditions. BRING YOUR OWN KAYAK. Suitable for ages 16 and up.
Central. Meet: Clark Lake Boat Launch, Jacksonport
Limit: 10

15. Clark Lake Bike Tour
Saturday, June 5, 9AM-11:30AM
Leader: Matt Peter
Fee: $25
Come explore Door County's second largest lake while biking around its beautiful surroundings. Join Matt Peter from the Boys & Girls Club of Door County on this family-friendly tour around Clark Lake. Start at Logan Creek to view a brilliant display of spring wildflowers, learn about the geological features of Clark Lark and explore the limestone cliffs of Cave Point. Bring your own bike and shoes that you don't mind hiking in. Total biking distance is approximately 10 miles with stops and breaks along the way. Suitable for ages 12 and up.
SOUTH. Meet: Logan Creek Preserve Trailhead, Jacksonport
Limit: 10

16. What Have We Done To Deserve All These Cranes?
VIRTUAL Thursday, June 10, 6PM-7PM
Leader: Stanley Temple sponsored by the GEO-DC
Fee: $25
In recent years islands and sandbars along the Wisconsin River have hosted ever-growing numbers of Greater Sandhill Cranes as they prepare to depart for their wintering areas. Flocks of upwards of 10,000 birds converge on the stretch of the river above and below the Aldo Leopold's Shack each fall. That's a large proportion of the cranes that now nest in Wisconsin. Why has there been such an impressive resurgence in the crane population since Aldo Leopold worried about its impending extirpation 80 years ago, and what attracts all these birds to the vicinity of the Shack? Professor Stan Temple will review the remarkable recovery of Midwestern sandhill cranes, describe their migratory behavior and discuss some of the recent controversies, such as crane hunting, that have attended their new status as an abundant bird.
17. Björklunden Tour

Multiple Offerings:
17.A: Friday, June 11, 9AM-11:30AM
17.B: Friday, July 9, 9AM-11:30AM
17.C: Friday, August 13, 9AM-11:30AM
Leader: Jane Whitney
Fee: $25
A mile of shoreline, ancient ledges, coniferous forest, a stave church! Björklunden has it all! We’ll hike along the water’s edge, explore the ledge formed 4,500 years ago by Lake Nippising, visit a wind turbine, and finish with a 30-minute tour of Boynton Chapel, a stave church built right on the property. A 2-mile hike over uneven ground with a moderate incline. Wear appropriate footwear. Suitable for ages 16 and up.
CENTRAL. Meet: Björklunden, Baileys Harbor
Limit: 8

18. Explore Open Door Bird Sanctuary

Multiple Offerings:
18.A: Friday, June 11, 1:30-3:30PM
18.B: Sunday, August 15, 1:30-3:30PM
Leader: Open Door Bird Sanctuary Team
Fee: $25
Take a look behind the scenes at Open Door Bird Sanctuary – the only facility of its kind in Door County! Besides the rare opportunity to see the ODBS raptors up close and personal in their sanctuary mews, this tour will also feature actual feeding of the raptors, a photo op with one of the sanctuary birds, and a guided trail hike highlighting the sanctuary’s various ecosystems. ODBS is a nature center devoted to raptor and environmental education. Suitable for all ages.
SOUTH. Meet: Open Door Bird Sanctuary, Jacksonport
Limit: 8

9. Explore The Mink River Estuary

Saturday, June 12, 1PM-3:30PM
Leader: Coggin Heeringa
Fee: $25
This gentle trail travels through a series of habitats, offering a variety of wildflowers and birds. The destination is the Mink River, a productive estuary often good for birding. Suitable for ages 16 and up.
NORTH. Meet: Schoenbrunn Trailhead, Ellison Bay
Limit: 10

20. Nature At Night

Saturday, June 12, 8PM-10PM
Leader: The Ridges Sanctuary and The Boys and Girls Club of Door County Teams
Fee: $25
Just like we rely on the daylight to keep us active, many critters rely on the darkness of the night to keep them active. Come learn about night flyers, nighttime sounds, and even the dark sky. This program will be a combination of guided and independent activities with instruction from The Ridges Sanctuary staff and volunteers, and Matt Peter from the Boys & Girls Club of Door County. Moderate hiking involved. Suitable for all ages.
SOUTH. Meet: Logan Creek Preserve Trailhead, Jacksonport
Limit: 15
21. **Bushwhacking Adventure**  ■

**Sunday, June 13, 1PM-3:30PM**  
**Leader:** Jane Whitney and Julie Knox  
**Fee:** $25  
Ready for adventure? Join us as we hike off trail for a STRENUOUS bushwhacking adventure. Expect to climb over and crawl under logs, wade in water (could be knee-deep), and push through underbrush. Expect to get wet, dirty, and buggy. No whining!! Good endurance, knees, and balance are required. This is not a long hike, but because of the difficulty, it will be at a slow pace.  
**Wear knee-high boots (not mid-calf) or shoes that can get wet and muddy. Suitable for ages 16 and up.**  
**CENTRAL. Meet:** Baileys Harbor Town Hall  
**Limit:** 8

22. **Up Close with Aquatic Plants: Above and Under The Water**  ■

**Thursday, June 17, 6PM-7PM**  
**Leader:** Paul Skawinski  
**Fee:** $25  
Join aquatic botanist Paul Skawinski as he dives into aquatic plants to get you up close and personal with the underwater forest of Wisconsin's lakes. Paul will paddle and snorkel his way through aquatic plants, describing ways to identify these plant species both from a distance and up close. He will share these videos during the virtual trip and lead a discussion after each video.

23. **Early Bird At The Ridges**  ■

**Friday, July 18, 6:30AM-8:30AM**  
**Leader:** Mike Reed  
**Fee:** $25  
Join Ridges Sanctuary Executive Director, Mike Reed, for a birding adventure throughout the Sanctuary. Among the boreal forest you'll catch the birds singing their morning chorus. Expect to see migrant warblers, chatty vireos, as well as shorebirds and waterfowl. Bring your binoculars! **Suitable for ages 16 and up.**  
**CENTRAL. Meet:** Cabins at The Ridges, Baileys Harbor  
**Limit:** 8

24. **Climate Impacts on Local Flora and Fauna**

**Multiple Offerings:**

23.A: Friday, June 18, 9AM-11:30AM  
23.B: Friday, July 16, 9AM-11:30AM  
**Leader:** Katie Krouse  
**Fee:** $25  
Baileys Harbor is home to many critical, threatened, and endangered plants and animals. These species rely on the specific conditions situated right along the Lake Michigan shoreline. Even the slightest changes in climate could pose a major problem. During this program, we'll explore the flora and fauna that rely on the specific conditions found here and discuss the threats to their survival. **Suitable for ages 16 and up.**  
**CENTRAL. Meet:** Cook-Albert Fuller Nature Center, Baileys Harbor  
**Limit:** 8
25. Fossil Excursion

Multiple Offerings:
24.A: Friday, June 18, 9AM-11AM
24.B: Friday, July 16, 9AM-11AM
24.C: Friday, August 20, 9AM-11AM
Leader: Dave Bultman
Fee: $25
Hundreds of millions of years ago, Door County was covered by a shallow sea that was teeming with life. Evidence of these prehistoric creatures remain as fossils in the exposed rock beds. Join Dave Bultman, local fossil hunter and expert, as we identify various prehistoric critters and unearth local fossils. The program will start with a brief lecture and then we will carpool to Appel's Bluff, just north of Baileys Harbor. Light hiking is involved and no digging is required! Suitable for ages 16 and up.
CENTRAL. Meet: Cook-Albert Fuller Nature Center, Baileys Harbor
Limit: 10

26. Segway Ridges Road

Multiple Offerings:
25.A: Saturday, June 19, 1:30PM-3:30PM
25.B: Saturday, July 17, 1:30PM-3:30PM
25.C: Saturday, August 21, 1:30PM-3:30PM
Leader: Segway the Door Tours
Fee: $50
Guided Segway tour amongst the nature of Toft Point and to the entrance of Toft Nature Preserve. We will go down a gravel road where unique wildlife and vegetation have found their niche. A spy view of the Birdcage Lighthouse and great views of the water are also included in this glide. Instruction on Segway operation included. Suitable for ages 12 and up.
CENTRAL. Meet: Baileys Harbor Town Hall
Limit: 8

27. Orchids of The Ridges Sanctuary

Saturday, June 26, 9:30AM-11:30AM
Leader: Ridges Sanctuary Naturalists
Fee: $25
The Ridges Sanctuary is internationally recognized for its incredible plant diversity found. It is most notably known and sought after for the orchid populations. Over 26 orchid species bloom among the 1,600 acres of the sanctuary. During this field trip, we will head out onto the sanctuary trails and identify some of the blooming orchids and learn about their abundance and reliance on Ridges land. Suitable for ages 16 and up.
CENTRAL. Meet: Cook-Albert Fuller Nature Center, Baileys Harbor
Limit: 8

28. Segway Cave Point

Multiple Offerings:
27.A: Saturday, June 26, 1:30PM-3:30PM
27.B: Saturday, July 24, 1:30PM-3:30PM
27.C: Saturday, August 28, 1:30PM-3:30PM
Leader: Segway the Door Tours
Fee: $50
Guided Segway Tour to Cave Point, Whitefish Dunes, and Clark Lake. This glide takes you to sink holes in Cave Point County Park, quiet Clark Lake, and the sand dunes of Whitefish Dunes State Park. You will see trees grasping the edge of the cliffs, experience majestic overlooks, and hear the soothing sounds of the surf. You will be immersed in nature as you enjoy this area and its views. Instruction on Segway operation included. Suitable for ages 12 and up.
SOUTH. Meet: Cave Point County Park, Jacksonport
Limit: 8
29. Little Critters: Looking Beyond the Charismatic Butterflies and Dragonflies  ■
Friday, July 9, 1:30PM-3:30PM  
Leader: Mike Draney  
Fee: $25  
There are more species of Arthropods (Insects, arachnids, and other leggy critters) in Wisconsin than all the plants and vertebrates put together. So why not start appreciating this huge group of tiny animals? I’ll speak briefly about finding and identifying these animals, then we’ll spend time finding and identifying. Suitable for ages 16 and up.  
CENTRAL. Meet: Family Discovery Trail, Baileys Harbor  
Limit: 8

30. Is That a Pine or a Spruce?  ■
Sunday, July 25, 1:30PM-3:30PM  
Leader: Jane Whitney and Julie Knox  
Fee: $25  
Do you have trouble telling one conifer from another? Here’s a chance to learn 10 different conifer trees. At the end of our hike, you will be able to distinguish white from black spruce, hemlock from balsam, red from white pine, fir from spruce and more. We’ll head out to find and ID various conifer species on the trails of the Ridges Sanctuary. The hike will be a leisurely 2 miles. Hand lenses will be supplied or bring your own. Wear shoes appropriate for hiking. Suitable for ages 16 and up.  
CENTRAL. Meet: Cabins at The Ridges, Baileys Harbor  
Limit: 10

31. Owl Prowl at Logan Creek  ■
Friday, July 30, 8PM-10PM  
Leader: Katie Krouse  
Fee: $25  
Join a Ridges Naturalist for a special hike to get out into the woods to listen for the fantastic calls of owls. With an abundance of prey scurrying along the forest floor, Barred Owls, Eastern Screech Owls and Great Horned Owls hoot to announce their presence to other nighttime hunters. During this hike we will listen for owls as well as other nighttime communicators. Suitable for ages 10 and up.  
CENTRAL. Meet: Logan Creek Trailhead, Jacksonport  
Limit: 8

32. Mushrooms at Logan Creek  ■
Friday, August 20, 1:30PM-4PM  
Leader: Charlotte Lukes  
Fee: $25  
Join local mushroom expert, Charlotte Lukes, for an exciting exploration of fungi. We will hike the trails at Logan Creek identifying the abundant mushrooms found along the forest floor. Charlotte joins us with over 40 years of experience with wild mushrooms, be sure to bring your notebook! Suitable for ages 16 and up.  
CENTRAL. Meet: Login Creek Trailhead, Jacksonport  
Limit: 8

33. So, If Clubmosses Aren’t Mosses, What Are They?  ■
Friday, August 27, 1PM-3:30PM  
Leader: Julie Knox and Jane Whitney  
Fee: $25  
On this hike, you’ll learn to ID 5-6 different species of Clubmosses, one of the fern allies. These small, evergreen, spore-producing plants take decades to develop and the colonies can last for a century or more. And we’ll end our hike with a spore-explosion!!! Hike is a slow, 2+ mile walk. Expect to spend time on hands and knees. Hand lenses will be supplied or bring your own. Wear shoes appropriate for hiking. Suitable for ages 16 and up.  
CENTRAL. Meet: Cabins at The Ridges, Baileys Harbor  
Limit: 12
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