

PENINSULA STATE PARK NATURE CENTER

Nature Center open as listed below. Additional hours as staffing permits. Program schedule subject to change based on property needs. Programs free but a state park vehicle sticker is required. 920-854-5976.

Consider trying the following adventures on your own:

- Bring **50 Pieces of Litter** to the White Cedar Nature Center for a FREE eco-charm! Your own garbage doesn't count!
- **Smokey Bear Backpacks** Teach kids Smokey's fire safety rules by taking a lil' [stuffed] Smokey camping overnight. Free loan at the Nature Center.
- **White Cedar Nature Trail** ½ mile loop. New in 2016! Full-color signs about deer and forests. Can you find "hidden" items along the trail? Trail open 6 AM to 11 PM. Sorry, no leashed pets.
- **Ash and Beech Geocaches** Easy to find – your own GPS unit is optional. Eco charms for kids. Each cache is a five-minute walk from Middle Road. Need more info? Ask at Nature Center.

Don't have a GPS? The Ash and Beech Geocaches are designed for families. You might be able to find them "treasure hunt" style. Get yourself to Middle Road. Both caches are: no more than a five-minute walk from the road; on the east side of the trail; and, about 10 yards off the trail. The ASH cache is beneath a very large ash tree, next to a red oak. The BEECH cache is near a deer enclosure cage.



Ash Tree Geocache Hunt GC5PF5D *Hint: Kodanko*

N45° 09.014 W087° 13.057

Beech Tree Geocache Hunt GC5PFCT *Hint: Middle*

N45° 08.809 W087° 13.049

So Many Memories is a four stage, three mile hiking cache.

So Many Memories GC1N9PX *Hint: Tennis Court*

N45° 08.687 W087° 14.359

Friday September 30 Nature Center open 12 Noon – 3 PM.

Saturday October 1 Nature Center open 10 AM – 4 PM. **White Cedar Special!** 10 AM – 3 PM, on-your-own. Walk the White Cedar Trail today for a free fish patch! Rain or shine. Activity takes about 30 minutes. Trail starts at Nature Center. **Fall Fish Drop** by the Nature Center any time from 10 AM to 12 Noon to paint a fish (recycled water bottle) to hang in your campsite. Art project takes about 15 minutes. Adults must supervise children at this on-



your-own activity. While supplies last. **FUN with Fungi** Nature Center. 1 – 1:45 AM. Meet the fungus among us on a short forest walk. Learn basic mushroom identification then create spore print art to keep! Program geared for *all* ages.



Sunday October 2 Nature Center open 10 AM to 2 PM. **Horseshoe Island Talk** Stop by the Nicolet Beach Shelter anytime from 9 to 9:45 AM to discover the history of the only island that is part of Peninsula. Eagle Tower, declining bat populations, and tree thinning will be discussed, too. **Sensational Spiders**

Nature Center. Drop by any time from 10 AM to 1 PM for this on-your-own activity. Plan on twenty minutes. Take time to *read* a spider poem or story to your child then craft spider art. See live spiders up close, too, and learn spider anatomy, too, from the park naturalist.

Monday October 3 **Eagle Trail Hike** 1 – 3 PM. Meet at **Eagle Panorama**. Hike Peninsula's most spectacular trail. Learn about the Niagara Escarpment, trees, park history and more. Two miles. Difficult, with slippery spots.

Saturday October 8 Nature Center open 10 AM – 4 PM. **White Cedar Special!** 10 AM – 3 PM, on-your-own. Walk the White Cedar Trail today for a free bat patch! Rain or shine. Activity takes about 30 minutes. Trail

starts at Nature Center. **Batty for Peninsula** Nature Center. Drop by any time from 10 AM to 1 PM for this on-your-own activity. Plan on twenty minutes. Take time to *read* a bat poem or story to your child then craft bat art (while supplies last). Learn about the disease that has killed about 90% of Peninsula's cave-dwelling bats from the park naturalist. **STAR GAZING AT NICOLET BEACH** Join UW-Madison Astronomy Ph.D. candidates at 7 PM for a 30-minute PowerPoint program highlighting our incredible universe. Once skies darken, identify

common constellations and look at the night sky through a high-powered telescope. "Universe in the Park" has been educating visitors for over twenty years. Discover Door County's night sky from the experts! Rain? We will meet inside the Nature Center.

Sunday October 9 Nature Center open 10 AM to 2 PM.

