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OF **NATURE**

*Celebrating the Natural Beauty
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Welcome to the DOOR COUNTY FESTIVAL OF NATURE

A celebration of the precious species, rare habitats and natural beauty we protect.

Join us in celebrating the 20th Annual Door County Festival of Nature! For two decades, The Ridges Sanctuary and our community partners have engaged thousands of people to revel in the natural beauty of the Door Peninsula.

In 2021, many of you told us how much you appreciated the opportunity to participate in programming all summer long, along with how much you missed the Memorial Day Weekend Festival Event. Because of your feedback we have decided to do both! Within this booklet you will find new and exciting opportunities scheduled throughout the summer.

We are excited to bring back some of our keystone experiences for the 2022 Festival of Nature, as well as add new opportunities to the lineup. We will celebrate the precious species, rare habitat as and natural beauty protected throughout the peninsula, through a combination of outdoor learning, social conversation, and art.

Here is a preview of some of the opportunities featured this year:

Thursday, May 26th at 4PM, we will be hosting an artist reception for the new installment of "Inspired by Nature". This exhibit will feature the **Women + Water** weavings by Mary Burns as well as the **Illustrating Nature** scientific illustrations by Rebecca Jabs.

Friday, May 27th, we will host our always popular **Festival Dinner and Keynote Presentation** at About Thyme Farm, in Baileys Harbor. Our keynote for this season will be John Bates, naturalist and author of *Wisconsin's Wild Lakes* and *Our Living Ancestors*.

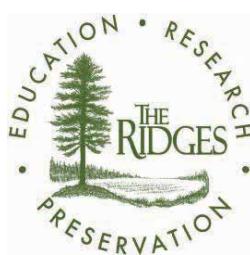
As we head into the 20th annual celebration of the Festival of Nature, we cannot help but reflect on the evolution of the program over the years. While considering a theme for this year's festival, I immediately land on Seasons. Why? Seasons reflect change. Change is our biggest constant. Each day, week, month, season, and year we experience change in our natural environments. We look forward to the opportunity to experience our natural habitats and reflect on the changes throughout the season.

I hope you will be able to join us for the 20th Annual Festival of Nature.

See you on the trails!



Katie Krouse
Director of Operations
The Ridges Sanctuary



Door County is a rare and unique jewel of Wisconsin. Visitors come from across the country and the world to experience its beauty. For centuries the land now recognized as The Ridges Sanctuary has been honored and respected. It is our responsibility to continue to protect and preserve the sensitive habitats within The Ridges Sanctuary for future generations to experience and appreciate.

Consider getting involved! Help us continue our important work in Preservation, Education and Research by becoming a member, making a tax-deductible contribution, or by volunteering. Your donation, your time, and your commitment, no matter how humble, goes a long way towards helping The Ridges continue to offer programs like this. Visit our website to learn about all of the ways you can get involved. www.ridgessanctuary.org.



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Crossroads offers education, conducts research, is actively engaged in ecological restoration, and provides outdoor experiences to inspire environmental stewardship in learners of all ages and backgrounds. Crossroads encompasses nearly 200 acres of woods, wetlands, meadows, creek and shoreline. Recreational amenities include miles of hiking and running trails, groomed cross-country ski trails and a mobility-assist kayak launch. The Collins Learning Center offers laboratory and meeting space as well as exhibits and an auditorium. Crossroads at Big Creek is a donor-supported nonprofit organization open every day at no charge. For more information, see www.crossroadsatbigcreek.org. 2041 Michigan Street, P.O. Box 608, Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin 54235. (920)746-5895, info@crossroadsatbigcreek.org, www.crossroadsatbigcreek.org.



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In 2018 Horseshoe Bay Farms, Inc., a 501(c)(3) non-profit, was established. Originally constructed between 1917-1919 on the beautiful shores of Green Bay in Egg Harbor, several barns and structures of this historic farm still stand today. Because of its prominence in the development of Door County, both in the agricultural industry and as a

civic landmark, it is listed on the National & State Register of Historic Places. Its mission focuses on the preservation, rehabilitation, and activation of Horseshoe Bay Farms. More information about tours, programs, events, and volunteer opportunities can be found at www.horseshoebayfarms.org.



Lakeshore Natural Resource Partnership (LNRP) supports local watershed groups and regional conservation networks throughout eastern and northeastern Wisconsin to improve the health of the land and waters in our local communities. The mission of LNRP is to cultivate community and stewardship from the ledge to the lakeshore (Wisconsin's Niagara Escarpment). LNRP envisions a better tomorrow through stewardship today. LNRP believes in an environmental stewardship ethic that facilitates cooperative planning, restoration, and responsible management of natural resources; acknowledges our responsibility to care for our natural resources in ways that ensure our quality of life; and is key to economic prosperity, social justice, and healthy ecosystems for future generations. Learn more at www.lnrp.org.



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.



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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/bjorklunden . 920.839.2216.



The Ephraim Historical Foundation (EHF), founded in 1949, is a non-profit organization that preserves, sustains, and shares the history, culture, and beauty of Ephraim. The EHF manages five historic buildings as well as the

Dana Olga Green, a small picnic area. Guided tours are offered in all buildings, which are free and open to the public. The EHF partners with Ephraim Library to offer a summer reading program for children. Tram tours and lectures about Door County topics are presented from June through October. 2022 exhibits feature Eagle Harbor shipwrecks and wearable art created by Ephraim artists, 1950-1970. 920-854-9688/ephraim.org.



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](http://theclearing.org).



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Wisconsin Wetlands Association is a statewide, non-partisan, and science-based organization dedicated to the protection, restoration, and enjoyment of wetlands and associated ecosystems through science-based programs, education, and advocacy. We envision a state where wetlands are healthy and plentiful and support ecological and societal needs and where citizens care for, appreciate, and interact with these natural resources. For more information, visit wisconsinwetlands.org.



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Registration

Pre-Registration is required for all Festival of Nature Programs

Registration

The 2022 Festival of Nature offers a full slate of field trips, classes, and activities throughout Door County. **Registration opens Monday, April 18th at 10am.*** 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. Registration is easy – go to www.RidgesSanctuary.org or call 920-839-2802. We'll confirm your registration by email.

*For the best chance of securing your spot in the field trips of your choosing, we recommend registering online. You are welcome to call us if you are unable to register online, but please be patient and understand that we do not have the capacity to answer all phone calls immediately at 10am. Because we will not be able to check voicemails until later in the day, please keep trying until you get through to someone.

Walk-In Registration and Program Packets

Walk-in registration is available at The Cook-Albert Fuller Nature Center 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 materials will also be available at The Cook-Albert Fuller Nature Center throughout the Festival season.

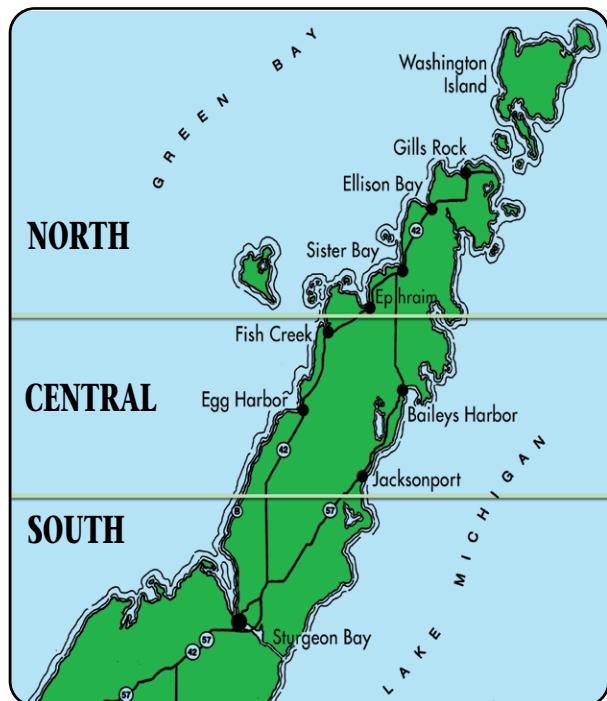
Be sure to visit us on Thursday, May 26th, 2022, from 4PM-6PM, for our opening of Inspired by Nature. Program materials will be available that evening.

Program Fees

Program fees per field trip vary from \$25 to \$50 per person, per program. Prices are listed in each program description. If you are registering anyone under the age of 16, please contact us ahead of registration and we will provide you with a special code and instructions to receive \$10 per ticket for youth participants.

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. Please make sure to provide us with a phone number for last-minute communications. 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.

Planning Your Trip

Transportation: Transportation for field trips is NOT provided unless indicated in the trip description. Carpooling may be an option for some trips and will be managed at your and the trip leader's discretion.

Field Trip Tips: Please plan to arrive 15 minutes early to check in with your trip leader. We suggest bringing your own bug repellent, sunscreen, water, and appropriate footwear and clothing.

Weather: Be prepared for variable weather throughout the season. Lake breezes moderate the local temperatures and can change within a matter of hours. Field trips will run rain or shine but will cancel in the chance of severe or threatening weather conditions.

Meals: Meals are not included in the registration fees.

Where to Stay: Lodging in Door County throughout the season can be limited. We suggest making reservations well in advance. For more information on lodging options, visit:

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Special Events

Inspired by Nature

Throughout the 20th Annual Festival of Nature, we are excited to be featuring the following works at the Cook-Albert Fuller Nature Center.

Special features by weaver and fiber artist Mary Burns and Wisconsin scientific illustrator Rebecca Jabs will be included in this season's art show.

Women and Water: A Global Exhibit

by Mary Burns

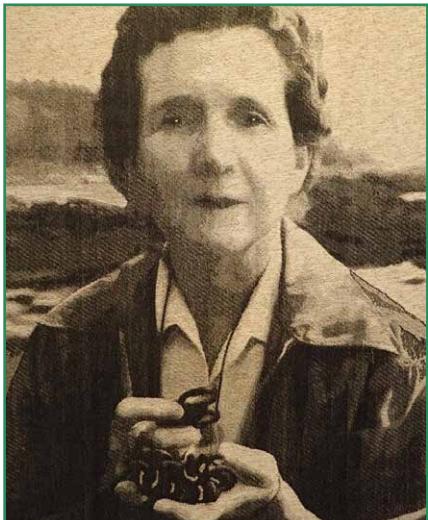


Image: *Rachel Carson* by Mary Burns

"Water is the source of all life." In many traditional cultures water is imbued with feminine roles and symbolism; women are the protectors of water. Because women give birth, they were/are the keepers of water. The goal of this exhibit is to celebrate and honor water, as well as the women who work with it, protect it and advocate for it. Featured will be women who are water-walkers, scientists, teachers, and healers, all who hold deep connections with water. The intent of this globally-inspired exhibit is to help develop and strengthen our own ties with water and inspire actions to protect our waters.

Hand-woven jacquard portraits of these women will form the core of the exhibit. Currently Included in this phase of the exhibit are portraits of Grandmother Josephine Mandamin, First Nation Ontario, Canada; Autumn Peltier, Wikwemikong First Nation, Ontario, Canada; Rachel Carson, United States; Carol Warden and Emily Stanley, UW- Limnology Trout Lake Station; Jessica Ryan, Brothertown Indian Nation, Wisconsin. There are many more portraits to come.

This exhibit will be on display Friday, May 27th-Sunday, May 29th, 2022, during the Festival of Nature at the Cook-Albert Fuller Nature Center.

Illustrating Nature

by Rebecca Jabs

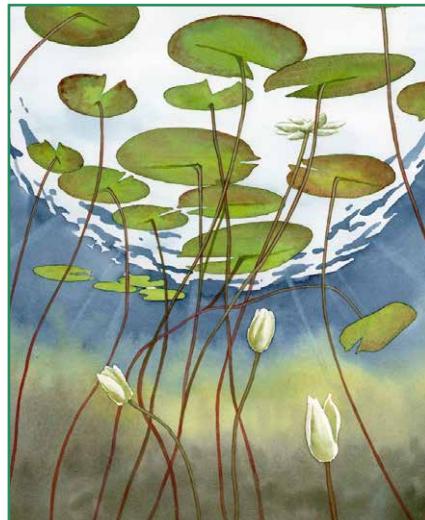


Image: *White Waterlilies*, watercolor
(Illustration from *Wisconsin's Wild Lakes* written by John Bates)

Illustrating Nature offers a collection of recent works by Wisconsin scientific illustrator Rebecca Jabs. Works will include original illustrations in watercolor from Wisconsin's Wild Lakes, the 2021 book authored by naturalist John Bates. Rebecca's illustration work centers on the native flora and fauna of Wisconsin's natural communities, honoring scientific accuracy while celebrating the beauty that inspires us in nature.

This exhibit will be on display Friday, May 27th – Sunday, August 7th, 2022, during the Festival of Nature at the Cook-Albert Fuller Nature Center.

Artist Reception

with Mary Burns and Rebecca Jabs

Thursday, May 26th, 4-6PM

Special artist presentations will begin at 5PM

2022 Special Events

Festival Dinner and Keynote Presentation

Friday, May 27th, 4:30PM

Location:

About Thyme Farm, 8425 Cty. F, Baileys Harbor

After a day exploring the natural splendor of Door County, spend a relaxing evening in the picturesque setting of About Thyme Farm, an organic farm on the outskirts of Baileys Harbor. The Farm's beautifully restored, rustic barn is the setting for both our dinner and keynote presentation. **Casual, layered attire is recommended since weather can be cool in May. Most field trip attire will be appropriate for the casual ambience of the farm.**

Like many of the properties featured in our Festival field trips, About Thyme Farm is privately owned and is not open to the public. We know you'll enjoy this special opportunity to experience this lovely property and ask that you respect the privacy of those who live and work on the Farm by coming only during the times specified for Festival activities.

Reception & Beverage Service: 4:30PM

Dinner: 5:00PM

Welcome & General Announcements: 6:15PM

Keynote Presentation: 6:30PM

Enjoy a delectable family style dinner with dessert prepared by About Thyme Catering.

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Reserve your spot by May 13th, 2022

Limit: 185



Keynote Presentation: John Bates

Naturalist and Author

Keynote: Wisconsin's Last

Undeveloped Wild Lakes

a wild lake offers peace that's often hard to find, as well as an insight into our native plant and animal communities that live in and on our lakes. So, where are these lakes? What are their keynotes? And why should we care?

Bio:

John Bates is the author of ten books and a contributor to seven others, all of which focus on the natural history of the Northwoods. He's worked as a naturalist in Wisconsin for 32 years, leading an array of trips designed to help people further understand the remarkable diversity and beauty of nature, and our place within it. His most recent book is *Wisconsin's Wild Lakes: A guide to the Last Undeveloped Natural Lakes*.

John won the 2006 Ellis/Henderson Outdoor Writing Award from the Council for Wisconsin Writers for his book *Graced by the Seasons: Spring and Summer in the Northwoods*. He has served on the Board of Trustees for the Wisconsin Nature Conservancy, the Wisconsin Humanities Council, and the River Alliance of Wisconsin. He currently serves on the Board of the Northwoods Land Trust, and the Board for the Wisconsin Conservation Hall of Fame.

John and his wife, weaver and fiber artist Mary Burns, live on the Manitowish River in Iron County where they raised two daughters.

The logo for BayPoint Inn features a sailboat icon above the word "BayPoint" in a serif font, with "INN" in smaller letters below. Below the name are the website "Baypointinn.com" and the phone number "800.707.6660". The background of the logo is a scenic sunset over a body of water with a sailboat.The logo for Anschwitz Plumbing & Heating, Inc. features a stylized blue flame or wave graphic to the left of the company name "Anschwitz" in a large, bold, red sans-serif font. Below "Anschwitz" is the text "PLUMBING & HEATING, INC." in a smaller, dark blue sans-serif font. Underneath that is the tagline "Service Thru Generations" in a cursive script. At the bottom, there is a horizontal line with the address "7537 Hwy 57 • Baileys Harbor, WI 54202" and the phone number "920-839-2211" followed by the email "barbara@anschutzplumbing.com".



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APRIL 7-10 TH	BROWN TROUT TOURNAMENT
MAY 15 TH	SUNDAY FARM MARKETS BEGIN
JULY 1 ST	CONCERTS IN THE PARK BEGIN
JULY 3 & 4 TH	4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION
AUGUST 13 TH	FOOD TRUCKS AND FLOATIES
SEPTEMBER 24 TH	AUTUMNFEST
DECEMBER 3 RD	HARBOR HOLIDAY



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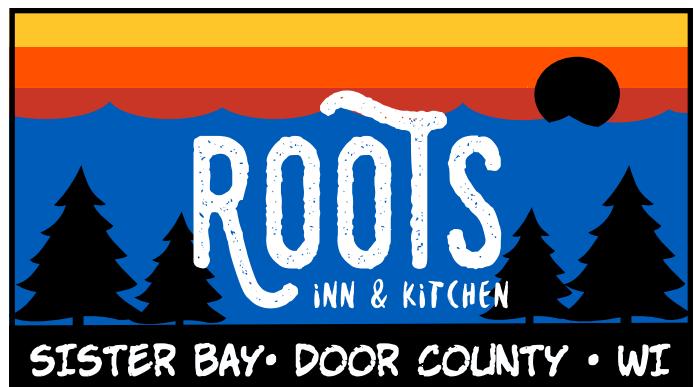
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Field Trips At A Glance

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Program

Memorial Day Weekend Kick Off

Artist Reception: Women and Water & Illustrating Nature

1. Early Birds at Shivering Sands
2. Nature Immersion
3. Ecology of Door County's Lake Michigan Coastal Landscapes
4. Exploring the Three Springs Nature Preserve
5. Wildflower Hike at the Gilson-Peterson Forest Natural Area
6. Geology and Human History at Heins Creek Nature Preserve
7. Aquatic Adventures at Erskine Woods Natural Area
8. Fossil Excursion
9. Explore Open Door Bird Sanctuary
10. Lakeside Coastal Tour
11. A Hike at Toft Point
12. Explore the Kangaroo Lake Nature Preserve
13. Birding by Ear for Beginners
14. Wildflowers Galore!
15. Trees and Shrubs of Door County's Northern Hardwoods
16. Explore Open Door Bird Sanctuary
17. Explore Regenerative Agriculture on a Modern-Day Dairy Farm

Festival Dinner and Keynote Presentation

18. Birding by Ear at the Bay Shore Blufflands Nature Preserve
19. Horseshoe Bay Farms Tour
20. Ecology and Management of the Mink River Estuary
21. Explore the Miller Conservation Easement
22. Ellison Bay Bluff Exploration
23. Explore The Ridges Sanctuary
24. Plum and Pilot Island Tour
25. Explore Waseda Farms
26. Lakeside Coastal Tour
27. Exploring Silver Creek's Black Ash Swamp
28. Climate Impacts on Local Flora and Fauna
29. Wildflowers Galore
30. Old Growth Forests
31. Explore Waseda Farms
32. Explore Björklunden
33. Plum and Pilot Island Tour
34. Lakeside Coastal Tour

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Full details are listed on the pages that follow.**

JUNE

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- 36. Embraced by Nature, Forest Therapy Walk
- 37. Peninsula Park Caves and Ephraim North Cruise
- 38. Explore the Miller Conservation Easement
- 39. Explore Björklunden
- 40. Exploring Lake Michigan Watersheds: Rieboldt Creek
- 41. Flower Form and Function
- 42. Horseshoe Bay Farms Tour
- 43. Europe Lake Exploration
- 44. Exploring Regenerative Agriculture
- 45. Discover Toft Point
- 46. Stream Monitoring: Assessing Stream Health
- 47. Explore the Mink River Estuary
- 48. Fossil Excursion
- 49. Kayak Kangaroo Lake
- 50. Exploring Silver Creek's Black Ash Swamp

JULY

- 51. Horseshoe Bay Farms Tour
- 52. The Seed Free Plants of The Ridges Sanctuary
- 53. Eagle Harbor's Maritime Triumphs and Tragedies
- 54. Explore Björklunden
- 55. The Seed Free Plants of The Ridges Sanctuary
- 56. Fossil Excursion
- 57. Exploring the Lake Michigan Watershed: Mink River Estuary
- 58. So, if Clubmosses aren't Mosses, What are They?
- 59. Is That a Pine or a Spruce?
- 60. Exploring Silver Creek's Black Ash Swamp

AUGUST

- 61. Exploring the Lake Michigan Watershed: Logan Creek
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- 63. Eagle Harbor's Maritime Triumphs and Tragedies
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2022 Field Trip Descriptions

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Memorial Day Weekend • Friday, May 27th • Morning

1. Early Birds at Shivering Sands

Friday May 27th, 6-8AM

Leader: Mike Grimm, The Nature Conservancy

Fee: \$25

Catch the birds as they sing their morning chorus. This walk will emphasize migratory and resident birds that rely on the coastal forests of Door County. TNC Conservation Ecologist Mike Grimm will lead this hike in The Nature Conservancy's Shivering Sands Preserve. **Suitable for ages 8 and up.**

SOUTH. Meet: TNC Shivering Sands Preserve Trailhead, Sturgeon Bay

Limit: 10

2. Nature Immersion

Friday, May 27th, 9-11:30AM

Leader: Jane Burress

Fee: \$25

"Be present in nature, and discover what nature has to present you." Refresh your mind, body, and soul with a slow guided walk-in nature, accompanied by a certified nature and forest therapy guide. A standard sequence of invitations (activities you choose to participate in or not), help awaken your senses, encourage you to slow down, be present, and connect you with your surroundings. This is a 1.5-2-hour walk covering about 1-2 miles. Refreshments and conversation complete the walk. Doorway to Nature LLC is here to promote wellness, harmony, community, and environmental stewardship, by partnering with nature and connecting you with nature's offerings. **Suitable for ages 16 and up.**

CENTRAL. Meet: The Cabins at The Ridges, Baileys Harbor

Limit: 12



Photo By: J. Whitney

3. Ecology of Door County's Lake Michigan Coastal Landscapes

Friday, May 27th, 9-11:30AM

Leader: Mike Grimm, The Nature Conservancy

Fee: \$25

Door County's Lake Michigan coastal landscape comprises a matrix of sand formations, dolomite bedrock outcroppings, and organic muck soil settings. This field trip will look at this landscape from a broad to fine scale in an effort to understand the development of these landforms and their effect on the various plant and animal assemblages that live there. **Suitable for ages 8 and up.**

SOUTH. Meet: TNC Shivering Sands Preserve Trailhead, Sturgeon Bay

Limit: 10

4. Exploring the Three Springs Nature Preserve

Friday, May 27th, 9-11:30AM

Leader: Marilyn Hansotia

Fee: \$25

Join us for a moderate walk-through swampy forests, old fields and coastal marshes of the Door County Land Trust's Three Springs Nature Preserve. You will learn why this critical habitat for land and aquatic wildlife is a part of one of the most highly ranked conservation corridors on the Great Lakes. Three Springs Nature Preserve is a parcel in a grand landscape that encompasses 17,000 acres from the Preserve to the Ridges Sanctuary. Numerous cold-water springs that meander through this property give this 515-acre preserve its name. But more importantly, it provides critical habitat for plants and animals, including many endangered and threatened species such as the Hine's emerald dragonfly and the dwarf lake iris. Three Springs Nature Preserve's undeveloped stretch of Lake Michigan shoreline is home to uncommon birds, such as bald eagles, and its streams that empty into North Bay are critical spawning areas for fish species, including the locally famous whitefish. **Suitable for ages 2 and up.**

NORTH. Meet: Three Springs Nature Preserve, Sister Bay

Limit: 16

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Photo By: TRS



Photo By: A. Hamilton

5. Wildflower Hike at the Gilson-Peterson Forest Natural Area ■

Friday, May 27th, 9-11:30AM

Leader: Larry Desotell

Fee: \$25

Let's go find spring wildflowers in the Door County Land Trust's beautiful Gilson-Peterson Forest Natural Area. Rest assured; no Latin species names will be spoken here! Learn to identify Door County wildflowers by their common names. Yellow and purple violets, trillium, hepatica, trout lily, Solomon seal, and bluebead lily abound. Once a family woodlot and a place of inspiration for a Door County writer and painter, this forest is now protected as a place for plants, birds and all wildlife to flourish. Come enjoy the quiet beauty of a natural refuge that can become your quiet sanctuary throughout the year. The 1.5-mile hike on generally flat terrain will pass through a grassy meadow access easement to the preserve's forest trail. Long pants and good walking shoes are recommended. **Suitable for ages 12 and up.**

NORTH. Meet: Gilson-Peterson Forest Natural Area, Ellison Bay

Limit: 16

6. Geology and Human History at Heins Creek Nature Preserve ■

Friday, May 27th, 9-11AM

Leaders: John Hermann and Marilyn Hein

Fee: \$25

Join us for a morning hike at the Door County Land Trust's Heins Creek Nature Preserve. Discover the succession of Native American tribes that lived here after the last glaciers melted. Hear stories from a family member of the early settlers who settled here. Explore the unique geological history of Door County as you hike through the freshwater sand dunes on the property. Discover why this area hosts a boreal forest and what the future holds for its unique tree species. Learn about the formation of Door County's rivers and streams and watch the trout in the creek stealthily catch their dinner. Find out why this preserve is a perfect outdoor classroom for learning the geology and human history of the county. Wear good hiking shoes, bring a sun hat, water and bug repellent. **Suitable for ages 12 and up.**

CENTRAL. Meet: Heins Creek Nature Preserve, Baileys Harbor

Limit: 16

7. Aquatic Adventures at Erskine Woods Natural Area ■

Friday, May 27th, 9-11AM

Leaders: Gretchen Schmelzer and Terrie Cooper

Fee: \$25

Join us for a hike and aquatic adventure at the Door County Land Trust's Erskine Woods Natural Area. Hibbards Creek winds through this property on its way to Lake Michigan, carving through steep sand dunes covered by a beautiful old growth white pine and hardwood forest. Hibbards Creek is home to a host of species, including salmon, trout, northern pike, frogs, salamanders, kingfisher, ducks, and the aquatic invertebrates which they feast on. We'll plan to enter the shallow creek and search for these wild creatures. The adventure will include a short hike down to Hibbards Creek where we will use aquatic sampling equipment to discover what is living here and learn what they can tell us about the health of the creek and water quality. Wear pants that you can roll up to your knees, good walking shoes, and sandals or another pair of shoes that can get wet. The property's 1-mile trail is easy-to-moderate difficulty, with some inclines near the dunes. **Suitable for ages 12 and up.**

CENTRAL. Meet: Erskine Woods Natural Area, Jacksonport

Limit: 16

8. Fossil Excursion ■

Friday, May 27th, 9-11:30AM

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 remains 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: 14

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Photo By: ODBS



Photo By: J. Perry

9. Explore Open Door Bird Sanctuary ■

Friday, May 27th, 9:30-11:30AM

Leader: Team at Open Door Bird Sanctuary

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 ages 8 and up.**

SOUTH. Meet: Open Door Bird Sanctuary, Jacksonport

Limit: 15

10. Lakeside Coastal Tour ■

Friday, May 27th, 10:30AM-12:30PM

Leader: Shoreline Scenic Cruises

Fee: \$50

Head out into the sparkling waters of Lake Michigan on the retired U.S. 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 12 and up.**

CENTRAL. Meet: Baileys Harbor Marina

Limit: 20

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11. A Hike at Toft Point ■

Friday, May 27th, 1:30-3:30PM

Leader: Charlotte Lukes

Fee: \$25

Explore the Toft Point State Natural Area and learn about the natural wildlife community as well as the Toft family history. This will be an easy hike on level terrain, however the path has rocks and some tree roots, so sturdy hiking shoes and a walking stick

may be needed. It is also suggested to wear long pants rather than shorts. If deer flies are out, you may also want to wear a hat.

Suitable for ages 16 and up.

CENTRAL. Meet: Baileys Harbor Town Hall

Limit: 15

12. Explore the Kangaroo Lake Nature Preserve ■

Friday, May 27th, 1:30-3:30PM

Leaders: Gretchen Schmelzer and Kathy Wolff

Fee: \$25

With over 650 acres protected by the Door County Land Trust and The Nature Conservancy, the Kangaroo Lake Nature Preserve is one of Door County's ecological gems. Kangaroo Lake lies in an old pre-glacial river valley that drained northwest to southeast through the Niagara Escarpment and across the peninsula. Today this valley contains Peil Creek, Kangaroo Lake and Heins Creek, which drain into Lake Michigan. This preserve hosts boreal, northern hardwood and wet forests, old fields and beautiful lakeshore which provide excellent habitat for a host of plants, birds and animals. As we hike the moderate 1.5-mile trail, we'll discover a plethora of spring wildflowers and learn easy ways to identify several species of trees found here. The trail slopes down the Niagara escarpment gently to the lake, where you can see Peil Creek and Kangaroo Lake. Join us to discover the unique plants and animals that call this place home. Good hiking shoes are recommended. **Suitable for ages 12 and up.**

CENTRAL. Meet: Kangaroo Lake Nature Preserve, Baileys Harbor

Limit: 16

13. Birding by Ear for Beginners ■

Friday, May 27th, 1-4PM

Leader: Jan Wrede

Fee: \$25

Want to expand your ability to find birds? Come and learn the "listen and look" approach. It's easy. Jan Wrede is a life-long summer resident of Door County, a volunteer hike leader for the Door County Land Trust, an environmental educator, and author of *Attracting*

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Photo By: TRS



Photo By: K.Krouse

Birds in the Texas Hill Country: A Guide to Land Stewardship. Join her for a colorful PowerPoint presentation that includes 20 local bird species, listen to these birds, and learn the basics. Follow this class with the Saturday morning Birding by Ear field trip to the Kangaroo Lake Nature Preserve for practice in the field with Jan and a local birder. **Suitable for ages 12 and up.**

CENTRAL. Meet: Cook-Albert Fuller Nature Center, Baileys Harbor

Limit: 20

14. Wildflowers Galore! ■

Friday, May 27th, 1:30-4PM

Leaders: Jane Whitney and Julie Knox

Fee: \$25

The spring wildflowers at Logan Creek are not to be missed! Walk at a leisurely pace along the wildflower path, taking time to discover the hidden beauties and to ID those flowers that you don't know. After enjoying the wildflower display, we'll hike the remainder of the Logan Creek trails which pass through various habitats on the way to Clark Lake and Logan Creek. The hike is a leisurely 2 miles. Sections of the trails are likely to be muddy. Wear shoes appropriate for hiking. **Suitable for ages 16 and up.**

SOUTH. Meet: Logan Creek Preserve, Jacksonport

Limit: 15

15. Trees and Shrubs of Door County's Northern Hardwoods ■

Friday, May 27th, 1:30-4PM

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: 12

16. Explore Open Door Bird Sanctuary ■

Friday, May 27th, 1:30-3:30PM

Leader: Team at Open Door Bird Sanctuary

Fee: \$25

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SOUTH. Meet: Open Door Bird Sanctuary, Jacksonport

Limit: 15

17. Explore Regenerative Agriculture on a Modern-Day Dairy Farm ■

Friday, May 27th, 1:30-4PM

Leaders: Brey Cycle Farm and 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 crops to cows. Get close with the animals as you learn about the life of a calf by 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 regenerative practices used. Cycle Farm is part of the Door-Keweenaw 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 12 and up.**

SOUTH. Meet: Brey Cycle Farm LLC, Sturgeon Bay

Limit: 25

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Photo By: W. Rhode



Photo By: E. Miller



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18. Birding by Ear at the Bay Shore Blufflands Nature Preserve

Saturday, May 28th, 7-9AM

Leaders: Jan Wrede and Joan Wilke

Fee: \$25

Join Jan and Joan for a Birding by Ear field trip to the Door County Land Trust's Bay Shore Blufflands Nature Preserve. Enhance your listening skills. "Unwax" your ears and practice the basics learned in the Birding by Ear class. Enjoy early morning bird songs and calls. We'll walk, listen, look, and identify birds in the beautiful old fields and upland hardwood habitats common in Door County. **Suitable for all ages.**

CENTRAL. Meet: Bay Shore Blufflands Nature Preserve, Egg Harbor
Limit: 20

19. Horseshoe Bay Farms Tour

Saturday, May 28th, 9-10:30AM

Leader: Drew Richmond

Fee: \$25

In 2018, Horseshoe Bay Farms, Inc., a 501(c)(3) non-profit, was established. Originally constructed between 1917-1919 on the beautiful shores of Green Bay in Egg Harbor, several barns and structures of this historic farm still stand today. Because of its prominence in the development of Door County, both in the agricultural industry and as a civic landmark, it is listed on the National & State Register of Historic Places. Spend the morning with a guide walking the property, experiencing the iconic barns up close, and learning about its extensive history as well as its long-term vision. **Suitable for ages 8 and up.**

CENTRAL. Meet: Horseshoe Bay Farms, Egg Harbor
Limit: 25

20. Ecology and Management of the Mink River Estuary

Saturday, May 28th, 9-11:30AM

Leader: Kari Hagenow, The Nature Conservancy

Fee: \$25

The Mink River Estuary is a dynamic coastal wetland and forest landscape that provides habitat for a number of important plants and animals including Great Lakes fish, many species of migratory and breeding birds, and mammal's representative of Wisconsin's mixed conifer hardwood forests. It's also home to the rare Hine's emerald dragonfly. Join us as we meander the trail to the Mink River and learn more about how TNC is managing this regionally important site to protect its diverse habitat and the organisms that dwell in it. **Suitable for ages 8 and up.**

NORTH. Meet: TNC Schoenbrunn Trailhead, Ellison Bay
Limit: 10

21. Explore the Miller Conservation Easement

Saturday, May 28th, 9-11:30AM

Leaders: Ed and Sandy Miller

Fee: \$25

Here's an opportunity to visit a privately-owned property not usually open to the public! The Miller property contains a variety of habitats and landscapes including dense cedar swamps and meadows. In addition to hiking the property, you'll learn about the North Bay/Mud Lake area, its inclusion as a Ramsar property, and Miller's sustainable lifestyle. The terrain is relatively flat and hiking is easy to moderate, but some areas may be wet and muddy. Bring along waterproof footwear. **Suitable for ages 12 and up.**

CENTRAL. Meet: The Miller Property, Baileys Harbor
Limit: 16

22. Ellison Bay Bluff Exploration

Saturday, May 28th, 9-11:30AM

Leader: Coggin Heeringa

Fee: \$25

This county park is known for its spectacular scenery. This unforgettable tour will start with geologic history, but once on the trails, the group will examine a plethora of spring wildflowers, such as white and pink trillium, and yellow lady slipper orchids, to make this an unforgettable trip. Moderate hiking. **Suitable for ages 16 and up.**

NORTH. Meet: Ellison Bluff County Park, Ellison Bay
Limit: 8

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Photo By: D. Sherman



Photo By: K. Krouse

23. Explore The Ridges Sanctuary ■

Saturday, May 28th, 9:00-11:30AM

Leader: Andy Gill

Fee: \$25

Join Ridges Sanctuary, Executive Director, Andy Gill for a trek through The Sanctuary. We look forward to an opportunity to explore the Sanctuary and discuss what's new, where we are going, and what to expect from the Ridges in the future. **Suitable for all ages.**

CENTRAL. Meet: Cook-Albert Fuller Nature Center, Baileys Harbor

Limit: 20

24. Plum and Pilot Island Tour

Saturday, May 28th, 9AM-12PM

Leader: Shoreline Scenic Charters

Fee: \$50

Representatives of the Friends of Plum & Pilot Islands and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service are your guides for this tour. Visit Plum Island and view the natural beauty of this part of the Green Bay National Wildlife Refuge. The hiking tour, along established trails, will focus on the natural and maritime history aspects of the island and its plant and animal communities, including a bald eagle nest site, a small wetland complex, and a multitude of migratory birds. The hike will be about 1 mile in length. Transportation by boat (Shoreline Charters) from Gills Rock is included in the cost of the trip. **Suitable for ages 16 and up.**

NORTH. Meet: Shoreline Charters, Gills Rock

Limit: 14

25. Explore Waseda Farms ■

Saturday, May 28th, 10AM-12:30PM

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 8 and up.**

CENTRAL. Meet: Waseda Farms, Baileys Harbor

Limit: 20

26. Lakeside Coastal Tour

Saturday, May 28th, 10:30AM-12:30PM

Leader: Shoreline Scenic Cruises

Fee: \$50

Head out into the sparkling waters of Lake Michigan on the retired U.S. 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 12 and up.**

SOUTH. Meet: Baileys Harbor Marina

Limit: 20

Saturday, May 28th - Afternoon

27. Exploring Silver Creek's Black Ash Swamp ■

Saturday, May 28th, 1:30-4PM

Leader: Tracy Hames, Wisconsin Wetland Association

Fee: \$25

This is a rare opportunity to explore one of the few remaining diverse lowland forest wetlands in the lower Door Peninsula. The landowner of this 400+ acre site is allowing tours of the property for the first time. Made up largely of hardwood and coniferous floodplain swamp vegetation, this wetland exhibits characteristics representative of both northern and southern parts of the state. This property is designated a Wetland Gem by the Wisconsin Wetlands Association. **Suitable for ages 16 and up.**

SOUTH. Meet: West Wilson Road, Algoma

Limit: 10

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Photo By: P. Burton



Photo By: Waseda

28. Climate Impacts on Local Flora and Fauna ■

Saturday, May 28th, 1:30-4PM

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 12 and up.**

CENTRAL. Meet: Cook-Albert Fuller Nature Center, Baileys Harbor

Limit: 15

29. Wildflowers Galore! ■

Saturday, May 28th, 1:30-4PM

Leaders: Jane Whitney and Julie Knox

Fee: \$25

The spring wildflowers at Logan Creek are not to be missed! Walk at a leisurely pace along the wildflower path, taking time to discover the hidden beauties and to ID those flowers that you don't know. After enjoying the wildflower display, we'll hike the remainder of the Logan Creek trails which pass through various habitats on the way to Clark Lake and Logan Creek. The hike is a leisurely 2 miles. Sections of the trails are likely to be muddy. Wear shoes appropriate for hiking.

Suitable for ages 16 and up.

SOUTH. Meet: Logan Creek Preserve, Jacksonport

Limit: 15

30. Old Growth Forests ■

Saturday, May 28th, 1:30-4PM

Leaders: John Bates & Mary Burns

Fee: \$25

Meridian Park State Natural Area supports some fine older-growth trees along an unmarked trail that follows an outcropping of the Niagara Escarpment. While most of the site is second-growth, the

larger hemlocks, white cedars, and scattered beech and white pine are worth spending time with. The understory shrub layer contains some Canada yew, a species that's now quite uncommon due to its desirability to browsing deer. This is a relatively short, interpretive walk, where we'll take our time, poke around, and see what we can find. **Suitable for ages 16 and up.**

CENTRAL. Meet: Meridian Park, Baileys Harbor

Limit: 16

31. Explore Waseda Farms ■

Saturday, May 28th, 1:30-4PM

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 8 and up.**

CENTRAL. Meet: Waseda Farms, Baileys Harbor

Limit: 20

Sunday, May 29th - Morning

32. Explore Björklunden ■

Sunday, May 29th, 9-11:30AM

Leader: Jane Whitney

Fee: \$25

A mile of shoreline, ancient ledges, coniferous forest, and 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 Nipissing, 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

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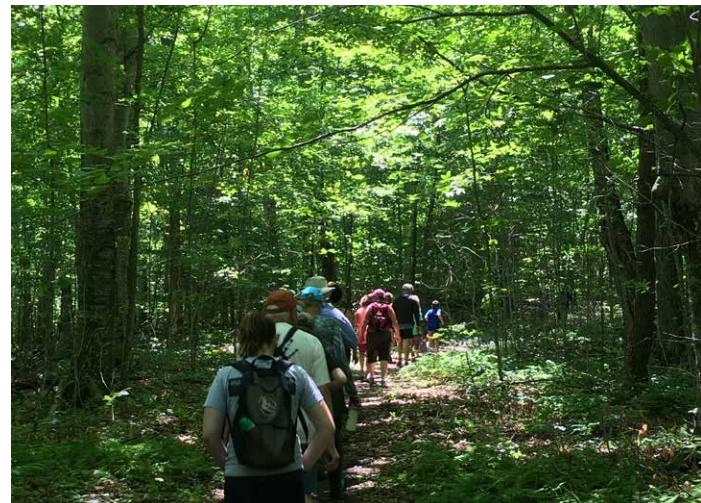


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footwear. **Suitable for ages 16 and up.**

CENTRAL. Meet: Björklunden, Baileys Harbor
Limit: 16

33. Plum and Pilot Island Tour

Sunday, May 29th, 9AM-12PM

Leader: Shoreline Scenic Charters

Fee: \$50

Representatives of the Friends of Plum & Pilot Islands and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service are your guides for this tour. Visit Plum Island and view the natural beauty of this part of the Green Bay National Wildlife Refuge. The hiking tour, along established trails, will focus on the natural and maritime history aspects of the island and its plant and animal communities, including a bald eagle nest site, a small wetland complex, and a multitude of migratory birds. The hike will be about 1 mile in length. Transportation by boat (Shoreline Charters) from Gills Rock is included in the cost of the trip. **Suitable for ages 16 and up.**

NORTH. Meet: Shoreline Charters, Gills Rock
Limit: 14

34. Lakeside Coastal Tour

Sunday, May 29th, 10:30AM-12:30PM

Leader: Shoreline Scenic Cruises

Fee: \$50

Head out into the sparkling waters of Lake Michigan on the retired U.S. 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 12 and up.**

SOUTH. Meet: Baileys Harbor Marina
Limit: 20

Friday, June 3rd - Morning

35. Nature Immersion

Friday, June 3rd, 9-11:30AM

Leader: Jane Burress

Fee: \$25

"Be present in nature, and discover what nature has to present you." Refresh your mind, body, and soul with a slow guided walk-in nature, accompanied by a certified nature and forest therapy guide. A standard sequence of invitations (activities you choose to participate in or not), help awaken your senses, encourage you to slow down, be present, and connect you with your surroundings. This is a 1.5-2-hour walk covering about 1-2 miles. Refreshments and conversation complete the walk. Doorway to Nature LLC is here to promote wellness, harmony, community, and environmental stewardship, by partnering with nature and connecting you with nature's offerings. State Park stickers will be required for this program. **Suitable for ages 16 and up.**

CENTRAL. Meet: Newport State Park, Ellison Bay
Limit: 12

36. Embraced by Nature, Forest Therapy Walk

Friday, June 3rd, 9:30AM-12PM

Leader: Sherry Seubert

Fee: \$25

Leave behind the stresses of everyday life and allow yourself to walk through the forest with intention, absorbing all that the forest has to offer you. A forest therapy walk is a guided, gentle, slow-paced walk through the forest. Your guide will provide you with a series of invitations allowing you to open your senses to deepen your connection and relationship with nature. **Suitable for ages 16 and up.**

CENTRAL. Meet: Cabins at The Ridges, Baileys Harbor
Limit: 10

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Photo By: K. Krouse

37. Peninsula Park Caves and Ephraim North Cruise

Friday, June 3rd, 9-11AM

Leader: Fish Creek Scenic Boat Tours

Fee: \$50

Join Fish Creek Scenic Boat Tours and Ridges Sanctuary Naturalists for a narrated tour navigating the waters north along Peninsula State Park's seven-mile shoreline. Learn about the Park's human and natural history, including the story of the Niagara Escarpment. You'll also cruise past the 145-year-old Eagle Bluff Lighthouse. Cultural history and natural history of the area will be evident on this tour. Be sure to bring your camera! You won't want to miss the activity of flora and fauna on this trip! **Suitable for ages 12 and up.**

CENTRAL. Meet: Fish Creek Marina

Limit: 56

Friday, June 3rd · Afternoon

38. Explore the Miller Conservation Easement

Friday, June 3rd, 1:30-4PM

Leaders: Ed and Sandy Miller

Fee: \$25

Here's an opportunity to visit a privately-owned property not usually open to the public! The Miller property contains a variety of habitats and landscapes including dense cedar swamps and meadows. In addition to hiking the property, you'll learn about the North Bay/Mud Lake area, its inclusion as a Ramsar property, and Miller's sustainable lifestyle. The terrain is relatively flat and hiking is easy to moderate, but some areas may be wet and muddy. Bring along waterproof footwear. **Suitable for ages 12 and up.**

CENTRAL. Meet: The Miller Property, Baileys Harbor

Limit: 16

Friday, June 10th · Morning

39. Explore Björklunden

Friday, June 10th, 9:30AM-12PM

Leader: Jane Whitney

Fee: \$25

A mile of shoreline, ancient ledges, coniferous forest, and 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 Nippissing, 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: 16

40. Exploring Lake Michigan Watersheds: Rieboldt Creek

Friday, June 10th, 9-11:30AM

Leaders: Natalie Dorler-Hyde and Katie Krouse

Fee: \$25

The Lake Michigan Watershed features hundreds of miles of rivers, creeks, streams, wetlands, sandy dunes and more! What better way to explore the watershed than by kayak? Join us on an exploration of the different watershed habitats throughout Door County with our friends at the Lakeshore Natural Resource Partnership (LNRP). We will analyze, compare and assess threats and strengths of our local ecosystems. LNRN is our region's leader in advocacy and action throughout our western shore of Lake Michigan. **Suitable for ages 16 and up. Bring your own kayak.**

CENTRAL. Meet: Rieboldt Creek crossing on County Q, Baileys Harbor

Limit: 10

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Photo By: A. Hamilton



Photo By: J. Kopriva

Friday, June 10th - Afternoon

41. Flower Form and Function ■

Friday, June 10th, 1:30-4:00PM

Leader: Donna Danielson

Fee: \$25

There is amazing diversity among flowers, but they generally share the same basic parts. Spend the afternoon studying flower anatomy and learn how flowers function. You will never look at flowers the same again. We will study at least three different plant families. This program is perfect for plant enthusiasts and artists alike. No experience necessary. **Suitable for ages 16 and up.**

CENTRAL. Meet: Cook-Albert Fuller Nature Center

Limit: 14

Saturday, June 11th - Morning

42. Horseshoe Bay Farms Tour ■

Saturday, June 11th, 9-10:30AM

Leader: Drew Richmond

Fee: \$25

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CENTRAL. Meet: Horseshoe Bay Farms, Egg Harbor

Limit: 25

43. Europe Lake Exploration ■

Saturday, June 11th, 9-11:30AM

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: 18

Saturday, June 11th - Afternoon

44. Exploring Regenerative Agriculture ■

Saturday, June 11th, 1:30-4PM

Leaders: Kathleen Ratterree and David Varney

Fee: \$25

Regenerative agriculture is a practice that restores soil quality and improves ecosystem health. Learn about regenerative agriculture practices in Indigenous communities with Kathleen at The Ridges Cook-Fuller Nature Center, then head over to South Side Farm to see sustainable practices in action with David Varney. **Suitable for ages 16 and up.**

CENTRAL. Meet: Cook-Albert Fuller Nature Center, Baileys Harbor

Limit: 15

Friday, June 17th - Afternoon

45. Discover Toft Point ■

Friday, June 17th, 1:30-4:00PM

Leaders: Jane Whitney and Julie Knox

Fee: \$25

Stroll through a boreal forest, explore the rock ledge shoreline, watch for warblers and eagles, explore a limestone cobble beach, and enjoy the beauty of the plants on this hike through the Toft Point State Natural Area. The hike is a leisurely 2 miles. Wear shoes appropriate for hiking. Bring binoculars or we can provide some. **Suitable for ages 16 and up.**

CENTRAL. Meet: Baileys Harbor Town Hall

Limit: 16

2022 Field Trip Descriptions

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46. Stream Monitoring: How to Assess Stream Health Through Citizen Science

Friday, June 17th, 1:30-4PM

Leaders: Sam Hoffman and Doug Otopalik

Fee: \$25

Join us for an afternoon of exploring stream health and citizen science in Door County. This event will begin with a demonstration of some stream monitoring protocols at a local stream, including macroinvertebrate collection and identification, habitat assessment, and taking water quality measurements. We'll then visit other nearby streams to more broadly discuss the current state of Door County's hydrology and the important role that citizen science has in the conservation of our water resources. **Suitable for ages 18 and up.**

CENTRAL. Meet: Cook-Albert Fuller Nature Center, Baileys Harbor

Limit: 12

Saturday, June 18th - Morning

47. Explore the Mink River Estuary

Saturday, June 18th, 9:00-11:30AM

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: 18

Friday, June 24th - Morning

48. Fossil Excursion

Friday, June 24th, 9-11:30AM

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 remains 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: 14

Saturday, June 25th - Morning

49. Kayak Kangaroo Lake

Saturday, June 25th, 9-11AM

Leader: Katie Krouse

Fee: \$25

Experience the unspoiled areas of one of Door County's Wetland Gems with the help of a naturalist from The Ridges. Your tour of the north end of Kangaroo Lake promises to be filled with opportunities to see birds, wildlife and plants native to this very diverse community. **Suitable for ages 16 and up. Bring your own kayak.**

CENTRAL. Meet: Coyote Roadhouse, Baileys Harbor

Limit: 10

Saturday, June 25th - Afternoon

50. Exploring Silver Creek's Black Ash Swamp

Saturday, June 25th, 1:30-4:00PM

Leader: Tracy Hames, Wisconsin Wetland Association

Fee: \$25

This is a rare opportunity to explore one of the few remaining diverse lowland forest wetlands in the lower Door Peninsula. The landowner of this 400+ acre site is allowing tours of the property for the first time. Made up largely of hardwood and coniferous floodplain swamp vegetation, this wetland exhibits characteristics representative of both northern and southern parts of the state. This property is designated a Wetland Gem by the Wisconsin Wetlands Association. **Suitable for ages 16 and up.**

SOUTH. Meet: West Wilson Road, Algoma

Limit: 10

2022 Field Trip Descriptions

■ Easy Hiking ■ Moderate Hiking ■ Strenuous Hiking



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Friday, July 8th - Morning

51. Horseshoe Bay Farms Tour ■

Friday, July 8th, 9-10:30AM

Leader: Drew Richmond

Fee: \$25

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CENTRAL. Meet: Horseshoe Bay Farms, Egg Harbor

Limit: 12

52. The Seed Free Plants of The Ridges Sanctuary ■

Friday, July 8th, 9:30AM-12PM

Leader: Keir Wefferling

Fee: \$25

Come and learn about the seed-free or spore-bearing plants of The Ridges Sanctuary! We'll walk the trails and boardwalks, learn to identify some common and uncommon mosses, ferns, and others, and talk about their life history traits such as life cycles and ecological niches. 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 12 and up.**

CENTRAL. Meet: Cook-Albert Fuller Nature Center,

Baileys Harbor

Limit: 12

53. Eagle Harbor's Maritime Triumphs and Tragedies ■

Friday, July 8th, 9:30-11AM

Leaders: Kathleen Harris and Cody Schreck of the Ephraim Historical Foundation

Fee: \$25

Soaring bluffs and rollicking whitecaps are the backdrop for a scenic Ephraim adventure. Stroll Anderson Dock discovering Eagle Harbor's maritime legacy and a surprising monument to a U.S. pilot who lost his life at the 1968 Battle of Khe Sanh. Then walk up a shady lane to an ancient shoreline and an outcropping of the Niagara Escarpment. The Ephraim Historical Foundation's 2022 exhibit, "Wrecked: Maritime Triumphs and Tragedies of Eagle Harbor," anchors this field trip. **Suitable for ages 12 and up.**

CENTRAL. Meet: Anderson Barn, Ephraim

Limit: 15

Friday, July 15th - Morning

54. Explore Björklunden ■

Friday, July 15th, 9:30AM-12PM

Leader: Jane Whitney

Fee: \$25

A mile of shoreline, ancient ledges, coniferous forest, and 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: 16

2022 Field Trip Descriptions



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CENTRAL. Meet: Cook-Albert Fuller Nature Center, Baileys Harbor

Limit: 12

Friday, July 22nd • Morning

56. Fossil Excursion

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CENTRAL. Meet: Cook-Albert Fuller Nature Center, Baileys Harbor

Limit: 14

Friday, July 22nd • Morning

57. Exploring the Lake Michigan Watershed: Mink River Estuary

Friday, July 22nd, 9-11:30AM

Leaders: Natalie Dorrler-Hyde and Katie Krouse

Fee: \$25

The Lake Michigan Watershed features hundreds of miles of rivers, creeks, streams, wetlands, sandy dunes and more! What better way to explore the watershed than by kayak? Join us on an exploration of the different watershed habitats throughout Door County with our friends at the Lakeshore Natural Resource Partnership (LNRP). We will analyze, compare and assess threats and strengths of our local ecosystems. LNRP is our region's leader in advocacy and action throughout our western shore of Lake Michigan. **Suitable for ages 16 and up. Bring your own kayak.**

NORTH. Meet: Rowleys Bay Boat Launch, Ellison Bay

Limit: 10

Friday, July 22nd • Afternoon

58. So, if Clubmosses aren't Mosses, What are They?

Friday, July 22nd, 1:30-4:30PM

Leaders: Julie Knox and Jane Whitney

Fee: \$25

Not mosses. Not baby conifers. They're fern allies! In this class you'll learn what that means and how to identify 5 or 6 species of this ancient family. We'll begin in the cabin, learning important features of these spore producing plants, then head out on a leisurely 2+ mile hike to find and identify the different species. We'll end the class with a spore explosion. Expect to spend time on your 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: The Cabins at The Ridges, Baileys Harbor

Limit: 12

2022 Field Trip Descriptions

■ Easy Hiking ■ Moderate Hiking ■ Strenuous Hiking



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Friday, July 29th · Afternoon

59. Is That a Pine or a Spruce? ■

Friday, July 29th, 1:30-4:30PM

Leaders: Julie Knox and Jane Whitney

Fee: \$25

Do you have trouble telling one conifer from another? Here's a chance to learn to identify both our native and common non-native conifers. We'll begin in the cabin, learning important features of each conifer then head out on the Ridges Sanctuary trails to practice identifying various species. By the end of the hike, you will be able to distinguish black from white spruce, balsam from hemlock, red from white pine, and more. 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: The Cabins at The Ridges, Baileys Harbor

Limit: 12

Saturday, July 30th · Afternoon

60. Exploring Silver Creek's Black Ash Swamp ■

Saturday, July 30th, 1:30-4:00PM

Leader: Tracy Hames, Wisconsin Wetland Association

Fee: \$25

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SOUTH. Meet: West Wilson Road, Algoma

Limit: 10

Friday, August 5th · Morning

61. Exploring the Lake Michigan Watershed: Logan Creek

Friday, August 5th, 9-11:30AM

Leaders: Natalie Dorrlar-Hyde and Katie Krouse

Fee: \$25

The Lake Michigan Watershed features hundreds of miles of rivers, creeks, streams, wetlands, sandy dunes and more! What better way to explore the watershed than by kayak? Join us on an exploration of the different watershed habitats throughout Door County with our friends at the Lakeshore Natural Resource Partnership (LNRP). We will analyze, compare and assess threats and strengths of our local ecosystems. LNRP is our region's leader in advocacy and action throughout our western shore of Lake Michigan. **Suitable for ages 16 and up. Bring your own kayak.**

SOUTH. Meet: Clark Lake Boat Launch, Jacksonport

Limit: 10

Saturday, August 5th · Afternoon

62. Explore Björklunden ■

Friday, August 5th, 9:30AM-12PM

Leader: Jane Whitney

Fee: \$25

A mile of shoreline, ancient ledges, coniferous forest, and 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 Nippissing, 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: 16

2022 Field Trip Descriptions

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63. Eagle Harbor's Maritime Triumphs and Tragedies

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Limit: 15

Friday, August 5th • Afternoon

64. Flower Form and Function

Friday, August 5th, 1:30-4:00PM

Leader: Donna Danielson

Fee: \$25

There is amazing diversity among flowers, but they generally share the same basic parts. Spend the afternoon studying flower anatomy and learn how flowers function. You will never look at flowers the same again. We will study at least three different plant families. This program is perfect for plant enthusiasts and artists alike. No experience necessary. **Suitable for ages 16 and up.**

CENTRAL. Meet: Cook-Albert Fuller Nature Center

Limit: 14

Saturday, August 6th • Morning

65. Horseshoe Bay Farms Tour

Saturday, August 6th, 9-10:30AM

Leader: Drew Richmond

Fee: \$25

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CENTRAL. Meet: Horseshoe Bay Farms, Egg Harbor

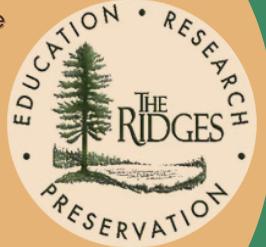
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