

Kettle Moraine State Forest Northern Unit



2018 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 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, 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

Winter's Magic Nature Storytime

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

Come explore the magic of winter from falling snowflakes to crunching footsteps and dripping icicles. This hour of nature fun awaits 3 to 6 year olds with accompanying adults.

An Evening with Nature

The First 12,000 Years of Native American History

January 11, 7:00-8:30 pm (Thursday)
Ice Age Visitor Center

Presenter: Herman Bender
Independent Researcher and Writer

Delve into first 12,000 years of Native American history of the upper Great Lakes area from the end of the Ice Age to the very beginning of European contact. This includes pre-historic climate change, early migrations, and transforming artifact styles from petroforms and mounds to other cultural/landscape traits. This program is most appropriate for people over 12 years old.

Rat-a-tat-tat of Winter Exploring Nature Program

January 13, 12:30-2:00 pm (Saturday)
Ice Age Visitor Center

Listen! Do you hear the rat-a-tat-tat of the woodpeckers? Join us as we carve out the facts about these fascinating woodland birds. This program is best for families/groups with children between the ages of 6 and 12 years.

Ahoouuu! Call the Coyotes Nature Storytime

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

In the dark of night, we hear a wailing howl and know that the coyotes are near. Discover amazing truths about the life of a coyote. This hour of nature fun awaits 3 to 6 year olds with accompanying adults.



Get Outdoors! Learn to Ice Fish

January 20, 10:00 am-12:00 pm (Saturday)
Mauthe Lake Recreation Area Picnic Shelter (located off County Road GGG south of County Road SS near New Prospect)

Learn the tricks of winter fishing with experienced ice anglers. We will start inside the Mauthe Lake picnic shelter for a presentation on safety tips 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 19.** Special surprises await all who pre-

register. No fishing license required since it is Free Fishing Weekend, but a State Park System vehicle admission sticker is required.

Read and Explore

January 20, 1:00-2:15 pm (Saturday)
Ice Age Visitor Center

Drop in to read a book about tracking animals with a caring adult. Afterwards, head outside to explore for animal tracks. 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. (Sunday)
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. Trail passes waived for workshop participants, but State Park System vehicle admission stickers still required. **To register, call 920-533-8322 by January 26.**

February

Pretty Red Cardinals Nature Storytime

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

Cardinals are a splash of color in the white of winter. We'll investigate the world of the cardinals to find out how they are adapted to survive winter's hardships. This hour of nature fun awaits 3 to 6 year olds with accompanying adults.

Candlelight Ski/Hike

Sponsored by the Friends of the Kettle Moraine

February 3, 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. The shelter building will be open, lit, and heated. Trail passes waived for event participants, but State Park System vehicle admission stickers still required.

Winter Star Gazing

February 3, 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. This program is best for anyone more than 8 years old. Drop in any time and stay as long as you like.



An Evening with Nature Now That the Ash Are Gone

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

Presenter: Adam Zirbel, DNR Forester

Since the invasion of the emerald ash borer, many of our native ash trees have died. Find out the impact of the loss of all species of ash and what we can do to replace these trees and minimize the impact on our local plant communities, cities, and yards. This program is most appropriate for people over the age of 12 years.



Snowshoe Adventure Exploring Nature Program

February 10, 12:30-2:00 pm (Saturday)
Greenbush Recreation Area Shelter
(located off Kettle Moraine Drive
between Hwy 67 and County Road T
near Greenbush)

Learn the ancient skill of snowshoeing and then venture along the trails at Greenbush. Snowshoes provided for those who need them. **To register call (920) 533-8322 by February 8.** This program is best for people over 8 years old.

Moon Faces Nature Storytime

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

Has the moon ever smiled at you? Come uncover the many faces of the moon. This hour of nature fun awaits 3 to 6 year olds with accompanying adults.

Read and Explore

February 17, 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

Blowing Winds Nature Storytime

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

Spring winds blow away the last of winter's cold and snow. Have some fun as we learn why the wind blows and what's blown by the wind. This hour of nature fun awaits 3 to 6 year olds with accompanying adults.



An Evening with Nature Tiny Mammals of Southeast Wisconsin

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

Presenter: Beth Goepfinger, Naturalist
Bong State Recreation Area

Discover the menagerie of tiny mammals that call Southeast Wisconsin home including shrews, moles, mice, and voles. Goepfinger will explain how they are monitored and their importance to various ecosystems. This program is most appropriate for people over the age of 12 years.

Winds of Spring Exploring Nature Program

March 10, 12:30-2:30 pm (Saturday)
Ice Age Visitor Center

Have you ever wondered why the wind blows and from where it comes? Join us as we answer these questions and uncover the power of the wind. We will make several wind-powered objects. This program is best for families/groups with children between the ages of 6 and 12 years.



Sweet Taste of Spring Nature Storytime

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

Freezing nights and warm days make the sap of the maple trees flow. Come figure out how maple sap is turned into sweet tasting syrup. This hour of nature fun awaits 3 to 6 year olds with accompanying adults.

Read and Explore

March 17, 1:00-2:15 pm (Saturday)
Ice Age Visitor Center

Drop in to read a book about the 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

Black-masked Bandits Nature Storytime

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

Oh no! Here come the black-masked bandits of the forest! Discover how raccoons survive in the woods, along the water's edge, and even in our big cities. This hour of nature fun awaits 3 to 6 year olds with accompanying adults.

An Evening with Nature

The WI Stopover Initiative: Helping Migratory Birds

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

Presenter: Kim Grveles, Avian Ecologist,
DNR Natural Heritage Conservation Bureau



Find out what birds migrate to and through our state including the Northern Unit and importance of stopover habitats to their survival. Learn the significance of the Great Lakes region, particularly Wisconsin's Lake Michigan basin for migratory birds. Pick up tips on how to create or enhance habitat in your yard and other ways to benefit these long-distance fliers. This program is most appropriate for people over the age of 12 years.

Searching for Early Migrants

Exploring Nature Program

April 14, 9:30-11:00 am (Saturday)
Mauthe Lake Recreation Area Picnic Shelter (located off County Road GGG south of County Road SS near New Prospect)

It's spring! Let's head outside to search for the birds that returned to enjoy early spring in Wisconsin. This program is best for families/groups with children between the ages of 6 and 12 years.

Happy Earth Day! Nature Storytime

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

Come celebrate Earth Day with stories, games, songs, and lots of fun! This hour of nature fun awaits 3 to 6 year olds with accompanying adults.

Read and Explore

April 21, 1:00-2:15 pm (Saturday)
Ice Age Visitor Center



Drop in to read a book about frogs 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!

Spring Serenade Night Hike

April 27, 7:30-9:00 pm (Friday)
Zillmer Trail Area (located off County Road SS between County Road G and Hwy 67 near New Prospect)

Nature awakens from its long winter slumber with a symphony of sound. Journey through the darkening woods to reveal the animals providing the spring serenade. This hike is most appropriate for people over the age of 6 years.

Earth Week Clean Up

Sponsored by the Friends of the Kettle Moraine

April 28, 8:30 am-12:00 noon (Saturday)
Kettle Moraine Scenic Drive (Meet at the Forest Headquarters off County Road G south of County Road SS near New Prospect)

Join others for a morning of camaraderie and litter pick up along the Kettle Moraine Scenic Drive. Youth and other groups are encouraged to participate. Bring your own gloves. Garbage bags will be provided. Go to the Forest Headquarters off County Road G to get your road assignment. After the cleanup, meet back at the Headquarters for snacks and refreshments. **To register groups, call (262) 626-2116.**

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