

# Kettle Moraine State Forest Northern Unit



## 2020 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  
N2875 Hwy 67 (not a mailing address)  
Campbellsport, WI 53010  
920-533-8322



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## Special Events

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



### Candlelight Ski/Hike

February 1, 5:30-8:30 pm (Saturday)  
Zillmer Trail Area (located at W833 County Road SS, Campbellsport 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 1, (Saturday)  
5:30-8:30 pm  
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.



### Earth Week Clean Up

April 25, 8:30 am-12:00 noon (Saturday)  
Kettle Moraine Scenic Drive (Meet at the Forest Headquarters at N1765 County Road G, Campbellsport)

Join others to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Earth Day by participating in litter pick up along the Kettle Moraine Scenic Drive and other forest locations. 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 area assignment. After the cleanup, meet back at the Headquarters for snacks and refreshments. **To register groups, call (262) 626-2116.**



## 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.

### The True Stories of Wolves

January 3, 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.

### Silent Snowflakes

January 17, 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!)

### Winter Sleepers

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

Discover what animals sleep through the cold and snow of winter, and why they do it.

### Scampering Squirrels

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

Squirrels of all kinds scamper through our forests and backyards. Learn how these energetic creatures are adapted to tree life.

### Rowdy Red-wings Nature Storytime

March 6, 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.

### Spring into Spring

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

Through songs, stories, and games, we will welcome spring back to Wisconsin. We'll go outside to explore for signs of its return, weather permitting.

### Pink-toed 'Possums

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

Discover other interesting facts about the only North American mammal with a pouch, an opossum.

### Earth Friends

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

In honor of the 50<sup>th</sup> Earth Day (April 22), learn how to become better friends with the earth and all its critters.

## An Evening with Nature

Meet at the Ice Age Visitor Center for informative and entertaining presentations. Forest staff or guest presenters provide the programs, which are best for adults and youth over 12 years old.

### Climate Change – Past versus Present

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

Presenter: Herman Bender  
Independent Researcher, Writer, and Editor

The Earth has experienced many periods of climate change including ice ages and climate optimum. Find out what past climate deviations can tell us about our current changing climate and how this change differs from those in the past.

### Pros and Cons of Feeding Wildlife

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

Presenter: Diane Robinson, DNR Wildlife Biologist

Many people feed wildlife from birds to deer so that they can observe them more closely, while others think that animals need human help to survive. Learn the best methods for feeding wildlife and how to avoid the harm that may happen when providing food for wild animals.

### Two Sides of Fire

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

Presenter: DNR Wildlife Biologist and Forester

Many plant communities need periodic fires to remain healthy, while wildfires can cause great devastation to ecosystems and human structures. DNR staff will share how they use fire as a management tool and how to prevent wildfires and the great harm they cause.



### Solving Bird Nest Mysteries

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

Presenter: Beth Goepfing, Naturalist  
Richard Bong State Recreation Area

How do birds make nests without arms and hands? What materials do they use? Which bird made what nest? Discover the answers to these questions and more as we work to solve the mysteries surrounding bird nests.

## 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.

### Ice Age Legacy

January 11, 10:00-11:45 am (Saturday)  
Ice Age Visitor Center

With leafless trees and snow covered hills, the glacial landforms pop on the landscape. We'll start at the Ice Age Visitor Center for an overview of our Ice Age legacy and then carpool to see the kames, drumlins, eskers, kettles and other landforms created by the glaciers. This program is best for people over 10 years old.



### Snowshoe, Eat, Sled

February 8, 10:00 am 2:00 pm (Saturday)  
Greenbush Recreation Area Shelter (located at N5854 Kettle Moraine Drive, Glenbeulah, which is between Hwy 67 and County Road T near Greenbush)

Bundle up and get out of the house for some winter fun! After an overview of snowshoeing, we will head out for an invigorating snowshoe walk through the woods. Snowshoes provided for those who need them. Bring a quart of chili to add to the chili dump for lunch at noon. With warm, filled bellies, it's off to the hill for some sledding. Remember your favorite sleds or snow tubes. Come for all or any portion of the day. **To register, call (920) 533-8322 by February 7.** This program is best for families/groups with children over 8 years old for snowshoeing and over 5 years old for sledding.

### All Things Maple

March 14, 10:00-11:30 am (Saturday)  
Ice Age Visitor Center

Uncover what kinds of maples grow in Wisconsin and how to identify them. Find out what products humans make from maples and sample that most famous maple treat – maple syrup. This program is best for families/groups with children over 8 years old.

### All Tied Up in Knots

April 11, 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 get to make a knot project or two. **To register, call (920) 533-8322 by April 10.** This program is best for people over 8 years old.



## Get Outdoors! Learn . . .



### Learn to Ice Fish

January 18, 12:30-2:30 pm (Saturday)  
Mauthe Lake Recreation Area  
Picnic Shelter

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

## Night Hikes

### Full Moon Walk

January 10, 6:30-8:00 pm (Friday)  
Forest Headquarters (located at  
N1765 County Road G, Campbellsport)

Traverse the two-mile trail around Mauthe Lake under the light of a full moon. Dress for the weather including snow boots. This walk is best for people over the age of 8 years old. Bad weather date: February 8

### In Search of Sky Dancers and Spring Noise-makers

April 24, 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.



## Read and Explore

Drop in to a listed library on the first Saturday of the month to read a nature themed book with a caring adult and then participate in hands-on activities. This is a great opportunity for early elementary students to practice their reading skills!

10:00-11:15 am Plymouth Public Library  
1:00-2:15 pm Sheboygan Falls Public Library

January 4 (Saturday) – Birds at My Feeder

February 1 (Saturday) – Sly Foxes

March 7 (Saturday) – Winds of Spring

April 4 (Saturday) – Slithering Snakes



## Trail Trekkers

Join us on Wednesdays to enjoy a one-to-two-hour evening hike along a Northern Unit trail or a segment of Ice Age National Scenic Trail. When needed, shuttles will be available between the starting and finishing spots. The Trail Trekkers continue through September.

April 15, 6:00-7:30 pm (Wednesday)  
Meet at the New Fane Trailhead (located at W432  
County Line Road, Kewaskum which is near New Fane)  
for an early spring 2.4-mile hike along the red loop.

April 22, 6:00-7:30 pm (Wednesday)  
Meet at the Zillmer Trailhead (located at W833 County  
Road SS, Campbellsport, which is between County  
Road G and Hwy 67 near New Prospect) for a 2- or 3-  
mile saunter along the green or red loops.

April 29, 6:00-7:30 pm (Wednesday)  
Meet at the Zillmer Trailhead (located at W833 County  
Road SS, Campbellsport, which is between County  
Road G and Hwy 67 near New Prospect) for a relaxing  
3-mile walk along the west side of the yellow loop.

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