

Kettle Moraine State Forest Northern Unit



2017 Winter into Spring 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 features and amazing 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 interest. Most programs are **free**, but some forest locations do require a 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, contact the forest staff at the following locations:



Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
Kettle Moraine State Forest - Northern Unit
N1765 County Road G
Campbellsport, WI 53010
262-626-2116

Henry S. Reuss Ice Age Visitor Center
Located half mile west of Dundee
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Campbellsport, WI 53010
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January

The True Stories of Wolves Nature Storytime

January 5, 6:00-7:00 pm (Thursday)

January 6, 9:30-10:30 am (Friday)

Ice Age Visitor Center

Are wolves really the big bad animals of fairy tales? Join us as we share the true stories of timber wolves. This hour of nature fun awaits 3 to 6 year olds with accompanying adults.

Snapshot Wisconsin

An Evening with Nature Program

January 12, 7:00-8:30 pm (Thursday)

Ice Age Visitor Center

Presenter: Jennifer Stenglein, Ph.D., CWB
Dept. of Natural Resources Research Scientist

Snapshot Wisconsin is a new, year-around, statewide effort to monitor Wisconsin's wildlife with a network of trail cameras. In addition to background on the project, we will talk about the results of the pilot study, how trail camera pictures are used currently, and our hope for how they will be used in the future. This program is most appropriate for people over the age of 10 years.

Who's Been Here? Tracking on Snowshoes Exploring Nature Program

January 14, 10:00-11:45 am (Saturday)

Ice Age Visitor Center

By just looking at a track, we can figure out what animal passed through the area. Master some of the tricks of tracking animals in winter and snowshoeing. If there is not enough snow for snowshoeing, we will hike the trail. Bring your own snowshoes or borrow a pair of ours. **To register, call (920) 533-8322 by January 13.** This program is best for people over 8 years old.

Silent Snowflakes Nature Storytime

January 19, 6:00-7:00 pm (Thursday)

January 20, 9:30-10:30 am (Friday)

Ice Age Visitor Center

Come for some snowy fun! We'll count the sides of a snowflake, make our own, and go play in the millions of piled up snowflakes. (Hopefully!) This hour of nature fun awaits 3 to 6 year olds with accompanying adults.



Get Outdoors!

Learn to Ice Fish

January 21, 10:00 am-12:00 pm

(Saturday)

Mauthe Lake Recreation Area Shelter

Learn the tricks of winter fishing with experienced ice anglers. We will start inside the Mauthe Lake shelter

for a presentation on safety, and appropriate gear and tackle. Then it's off to Mauthe Lake to try our best at luring those fish out of the water. Equipment, tackle, and bait will be provided. This program is best for people over 6 years old. **To register, call (920) 533-8322 by January 20.** Special surprises await all who pre-register.

Read and Explore

January 21, 1:00-2:15 pm (Saturday)

Ice Age Visitor Center

Drop in to read a book about winter with a caring adult. Afterwards, head outside to explore the wonders of the season. This is a great opportunity for early elementary students to practice their reading skills!

Get Outdoors!

Learn to Cross-country Ski

January 28, 9:00 am-12:00 pm.

(Saturday)

Zillmer Trail Area (located off County Road SS between County Road G and Hwy 67 near New Prospect)



Dust off those cross-country skis and head to Zillmer to gain the skills to make cross-country skiing fun and safe. This program is best for people older than 10 years. Arrangements for ski rentals will be made for those who need skis. **To register, call 920-533-8322 by January 26.**

February

Winter Sleepers Nature Storytime

February 2, 6:00-7:00 pm (Thursday)

February 3, 9:30-10:30 am (Friday)

Ice Age Visitor Center

Who's sleeping away winter? Discover what animals sleep through the cold and snow of winter, and why they do it. This hour of nature fun awaits 3 to 6 year olds with accompanying adults.

Candlelight Ski/Hike

February 4, 5:30-8:30 pm (Saturday)

Zillmer Trail Area (located off County Road SS between County Road G and Hwy 67 near New Prospect)



Cross-country ski or hike in the Kettle Moraine State Forest – Northern Unit by candlelight. At the bonfire join fellow hikers and skiers for hot drinks and snacks provided by the Friends of the Kettle Moraine. The trail is perfect for novice skiers with no steep hills or sharp turns. Warm up in the heated Zillmer shelter building.



Winter Star Gazing

February 4, 5:30-8:30 pm (Saturday)
Ice Age Visitor Center

Look through a telescope or binoculars to bring into focus the wonders of the night sky. With the help of knowledgeable night sky observers from the Northern Cross Science Foundation, spy distant planets, dumb-bell nebulas, globular clusters, and so much more. The program will be held only if the skies are clear, and is best for anyone more than 8 years old. Drop in any time; stay as long as you like.

How Birds Fly

An Evening with Nature Program

February 9, 7:00-8:30 pm (Thursday)
Ice Age Visitor Center

Presenter: Paul Lupton, PhD

Birds, insects, and bats fly ... so do airplanes. Learn how nature solved the challenge of flight and how humans had to unlock its secrets before we could leave the ground. There'll be a special demonstration to help us grasp the simple but important physics of flight. This program is most appropriate for people over the age of 10 years.

Winter Snow Fun Exploring Nature Program

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

Bundle up and get out of the house for some winter fun. We'll play old-time games, go exploring outside, and create a winter craft. **To register, call (920) 533-8322 by February 10.** This program is best for families/groups with children 6 to 12 years old.



Scampering Squirrels Nature Storytime

February 16, 6:00-7:00 pm (Thursday)
February 17, 9:30-10:30 am (Friday)
Ice Age Visitor Center

Squirrels of all kinds scamper their way through our forests and backyards. Learn how these energetic creatures are adapted to tree life. This hour of nature fun awaits 3 to 6 year olds with accompanying adults.

Read and Explore

February 18, 1:00-2:15 pm (Saturday)
Ice Age Visitor Center

Drop in to read a book about birds in winter with a caring adult. Afterwards, head outside to search for our feathered friends. This is a great opportunity for early elementary students to practice their reading skills!

March

Rowdy Red-wings Nature Storytime

March 2, 6:00-7:00 pm (Thursday)
March 3, 9:30-10:30 am (Friday)
Ice Age Visitor Center

Look!!! The red-winged blackbirds are back! Spring must not be too far away. Come celebrate the return of the red-wings to the Kettle Moraine. This hour of nature fun awaits 3 to 6 year olds with accompanying adults.

How Native Landscaping is Better for You and the Earth

An Evening with Nature Program

March 9, 7:00-8:30 pm (Thursday)
Ice Age Visitor Center

Presenter: Mariette Nowak, Naturalist/Author

Landscaping with native plants can improve your health, enhance your quality of life, heal the earth, and sustain our native birds, butterflies, and all wild things. Ms. Nowak will share the research that shows how to accomplish all the above through native landscaping. This program is most appropriate for people over the age of 10 years.

Wonderful Wisconsin Trees Exploring Nature Program

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



Maple syrup, apples, cherries, paper, nuts, furniture, and so much more are gifts from our Wisconsin trees. Many of these gifts are harvested while there are no leaves on the trees. Join us as we reveal the tricks to identifying trees in leafless condition and find out what products come from them. This program is best for people over 8 years old.

Spring into Spring Nature Storytime

March 16, 6:00-7:00 pm (Thursday)
March 17, 9:30-10:30 am (Friday)
Ice Age Visitor Center

Through songs, stories, and games, we will welcome spring back to Wisconsin. We'll even go outside to hunt for signs of its return. This hour of nature fun awaits 3 to 6 year olds with accompanying adults.

Read and Explore

March 18, 1:00-2:15 pm (Saturday)
Ice Age Visitor Center

Drop in to read a book about signs of spring with a caring adult. Afterwards, head outside to search for spring's return. This is a great opportunity for early elementary students to practice their reading skills!

April



Pink-toed 'Possums Nature Storytime

April 6, 6:00-7:00 pm (Thursday)
April 7, 9:30-10:30 am (Friday)
Ice Age Visitor Center

Discover interesting facts about North America's only mammal with a pouch, the opossum. This hour of nature fun awaits 3 to 6 year olds with accompanying adults.

All Tied Up in Knots Exploring Nature Program

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

There is a knot for every kind of job. Learn how to tie basic knots and how to do simple lashing. To practice your new skills, you will make a couple of knot projects.

To register, call (920) 533-8322 by April 7. This program is best for people over 8 years old.

Wild Edible and Poisonous Mushrooms An Evening with Nature Program

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

Presenter: Alan D. Parker, PhD,
Professor Emeritus, UW-Waukesha



Many wild mushrooms are edible, others are deadly poisonous, and still others are unique curiosities of the fungus world. Join Dr. Parker as he shares his vast knowledge and beautiful images of Wisconsin fungi and provides insights into spring morel mushroom hunting. This program is most appropriate for people over the age of 10 years.

Read and Explore

April 15, 1:00-2:15 pm (Saturday)
Ice Age Visitor Center

Drop in to read a book about amphibians with a caring adult. Afterwards, head outside to search for these dual-life animals. This is a great opportunity for early elementary students to practice their reading skills!

Earth Friends Nature Storytime

April 20, 6:00-7:00 pm (Thursday)
April 21, 9:30-10:30 am (Friday)
Ice Age Visitor Center

Kick off Earth Day by learning how to become friends with the earth and all its critters. This hour of nature fun awaits 3 to 6 year olds with accompanying adults.

In Search of Sky Dancers and Spring Noise-makers Night Hike

April 21, 7:30-9:00 pm (Friday)
Zillmer Trail Area (located off County
Road SS between County Road G and
Hwy 67 near New Prospect)



An early spring evening is the perfect time to search for those incredible sky dancers, woodcock and snipe. As the sky darkens, we will tune in on those nighttime noise-makers, the frogs. This hike is most appropriate for adults and children over the age of 6 years.

Earth Week Litter Pick Up

Sponsored by the Friends of the Kettle Moraine
April 22, 8:30 am - 12:00 pm (Saturday)
Kettle Moraine Scenic Drive (Meet at the Forest
Headquarters)

Help give the Kettle Moraine Scenic Drive a spring cleaning. Join others for a morning of camaraderie and litter pick up. Youth and other groups are encouraged to participate. Bring your own gloves. Garbage bags provided. Meet at the Forest Headquarters to get your road assignment. After cleaning up, return to the Headquarters for snacks and refreshments. **To register groups, call (262) 626-2116.**

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