



# **SPRING 2023 PROGRAM GUIDE**



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## OWL-O-RAMA

Owl-O-Rama is returning this year on March 3rd and 4th at The Ridges! Learn all about these mysterious nighttime predators including what species are found in Door County, their adaptations, and how we can protect them.

### Owl Prowl

**Friday, March 3rd, 6:00PM-8:30PM**

**Fee:** Public \$15 | Member \$12 | 16 & Under \$7

Join a naturalist at The Ridges Nature Center to learn about owl species that call Door County home. Then, head down to our Logan Creek Property and out on the trail to hear them calling to one another!

**Meet:** Cook-Albert Fuller Nature Center. Travel to Logan Creek necessary. Car pooling will be available.

### Eastern Screech Owl Nest Box Workshop

**Saturday, March 4th, 12:30PM**

**Fee:** Public \$40 | Member \$35

Head over to The Ridges Workshop to build Eastern Screech owl nest boxes, which you can take home and hang in your backyard. A Ridges staff member will provide you with all the materials you need to assemble your nest box.

**Location:** Workshop at The Ridges Sanctuary, 8288 Cty Q, Baileys Harbor, WI

### Meet and Greet with Open Door Bird Sanctuary

**Saturday, March 4th, 1:00PM-3:00PM**

**Fee:** Free

Stop by The Ridges Nature Center to get up close and personal with birds of prey from Open Door Bird Sanctuary. Staff and birds will be set up around the Nature Center to answer questions and tell you about each bird!

**Location:** Cook-Albert Fuller Nature Center



Earth Day Tree Transplant

## EARTH WEEK

Come celebrate Earth Week and the kickoff of our Baileys Harbor Range Light Corridor Restoration! On Wednesday, join us for our annual Tree Transplant, where we will remove tree saplings growing in the Range Light corridor and relocate them to other areas of our property. Dress for the weather and wear clothes that can get muddy! We also recommend gloves, shovels and buckets for pulling up trees. We will meet at our Workshop. On Thursday, join us at the Cook-Fuller Nature Center for a Lake Lesson with Land Manager Sam Hoffman. Sam will give a presentation on the Range Light Corridor Restoration Project and land management practices at The Ridges Sanctuary. We'll round out the week with the premier of the *Ridge and Swale* film on Saturday, April 22nd. Stay tuned for more information!

### Range Light Corridor Restoration Kickoff: Tree Transplant

**Wednesday, April 19th, 10:00AM**

**Fee:** Free

**Meet:** Workshop at The Ridges Sanctuary, 8288 Cty Q, Baileys Harbor, WI

### Lake Lesson: Preserving the History and Ecology of the Range Light Corridor

**Thursday, April 20th, 6:00PM**

**Fee:** Free

**Location:** Cook-Albert Fuller Nature Center

### Film Premier: *Ridge and Swale*

**Premiering Earth Day, Saturday, April 22nd**

Don't miss Peninsula Filmwork's premier of the film *Ridge and Swale: Celebrating a Legacy of Conservation and Community!* The film provides a glimpse into the grassroots efforts, scientific research and public will that has created the story of Door County's conservation history, present and future. We are excited to work with Peninsula Filmworks on the film. The Ridges is a proud sponsor of this project.

**Additional details to be announced.**



Owl-O-Rama

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# CONNECT WITH NATURE



Wildflower Hike, Logan Creek

## Winter Guided Hikes

**Fridays at 1:30PM, Saturdays at 10:30AM and 1:30PM, January 6th – March 31st**

**Fee:** Public \$10 | Member \$7 | 16 & Under Free

Join a naturalist for an exploration of the Sanctuary in the winter. We will head out on the trails to learn all about the Sanctuary, explore some winter adaptations, search for animal tracks, and more! If conditions allow, we will utilize snowshoes for our hike. You can rent snowshoes from our Nature Store for \$5 per pair.

**Location:** Cook-Albert Fuller Nature Center

## Spring Sanctuary Guided Hikes

**Mondays – Saturdays, May 1st– 25th, 10:00AM**

**Fee:** Public \$10 | Member \$7 | 16 & Under Free

Join a naturalist for an exploration of The Ridges Sanctuary. We'll head out on the trails to learn about the history of The Ridges, the unique features of the sanctuary habitats, and what makes the Sanctuary the most biologically diverse area in Wisconsin! This guided hike includes a tour of our Upper Range Light, which has been restored to the period of the last Range Light Keeper. Suitable for all ages.

**Location:** Cook-Albert Fuller Nature Center

## Wildflower Hikes

**Friday, May 12th and Saturday, May 20th, 1:00PM–3:00PM**

**Fee:** Public \$15 | Member \$12 | 16 & Under \$7

Enjoy the beauty of the many Spring ephemeral blooms on this leisurely 2-hour hike. We'll spend time identifying and learning about the flowers and then finish with a hike along the trails to view Clark Lake. Wear appropriate footwear since the trails may be muddy.

**Meet:** Logan Creek State Natural Area, 5724 Loritz Rd, Jacksonport, WI

## Early Bird Hikes

**Saturdays, May 5th – June 20th, 6:30AM**

**Fee:** Public \$5 | Member Free

Head out with Ridges naturalists to learn and identify the morning birds at The Ridges Sanctuary and surrounding Baileys Harbor habitats. Make sure you bring your binoculars! You won't want to miss our early morning friends!

**Meet:** The Cabins at The Ridges Sanctuary, 8288 Cty Q, Baileys Harbor, WI

## RIDGES READS: BRAIDING SWEETGRASS

Join The Ridges Reads Book Club as we discuss *Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teachings of Plants* by Robin Wall Kimmerer. The club meets every three weeks both in person and virtually! Discussions will focus on each section of the book. Virtual discussions take place on Tuesdays from 6:00PM–8:00PM at the Cook-Albert Fuller Nature Center. In person discussions take place via Zoom on Thursdays from 6:00PM–8:00PM.

### Upcoming Dates:

**Virtual:** February 21st, March 14th, April 4th

**In Person:** February 23rd, March 16th, April 6th

All are welcome to take part in the discussions, including young adults! The newly released *Braiding Sweetgrass for Young Adults* as well as the original *Braiding Sweetgrass* are available at our Nature Store. Visit our website for current hours of operation.

These programs are free and pre-registration is required. If you would like to donate to The Ridges, additional donations are accepted and appreciated via the registration portal.

For more information, contact Anna Foster at [anna@ridgessanctuary.org](mailto:anna@ridgessanctuary.org) or call (920) 839-2802, ext. 115.



*Ridges Reads Presents...*

## BRAIDING SWEETGRASS

WEAVING TOGETHER THE GIFTS THE NATURAL WORLD OFFERS US





# DOOR COUNTY FESTIVAL OF NATURE

## SNEAK PEEK

### 21st Annual Door County Festival of Nature May 25th–28th

Once again, The Ridges Sanctuary will come together with our partners in conservation to **Celebrate the Natural Beauty of the Door Peninsula** during the 2023 Festival of Nature. This year, our theme is Connectivity. Why? Because it is all connected! From forests to rare plants, to soil, and microorganisms to conservation organizations, partnerships, and YOU – it is all connected. We look forward to diving deeper into the special natural communities found around the Door Peninsula and connecting with their unique, critical, and sensitive features.

**Mark your calendars – Registration begins Monday, March 20th, at 10AM! Program booklets will be available in early March.**

**NEW** and **COMING SOON** in 2023, we are launching [www.doorcountyfestivalofnature.org](http://www.doorcountyfestivalofnature.org)! This new website will feature all things Festival of Nature including field trip info, registration, resources, sponsors and MORE!



Backpack Adventure Camp



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## Backpack Adventure Camp

**Full Week Sessions:** Public \$195 | Member \$165

This summer we invite campers ages 4–6 and 7–11 to join us for weeks filled with adventure, exploration, and discovery. Camps are held Monday through Friday, 9:00AM–Noon.\* Children will engage in thoughtfully planned, supervised outdoor learning activities. On Fridays, campers will enjoy “Friday Fun Day” at the beach! Space is limited per session to 15 campers for ages 4–6 and 16 campers for ages 7–11. Each child receives a Ridges Adventure Pack that they will use throughout the week and take home at the end.

**Location:** Cabins at The Ridges Sanctuary, 8288 Cty. Q, Baileys Harbor, WI

**Registration for Backpack Adventure Camp opens on Monday March 6th at 10:00AM!**

## Camp Schedule

### Week 1: June 19th–May 23rd

**Critters Club:** Ages 4–6: Learn about the variety of critters that live at The Ridges, their adaptations, and the habitats in which they live.

**Trail Trekkers:** Ages 7–11: Explore and trek through the Family Discovery Trail and the many things it has to offer.

### Week 2: June 26th–30th

**Nature Detectives:** Ages 4–6: Investigate the habitats of The Ridges and use scientific tools to make discoveries.

**Boreal Pioneers:** Ages 7–11: Learn what makes the boreal forest unique and why rare plants grow in the Sanctuary.

### Week 3: July 10th–14th

**Happy Hikers:** Ages 4–6: The Ridges is home to many different habitats. Learn about the different habitats and explore what plants and animals live in each.

**Mucky Ducks:** Ages 7–11: It's time to get muddy and muck through water habitats of The Ridges.

### Week 4: July 17th–21st

**Tiny Twigs:** Ages 4–6: Discover what types of trees live at The Ridges and how they support the different wildlife that call this place home.

**Ridges Rangers:** Ages 7–11: Spend the week learning how to explore, navigate and survive the great outdoors.

### Week 5: July 24th–28th

**Monarch Madness:** Ages 4–6: Learn about the importance of Monarch butterflies and what makes them so magical. Study the Monarch's habitat and learn how to raise this beautiful insect at home!

**Monarch Madness:** Ages 7–11: Become a citizen scientist and discover what it takes to help restore a population.

### Week 6: July 31st–August 4th

**Bug Me:** Ages 4–6: Make friends with nature's six-legged wonders.

**Six-Legged Science:** Ages 7–11: Discover the secrets of the six-legged kingdom.

**\*Exception: Camp will not be held on the week of July 3rd–7th due to Independence Day celebrations throughout the county and travel of families.**

Visit [RidgesSanctuary.org](http://RidgesSanctuary.org) for more information



# SPRING 2023 PROGRAM GUIDE CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
<b>FEBRUARY</b>			1	2	3 Guided Hike 1:30PM	4 Guided Hike 10:30AM & 1:30PM
5	6	7	8	9	10 Guided Hike 1:30PM	11 Guided Hike 10:30AM & 1:30PM
12	13	14	15	16	17 Guided Hike 1:30PM	18 Guided Hike 10:30AM & 1:30PM
19	20	21 Ridges Reads: Braiding Sweetgrass 6PM (Virtual)	22	23 Ridges Reads: Braiding Sweetgrass 6PM (In Person)	24 Guided Hike 1:30PM	25 Guided Hike 10:30AM & 1:30PM
26	27	28				

<b>MARCH</b> *Owl-O-Rama: Friday, March 3: Owl Prowl 6PM Saturday, March 4: Owl Nest Box Workshop 12:30PM, Meet & Greet with Open Door Bird Sanctuary 1PM			1	2	3 Guided Hike 1:30PM	4 Guided Hike 10:30AM & 1:30PM
			<b>*Owl-O-Rama</b>			
5	6 Backpack Adventure Camp Registration Opens 10AM	7	8	9	10 Guided Hike 1:30PM	11 Guided Hike 10:30AM & 1:30PM
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19	20 DOOR COUNTY FESTIVAL OF NATURE Registration Opens 10AM	21	22 Budburst Plant Phenology Orientation 1PM	23	24 Guided Hike 1:30PM	25 Guided Hike 10:30AM & 1:30PM
26	27	28	29	30	31 Guided Hike 1:30PM	

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# FEBRUARY / MARCH / APRIL / MAY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
<b>APRIL</b> <p><b>*Tig Of The Marshland and Wetland Art Showing:</b> April 8th-May21st, Reception date and time to be announced</p> <p><b>*Crane Symposium:</b> April 15th, Presentation and reception time to be announced</p>						1
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15 Crane Count 5:30AM *Crane Symposium
16	17	18	19 Tree Transplant 10AM	20 Preserving the History & Ecology of the Range Light Corridor Presentation 6PM	21	22 Ridge & Swale Premiere
Earth Week				Earth Week		
23	24	25	26	27	28 Arbor Day	29
Earth Week						
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	1 Guided Hike 10AM	2 Guided Hike 10AM	3 Guided Hike 10AM	4 Guided Hike 10AM	5 Guided Hike 10AM Natural Resource Foundation Event: Spring Frog Chorus 7PM	6 Early Bird Hike 6:30AM Spring Workday 9AM Guided Hike 10AM
7 Natural Resource Foundation Event: Woodcock Watch 7PM	8 Guided Hike 10AM	9 Guided Hike 10AM	10 Guided Hike 10AM	11 Guided Hike 10AM	12 Guided Hike 10AM Wildflower Hike 1PM	13 Early Bird Hike 6:30AM Guided Hike 10AM
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				 <p>Festival of Nature May 25th-28th</p>		
28	29	30	31	<b>MAY</b> <p><b>Spring Sanctuary Guided Hikes:</b> May 1st-25th, Mondays-Saturdays, 10AM</p>		
Festival of Nature						



# CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

## CITIZEN SCIENCE



*Stream Monitors*

### Water Action Volunteers – Stream Monitoring

This Wisconsin DNR program teams two volunteers who are assigned to local streams to measure several prescribed variables that monitor stream health. Monitors collect data once a month from May through October. This data is then used by anyone interested in longitudinal watershed environmental health and trends. A preseason training meeting will be held in late April or early May, depending on snow melt, runoff, and DNR schedules.

### Plant Inventory

Collaborate with a team to establish monitoring protocols for implementation of a comprehensive plant inventory based on the many diverse plant communities found in The Ridges Sanctuary. This inventory can then be used as a comparison to a Sanctuary study completed in 1983 and a Hidden Brook survey done in 2012-2013. The current work will also provide the opportunity for future comparative studies, as well as the documentation of plants in more recently acquired properties. Meetings will be ongoing.

### Orchid Restoration

Orchid restoration research activities include trekking, plot monitoring, tending to the shade house, and other restoration activities. These activities are ongoing, including trekking in the snow.

### Budburst Plant Phenology

The Ridges Sanctuary is going through the implementation process of a Citizen Science phenology opportunity. Budburst is a collection of researchers, educators, gardeners, and community/citizen scientists working together to illustrate the human impacts on the natural world around us. We tell that story through data collection, data sharing, education, and personal connections. The focus is on plant phenology and can be as extensive as a participant chooses. There will be upcoming informational meetings to initiate another exciting and valuable endeavor. An orientation for interested people will be held on March 22nd at 1:00PM in the Nature Center Discovery Room.

For more information on Citizen Science opportunities, contact Tony Kiszona at [tony@ridgessanctuary.org](mailto:tony@ridgessanctuary.org) or call (920) 839-2802.

## SPRING WORKDAY

### Saturday, May 6th, 9:00AM-Noon

Join us for a volunteer-based spring cleanup and workday! All abilities of all ages and skill sets are welcome. Typical tasks include cleaning up around the Nature Center, reorganizing storage space, preparing the front gardens, and a variety of other miscellaneous tasks. The workday will begin at 9:00AM and end with a lunch at noon.

For more information, contact Sam Hoffman at [sam@ridgessanctuary.org](mailto:sam@ridgessanctuary.org) or call (920) 839-2802, ext. 108.

## VOLUNTEER

### Join our Team!

Every year, we are able to achieve our goals because of the dedication and support of our amazing volunteers! Join our team of reception desk volunteers, Wednesday Crew workers, Range Light Docents, garden volunteers, and MORE!

For more information about each of our volunteer opportunities, visit [www.ridgessanctuary.org/join/volunteer](http://www.ridgessanctuary.org/join/volunteer).



*Plant Inventory Group*



*Julie & David Verifying a G.pubescens*

# IN APPRECIATION OF BIRDS

## Bluebird Nest Box Workshop

**Saturday, March 18th, 10:00AM-12:00PM**

**Fee:** Public \$20 | Member \$17

Additional Attendee \$5 | Additional Boxes \$15

Eastern bluebird populations are back on the rise thanks to the help of nest box building enthusiasts! During this workshop you will continue to help bluebird populations by learning what they need to survive and creating a nest box to take home. Charlotte Lukes will be joining us to teach us why assisting these little bluebirds is so important. Tools and materials for one box provided.

Space is limited by the number of nest boxes we have available. Each individual registration includes materials for one box, however if you plan to have more than one person build a singular box, and attend the presentation, please pay the additional \$5 for each additional participant.

**Location:** Cook-Albert Fuller Nature Center

## CRANE SYMPOSIUM



*The Dance, Watercolor, Thomas Jewell*

Join us on April 15th for the Crane Symposium, celebrating Door County's crane populations. As part of the symposium, participants will have the opportunity to take part in the crane count, take a hike to see a crane

nesting site, attend a presentation on the cranes of Door County, and enjoy a reception with artist Thomas Jewell at the Cook-Albert Fuller Nature Center. Times of events to be announced. Check our website this spring for more details!

## Midwest Crane Count

**Saturday, April 15th, 5:30AM-7:30AM**

The International Crane Foundation sponsors the Annual Midwest Crane Count as a part of its mission to conserve the world's 15 species of cranes and the natural communities on which they depend. Sandhill Cranes once nearly disappeared from Wisconsin, but the species has successfully recovered and is slowly expanding into neighboring states. Observations of Sandhill Cranes can lend insight into threatened crane species, including the endangered Whooping Crane. There are now approximately 80 Whooping Cranes in the reintroduced population in central Wisconsin, and Crane Counters may have a chance of sighting a Whooping Crane during the survey.

## Tig of the Marshland and Wetland: A Crane Story

**Artist Exhibit by Tomas Jewell**



*Learning to Take Off, Watercolor, Thomas Jewell*

Tig of the Marshland and Wetland offers a collection of recent works by Wisconsin artist Thomas Jewell. Works will include illustrations as seen in the book, *Tig of the Marsh and Wetland*, as well as new work featuring wildlife of The Ridges by Thomas Jewell. Jewell's

work is dedicated to representational art and subjects range from landscapes, wildlife and equine subjects to human portraits in watercolor, acrylic, and oil mediums. The exhibit will be on display Saturday, April 8th through Sunday, May 21st in the gallery hall at the Cook-Albert Fuller Nature Center. A reception will be held during Crane Symposium. Time to be announced.



Your donation is tax deductible as allowed by law. The Ridges Sanctuary is a 501(c)(3) organization.

**Yes! I want to help The Ridges continue its mission to protect the Sanctuary and inspire stewardship of natural areas through programs of education, outreach and research.**

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**VOLUNTEER:** ☐ Please contact me to volunteer my time to help The Ridges fulfill its mission.

**JOIN:** ☐ Please contact me regarding membership so I can begin to enjoy the best of everything The Ridges has to offer.

