

Kettle Moraine State Forest Northern Unit



2017 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, and 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:



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
N2875 County Road G (not a mailing address)
Campbellsport, WI 53010
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Special Event

Events sponsored by the *Friends of the Kettle Moraine*.



Deep Sky Objects

September 2, 7:30-8:30 pm (Saturday)
Ice Age Visitor Center

Presenter: Jeff Setzer
Northern Cross Science Foundation

What objects lie beyond our solar system? What are a nebula, an "M" object, and globular cluster? Join Jeff Setzer as he describes these and other extraordinary deep sky objects. This program is most appropriate for people more than 8 years old.

Summer Star Gazing

September 2, 8:45-11:00 pm (Saturday)
Ice Age Visitor Center

Presenter: Northern Cross Science Foundation

With the help of experienced night sky observers, spy distant planets, dumb-bell nebulas, globular clusters, and so much more. The program will be held only if the skies are clear. This program is best for anyone more than 8 years old. Drop in any time and stay as long as you like.



Halloween Nature Hikes

October 20 and 21
(Friday and Saturday)
6:30-9:30 pm
Mauthe Lake Recreation Area



Watch Out! The spineless wonders are creeping along the trails waiting to tell their tales. Join us for a fun-filled stroll through the dark autumn woods to meet a cast of fascinating characters including the mighty dragonfly, lovely luna moth, and stealthy praying mantis. This is not a scary hike and is best for those over five years old. Groups leave every six minutes. The last hour-long hike leaves at 8:30 pm. While waiting for your hike, enjoy playing 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.

Drop In Programs

Drop in on the forest naturalists. They will have artifacts, activities, and answers to your nature and outdoor questions. Come for a few minutes or more than an hour for some nature fun. Adults are encouraged to participate with their children.

Get Outdoors! Play Day

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

Nature's Recyclers

September 30, 11:00 am-2:00 pm (Saturday)
Ice Age Visitor Center

Nature has been recycling for millions of years. Learn what organisms help recycle all the dead stuff of nature. It's sure to be a creepy crawly experience!



Nature Up Close

October 7, 11:00 am-2:00 pm (Saturday)
Ice Age Visitor Center

Gain a new perspective by taking a closer look at nature using a variety of magnifying tools and techniques. You'll be astonished by what we encounter. Bring your camera to capture your unique finds.

Winged Mammals: Bats

October 14, 11:00 am-2:00 pm (Saturday)
Ice Age Visitor Center

Steeped in myth, bats often get an undeserved bad rap. Uncover truly astounding facts about bats and maybe gain a new appreciation for them.

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 Friday mornings of each month. Programs held at the Ice Age Visitor Center.

Ladybugs Everywhere

September 1, 9:30-10:30 am (Friday)
Ice Age Visitor Center

Find out what these friendly beetles do that is of such importance to all of us.

Chattering Chipmunks

September 15, 9:30-10:30 am (Friday)
Ice Age Visitor Center

Find out what these "chatter boxes" do with all those gathered nuts and seeds.

Trees of Many Colors

October 6, 9:30-10:30 am (Friday)
Ice Age Visitor Center

Discover why our tall, tall trees lose their colorful leaves before winter comes.

Pee-yew Skunk!

October 20, 9:30-10:30 am (Friday)
Ice Age Visitor Center



What's black and white and smells all over? A skunk! Join us as we discover cool truths about skunks.



Flying V's

November 3, 9:30-10:30 am (Friday)
Ice Age Visitor Center

What's that flying V in the sky? Is it a plane? No, it's a flock of geese! Learn about these noisy big birds as they fly south for the winter.

Gobbling Turkeys

November 17, 9:30-10:30 am (Friday)
Ice Age Visitor Center

Let's talk turkey! Come in and strut your stuff as we learn about the wild turkey - our big, beautiful woodland bird.

Now That the Days Are Colder

December 1, 9:30-10:30 am (Friday)
Ice Age Visitor Center

Bundle up; it's cold outside. Join us as we find out what the animals do to survive the cold days of winter.

Clever Crows

December 15, 9:30-10:30 am (Friday)
Ice Age Visitor Center

Crows are big, black birds that are always making noise. We'll try to figure out what these clever crows may be talking about.

Night Hikes

Journey into Darkness Night Hike

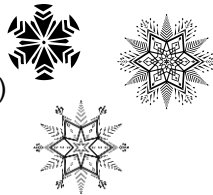
September 1, 8:00-9:30 pm (Friday)
Zillmer Trails Area (located off County Road SS between County Road G and Hwy 67 near New Prospect)

We will explore the darkening world for **nocturnal insects**. Bring your bug spray and sense of adventure. This night hike is best for families/groups with children at least 5 years old.

Winter Solstice Night Hike

December 21, 6:30-8:00 pm (Thursday)
Zillmer Trails Area (located off County Road SS between County Road 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 hike is best for families/groups with children over 5 years old.



Exploring Nature Programs

Everyone is invited to participate in 1 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 unless otherwise noted.

Saturday Morning Nature Sleuths

September 2, 10:00-11:00 am (Saturday)
Picnic Shelters at Mauthe Lake Recreation Area and Long Lake Recreation Area

Calling all youth to unravel the mysteries 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.

Monarchs, Milkweeds, and Mexico

September 9, 12:30-2:00 pm (Saturday)
Ice Age Visitor Center



Find out the connection between monarch butterflies, milkweeds, and Mexico. Discover ways you can help these magnificent butterflies survive.

Get Outdoors! Go. . . Find Your Way

September 16, 9:00-11:00 am (Saturday)
Long Lake Recreation Area Picnic Shelter

Would you like to venture off the beaten path, but don't feel comfortable leaving the familiar trail behind? Then join us to learn how to use an orienteering compass, determine your pace, and keep yourself from becoming lost. This program is best for families/groups with children more than 8 years old.

Sensational Seeds

September 23, 12:30-2:00 pm (Saturday)
Ice Age Visitor Center

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

Animals of the Night

October 28, 12:30-2:00 pm (Saturday)
Ice Age Visitor Center

Whoo's awake during the hours of darkness? Join us as we delve into the world of nocturnal animals.

Getting Ready for Winter

November 11, 12:30-2:00 pm (Saturday)
Ice Age Visitor Center

The chill of winter is in the air. Uncover how the world of nature prepares for the hardships of the season.

Gifts with a Natural Touch

December 9, (Saturday)
10:00 am-12:00 pm **OR** 12:30-2:30 pm
Ice Age Visitor Center

Use inspirations and materials from nature to make several crafts including nature print cards, sun catchers and mini winter wreaths. To register call (920) 533-8322 by **December 8**.

An Evening with Nature

Meet at the Ice Age Visitor Center or site listed for informative and entertaining presentations. Forest staff or guest presenters provide the programs, which are best for adults and youth over 10 years old.

Eight-legged Wonders: Spiders

September 14, 7:00-8:30 pm (Thursday)
Ice Age Visitor Center

Presenter: Jackie Scharfenberg, Forest Naturalist

Hundreds of spider species call Wisconsin home. Learn about their unique biology and the niches they fill in our state's natural communities.

Nuts in Wisconsin

October 12 7:00-8:30 pm (Thursday)
Ice Age Visitor Center

Presenters: Julie Peltier, DNR Forester, and
Jackie Scharfenberg, Forest Naturalist

Beware! The nuts are dropping! Discover the variety of Wisconsin trees and shrubs that produce edible nuts and where they grow. After the presentation try a variety of nuts and nut-filled treats.



Gottfried Arboretum's Create a Winter Wreath

November 9 (Thursday)
Session 1: 1:00-3:30 pm **OR**
Session 2: 6:00-8:30 pm
Ice Age Visitor Center

November 15 (Wednesday)

Session 3: 1:00-3:30 pm **OR** Session 4: 6:00-8:30 pm
Lakeside Park Pavilion in Fond du Lac

Using a variety of natural materials, create a beautiful wreath and swag that will enhance your home's winter decor. **To register for a session, call (920) 940-8869 or email wiscotmcd@hotmail.com by November 8.**

Space is limited. This program is best for people over 12 years old. Cost: \$20.00/person; fee payable to the Gottfried Arboretum.

Winter Birds and How to Attract Them

December 14, 7:00-8:30 pm (Thursday)
Ice Age Visitor Center

Presenter: William P. Mueller, Director
Western Great Lakes Bird and Bat
Observatory

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



Ice Age Trail Trekking

This informal group of people comes together on Wednesdays to enjoy an hour or two hiking along the Ice Age National Scenic Trail. Shuttles will be available between the starting and finishing spots.

September 6, 7:00-8:30 am (Wednesday)
September 13, 6:00-7:30 pm (Wednesday)
Meet at the Ice Age Trail parking lot off Hwy 28 (located west of Kettle Moraine Drive near Kewaskum)

Join us for a stimulating 2.79-mile hike between Kettle Moraine Drive and Hwy 28.

September 20, 7:00-8:15 am (Wednesday)
September 27, 6:00-7:15 pm (Wednesday)
Meet at the Ice Age Trail parking lot off County Road H (located east of the Milwaukee River near Kewaskum)

Join us for a lovely autumn 1.95-mile hike between Hwy 28 and County Road H.

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