

Kettle Moraine State Forest Northern Unit



2012 Autumn Programs

Welcome to the Kettle Moraine State Forest - Northern Unit, a unit of the Ice Age National Scientific Reserve. The Kettle Moraine is internationally known for its famous glacial landforms and fascinating diversity of plants and animals. We encourage you to stop in at the Henry S. Reuss Ice Age Visitor Center to learn more about our glacial past and to plan your stay in the Kettle Moraine.

Throughout the year, the forest naturalists present a wide array of fun-filled educational programs. These programs are held at the Ice Age Visitor Center, Mauthe Lake Recreation Area, Long Lake Recreation Area, or at other spots in the forest. There are programs for all interests and age levels. Check out this brochure to find opportunities which pique your fancy. Most programs are free, but some forest locations do require a Wisconsin State Park System vehicle admission sticker. We look forward to seeing you at one of the upcoming events. For more information about the Kettle Moraine State Forest - Northern Unit or the public programs, please contact the forest staff at the following locations:



Department of Natural Resources
Kettle Moraine State Forest - Northern Unit
N1765 Hwy G
Campbellsport, WI 53010
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Henry S. Reuss Ice Age Visitor Center
Located off Hwy 67 half mile west of Dundee
(920) 533-8322



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September - October

Special Events

Get Outdoors! Family Play Day

September 1, 1:00 - 4:00 pm (Saturday)
Long Lake Recreation Area South Beach
September 2, 12:00 - 3:00 pm (Sunday)
Mauthe Lake Recreation Area Beach

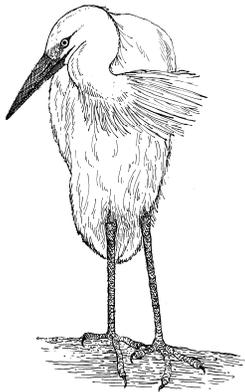
Bring the whole family for an afternoon of nature and outdoor fun! Try your hand at tracking animals, honing your fishing skills, taking the eco-explorer challenge, matching young critters with their parents, and creating original nature art. Everyone is invited to drop in for a few minutes or more than an hour. Adults are encouraged to participate with their children.



Family Concert with Lil' Rev

Sponsored by Friends of the Kettle Moraine
September 1, 6:30 - 8:30 pm (Saturday)
Mauthe Lake Recreation Area Picnic Shelter

Lil' Rev is an award-winning multi-instrumentalist, songwriter and music-historian. His exuberant concerts are celebrations of life filled with songs, history, stories, poems, quotes and jokes. In the event of inclement weather, the concert will be held at the Ice Age Visitor Center. This evening of music is for all ages.



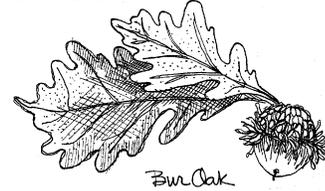
Halloween Nature Hikes

October 19 and 20 (Friday and Saturday)
6:30 - 9:30 pm
Long Lake Recreation Area

Let's go with the flow to encounter a whole raft of water creatures, including the boastful largemouth bass, the daring blue darner dragonfly, the loud honking Canada goose, and the ever elegant great egret. This is not a scary hike and is best for those more than 5 years of age. Groups leave every six minutes. The last hour-long hike leaves at 8:30 pm. While waiting for your hike, enjoy playing some fun-filled games, making a craft to take home, or snacking by the glow of a campfire. In the event of severe weather, the event will be canceled for that night.

Nature Storytimes

An hour of nature fun awaits 3 to 6 year olds with accompanying adults. Join us for stories, games, crafts and songs on the first and third Fridays of each month. Programs will be held at the Ice Age Visitor Center starting at 9:30 am.



Sensational Seeds

September 7, 9:30 - 10:30 am (Friday)
Ice Age Visitor Center

From as tiny as a dust fleck to larger than a softball, seeds come in all shapes and sizes. Unearth how seeds help plants to grow and thrive.

Soaring Hawks

September 21, 9:30 - 10:30 am (Friday)
Ice Age Visitor Center

High above hawks soar through the sky with a keen eye looking down towards the earth. Join us as we explore the high-flying lives of hawks.

Night Eyes

October 5, 9:30 - 10:30 am (Friday)
Ice Age Visitor Center

Red, yellow, green and white eyes: whose eyes do we see at night? Join us as we find out what animals' eyes are open while ours are closed.



Dam Builders

October 19, 9:30 - 10:30 am (Friday)
Ice Age Visitor Center

Timber!! Another tree crashes to the ground. Nature's dam builders, beavers, are hard at work. Learn what "equipment" beavers have to do their jobs so well.

September - October

Discover Nature's Secrets

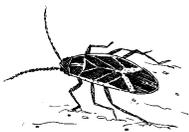
September 1, 10:00 - 11:00 am (Saturday)
Picnic Shelters at Mauthe Lake Recreation Area and
Long Lake Recreation Area

Calling all youth to discover some secrets of nature by participating in the *Wisconsin Explorers* program! The program involves completing a required number of engaging nature activities in one of three age appropriate books (ages 3-5; ages 6-8; and ages 9+) to earn a very cool patch. Get help from a naturalist who will work with youth on activities from the books.

Meet the Ranger

September 2, 2:00 - 3:00 pm (Sunday)
Mauthe Lake Recreation Area Beach

One and all are invited to stop in to meet a Northern Unit's law enforcement ranger. Learn what rangers do and the tools they use as part of their duties.



Exploring Nature Programs

Everyone is invited to participate in 1½ to 2 hours of hands-on nature fun. Adults are encouraged to work with their children. These programs are best for families/groups with children ages 6 to 12 years old.

Prairie Life

September 8, 10:00 - 11:30 am (Saturday)
Ice Age Visitor Center

Wander through a prairie at any time of year and you will be amazed by the diversity of life living there. Join us as we investigate what plants and animals call these treeless fields home.

Ssssnakes!

September 15, 10:00 - 11:30 am (Saturday)
Ice Age Visitor Center

Slithering across the ground with their tongues flicking, snakes arouse our curiosity or sometimes our fears. Uncover many truly amazing facts about these legless reptiles and the habitats where they live to gain an appreciation of their role in nature.



Amazing Forest Mammals

September 22, 10:00 - 11:30 am
(Saturday)
Ice Age Visitor Center

What do humans have in common with bears, bats, raccoons and mice?

They're all mammals! Find out what characteristics mammals share and how they are adapted for survival.

Let's Go Nutty!

September 29, 10:00 - 11:30 am (Saturday)
Ice Age Visitor Center

Round and smooth, oval and sticky nuts come in all shapes, sizes, and textures. We'll explore the woods for nuts and learn from what trees and shrubs they came.

Climb a Kame

October 6, 10:00 - 11:30 am (Saturday)
Ice Age Visitor Center and Dundee Mountain

Join us as we climb Dundee Mountain to gain a better understanding of how the glaciers created kames, eskers, moraines, kettles and outwash plains. The trail is one and half miles long and it does require hiking up and down a steep hill. We will meet at the Ice Age Visitor Center and then car pool the three miles to the Summit Trail on Dundee Mountain. This adventure is for people over 8 years old.

Migration Mysteries

October 13, 10:00 - 11:30 am (Saturday)
Ice Age Visitor Center

Why do animals migrate? Where do they go? How do they find their way? We will find answers to these questions and unravel other mysteries of migration.



An Evening with Nature

On the second Thursday of each month, meet at the Ice Age Visitor Center for informative and entertaining presentations. Forest staff or guest presenters will provide the programs. These programs are best for adults and youth over 10 years old.

Battling Aliens

September 13, 7:00 - 8:30 pm (Thursday)
Ice Age Visitor Center

Are you under siege by garlic mustard, honeysuckle or buckthorn? Is Japanese hedge parsley invading? Or are you at war with another exotic? Learn some of the best ways to battle invasive alien species and to run these ecological bullies out of our native communities.

Finding Beauty within Native American Art from Raw Materials to Finished Product

October 11, 7:00 - 9:00 pm (Thursday)
Ice Age Visitor Center

Presenter: Karen Hartman, Native American Educator

Join Karen as she shares how Native Americans created useful and beautiful objects from readily available natural materials. You'll be able to create a dream catcher as part of the program. To register call 920-533-8322 by **October 9.**

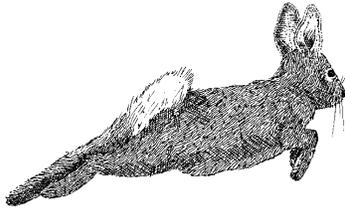
November - December

Special Event

Winter Solstice Night Hike

December 21, 7:00 - 8:30 pm (Friday)
Zillmer Trail Shelter (located off Hwy SS between Hwy G and Hwy 67 near New Prospect)

Gather around the fire as we share some traditions of the longest night of the year. We will then travel through the dark woods to discover what animals are awake and braving the cold of a winter night. This program is best for families with children more than 6 years old.



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Hop Away Rabbit

November 2, 9:30 - 10:30 am (Friday)
Ice Age Visitor Center

A fox is coming! Hop away rabbit, hop away home! We'll investigate the world of rabbits to learn how they live in the wild.

Stocking Up for Winter

November 16, 9:30 - 10:30 am (Friday)
Ice Age Visitor Center

The days are growing shorter and the temperature is dropping. Come learn how some animals stock up to get through the hardships of winter.

Birds at My Feeder

December 7, 9:30 - 10:30 am (Friday)
Ice Age Visitor Center

Even on the coldest days of winter, a bird feeder can be flurry of activity. Discover what birds may visit your feeder and what they like to eat.



Look! Look Again!

December 21, 9:30 - 10:30 am (Friday)
Ice Age Visitor Center

Sometimes it takes a double look to see an animal standing right in front of us. Uncover how creatures of all kinds use camouflage to survive.

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Bones, Bones, Bones

November 10, 10:00 - 11:30 am (Saturday)
Ice Age Visitor Center

Become a bone detective! By examining bones, we can determine what animal's bones they were and a lot about the animal's way of life.

Nature Crafts

December 8, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm (Saturday)
Ice Age Visitor Center

Let your creativity flow! Using supplies found in nature, we will create a variety of crafts including flower magnets, nature candles and evergreen wrapping paper. To register call (920) 533-8322 by **December 6**.

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Gottfried Arboretum's Create a Winter Wreath

November 8 (Thursday)
Session 1: 1:00 - 3:30 pm
OR Session 2: 6:00 - 8:30 pm
Ice Age Visitor Center



Session 3: November 14, 6:00 - 8:30 pm (Wednesday)
Lakeside Park Pavilion in Fond du Lac

Using a variety of natural materials, create a beautiful evergreen wreath and swag that will enhance your winter decor. To register call (920) 533-8939 by **November 6**. Space is limited to people over 12 years old. Cost: \$15.00/person; fee payable to the Gottfried Arboretum.

Wisconsin's Winter Birds and How to Attract Them

December 13, 7:00 - 8:30 pm (Thursday)
Ice Age Visitor Center

Presenter: Bill Mueller, Wisconsin Society of Ornithology

Birds bring excitement to a barren winter day. Discover what birds spend their winters in Wisconsin and ways to attract them to your yard.