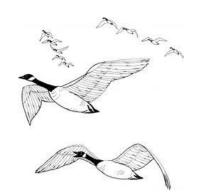
# Kettle Moraine State Forest Northern Unit







## 2018 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 (920) 533-8322



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## Special Events

Events sponsored by the Friends of the Kettle Moraine.



## Widening of the Universe: Telescope's Influence

September 1, 7:30-8:30 pm (Saturday) Ice Age Visitor Center

Presenter: Jeff Setzer

Northern Cross Science Foundation

Today, telescopes bring the night sky into focus providing a way to see what's beyond the Earth. Find out how the invention of the telescope changed the way people viewed their place in the universe and opened a whole new realm of discovery. This program is best for anyone more than 10 years old.

#### **Summer Star Gazing**

September 1, 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 with clear skies. Drop in any time and stay as long as you like.



#### **Halloween Nature Hikes**

October 19 and 20 (Friday and Saturday) 6:30-9:30 pm

Mauthe Lake Recreation Area

Let's go for four on the floor! Stroll the dark autumn woods to meet those animals with four feet on the ground including an ancient snapping turtle, a secretive spotted salamander, and a swift whitetail deer. This is not a scary hike and is best for those over 5 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 case 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.

#### **Fascinating Fish**

September 1, 1:00-4:00 pm (Saturday)
Mauthe Lake Recreation Area Beach
September 2, 12:00-3:00 pm (Sunday)
Long Lake Recreation Area South Beach

How do fish swim? How do they breathe under water?

How do they eat? Come find the answers to these questions and much more as we wade through the world of Wisconsin fishes.

#### **Sssssnakes**

September 29, 10:00 am-2:00 pm (Saturday) Ice Age Visitor Center

Slithering across the ground with their tongues flicking, snakes arouse our curiosity or on occasion our fears. Uncover truly astonishing facts about these legless reptiles and the habitats where they live to gain an appreciation of their role in nature.

#### Tree Art

October 6, 10:00 am-2:00 pm (Saturday) Ice Age Visitor Center

Celebrate the wonders of the forest by creating tree art. We will be doing leaf printing, nut stamping, leaf rubbings, and more. For leaf printing, bring a T-shirt or bandanna or purchase one that day.

#### "Tree"mendous

October 13, 10:00 am-2:00 pm (Saturday) Ice Age Visitor Center

Stop in to find out how the "tree"mendous trees touch almost all parts of our lives.

## 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.

#### **Sensational Seeds**

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

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



#### Soaring Hawks

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

High above hawks soar through the sky with a keen eye looking down towards the earth. Come explore the high-flying lives of hawks.

#### **Night Eyes**

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

Red, yellow, green, and white eyes: whose eyes do we see at night? Find out what animals' eyes are open while ours are closed.

#### **Dam Builders**

October 19, 9:30-10:30 am (Friday)

Ice Age Visitor Center

Timber!! Another tree crashes to the ground.



Nature's dam builders, beavers, are hard at work. Investigate what "equipment" beavers possess to do their jobs so well.

#### **Hop Away Rabbit**

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

A fox is coming! Hop away rabbit, hop away home! We'll explore the rabbits' world to learn how they live.

#### Stocking Up for Winter

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

Come learn what some animals stock up to get through the hardships of winter.

#### Birds at My Feeder

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

Even on the coldest days of winter, a bird feeder can be a flurry of activity. Discover what birds may visit your feeder and what they like to eat.

#### Look! Look Again!

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

Sometimes it takes a double look to see an animal standing right in front of us. Uncover how creatures of all kinds use camouflage to survive.







## Winter Solstice Night Hike

December 21, 6:30-8:00 pm (Friday) 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 traditions of the longest night of the year. We will then travel through the dark woods to find out 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 Secret Finders**

September 1, 10:00-11:00 am (Saturday)
Picnic Shelters at Mauthe Lake Recreation Area and
Long Lake Recreation Area

Calling all youth to discover secrets 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.

#### Ice Age at the Beach

September 8, 10:00-11:30 am (Saturday) Mauthe Lake Recreation Area Beach

The glaciers have returned to Mauthe Lake! Discover how the glaciers created kames, eskers, kettles, and moraines through fun hands-on activities. Be prepared to get a little wet.

#### Let's Go Nutty!

September 15, 10:00-11:30 am (Saturday) Ice Age Visitor Center

Round and smooth, oval and sticky - nuts come in all shapes, sizes, and textures. We'll explore the autumn woods for nuts and learn from what trees and shrubs they came. There may be tasty nut treats to try.

#### **Amazing Forest Mammals**

September 22, 10:00-11:30 am (Saturday) Ice Age Visitor Center

What do humans have in common with bears, bats, raccoons, and mice? They're all mammals! Find out what characteristics mammals share and how they are adapted for survival.

#### **Myth Busters**

October 27, 10:00-11:30 am (Saturday) Ice Age Visitor Center

Do bats fly into your hair? Can owls turn their heads completely around? Are warts caused by toads? Let's bust these nature myths and more!

#### **CSI - Northern Unit**

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

Become a nature detective! By examining scat, bones, and other evidence, we will figure out what animals were involved and determine what happened in a variety of nature "crime scenes."

#### **Nature Crafts**

December 8 (Saturday) 10:00 am-12:00 pm **OR** 12:30-2:30 pm Ice Age Visitor Center

Let your creativity flow! Using supplies found in nature, we will create a variety of crafts including flower magnets, nature candles, and evergreen wrapping paper. To register, call (920) 533-8322 by **December 7**.

## 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.

#### Wild Edible and Poisonous Mushrooms

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

Presenter: Alan D. Parker, Ph.D., 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.

#### **Secret Lives of Whitetails**

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

Presenter: Jackie Scharfenberg, Forest Naturalist

Join us as we delve into the life of whitetail deer. We will examine their many intriguing adaptations to gain a better understanding and appreciation as to how they survive so many challenges.



## Gottfried Arboretum's Create a Winter Wreath

November 8 (Thursday) 1:00-3:30 pm **OR** 6:00-8:30 pm Zillmer Trail Shelter (located off County Road SS between County Road G and Hwy 67)

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 (leave a message) or email wiscotmcd@hotmail.com by November 6. Space is limited. This program is best

for people over 12 years old. Cost: \$20.00/person; fee payable to the Gottfried Arboretum.

#### **How Small Birds Survive Winter's Weather**

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

Presenter: Sheldon Cooper, PhD, Professor UW-Oshkosh

With sub-zero temperatures and howling winds, how do the small birds survive? With Dr. Cooper, uncover their amazing adaptations for surviving winter's harsh weather.



## Ice Age Trail Trekkers

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 5, 7:00-8:30 am (Wednesday)
September 12, 6:00-7:30 pm (Wednesday)
Meet at the Greenbush Group Camp (located off Kettle
Moraine Drive between County Road T and Hwy 67 near
Greenbush)

Join us for an invigorating 3.18-mile hike between Hwy 23 and the Greenbush Group Camp.

September 19, 7:00-8:30 am (Wednesday) September 26, 6:00-7:30 pm (Wednesday) Meet at the County Road P Ice Age Trail Parking Lot (located south of Glenbeulah)

Join us for a lovely autumn 3.45-mile hike between Hwy 23 and County Road P.

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