

9. CAST A LINE!

Date: _____ 30 minutes.

Grab a fishing pole and cast a line at Weborg Pier or the Nicolet Bay boat launch. Try catching a small-mouth bass or panfish like the yellow perch. Fishing poles are available for free loan at the Nature Center. A fishing license is required for anglers 16 years of age and older. Other regulations may apply. Grab a free Wisconsin Fishing Regulations book at Park Headquarters.

10. SUNSET SELFIE

Date: _____ 30 minutes.

What completes the best day ever? A breathtaking Door County sunset! Stop and rest a bit at one of several scenic vistas along the western shores of the park. Enjoy a beautiful sight and end a perfect day of recreating in the park. Take a selfie with this spectacular scene!

dnr.wi.gov, keyword "peninsula"
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LIKE TO HIKE



PENINSULA STATE PARK

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How It Works

1. Complete five or more activities in this Like to Hike log. Trail maps are available at the Nature Center, campground host sites, and Park Headquarters. Those with special needs may modify activities.
2. Pins (Friends of Peninsula State Park merchandise) are available to anyone for \$6. Those who complete five or more activities can purchase a pin for just \$3!
3. Record activities in this log. Bring it to the Park Headquarters or the Nature Center. Park staff will stamp the log so you can purchase the pin at a discount.
4. The Like to Hike program encourages silent sports (hiking, snowshoeing, biking, skiing, paddling) which promote health and resource appreciation.

Ask for a **Pocket Guide to Understanding the Rusty Patched Bumble Bee** at the Nature Center or Park Headquarters.

RUSTY PATCHED BUMBLE BEE (*Bombus Affinis*)

The rusty patched bumble bee is listed as endangered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The population decline can be attributed to habitat loss, pesticide use, and climate change. The last documented observance of the rusty patched bumble bee in Fish Creek was in 1960.

Appearance: All rusty patched bumble bees have entirely black heads but the rusty reddish patch is only visible on the back of workers and males. The queen bee is noticeably larger and is the only bee in the colony to survive through winter.

Habitat: Rusty patched bumble bees are seen in open grassland areas from April to October. They build their nests underground and need a constant supply of pollen and nectar from native plants, like common milkweed.

Common Milkweed (*Asclepias syriaca*) is a stout plant, reaching 3-5 feet tall that blooms from June to August. The flower clusters are domed and come in varied colors of lavender, dusty rose and dull brownish-purple. The seedpods of this plant are distinguished by their wart-like appearance.



The white sap, which gives milkweed its common name, contains toxins that discourage mammals and some insects from feeding on the plant. Certain insects like monarch caterpillars and milkweed bugs have evolved to survive on the plants and use the toxins as protection against predators.

1. WHITE CEDAR NATURE TRAIL

Date: _____ 0.5-mile loop.
Access at the Nature Center.
Milkweed grows in the nearby meadow, attracting pollinating insects like the Rusty Patched Bumble Bee.

2. BEE COUNT

Date: _____ 30 minutes.
Visit the meadow at the Nature Center. Count the number of bees you see buzzing about. Can you identify common milkweed? Watch for other Pollinators enjoying the meadow such as butterflies and hummingbirds.



3. SKYLINE TRAIL

Date: _____ 3-mile loop.
Moderate rolling terrain will lead you to Sven's Bluff. Walk by remnants of old homesteads and Camp Meenagha, the girls camp that was in the park from 1916-1948.

4. SENTINEL TRAIL

Date: _____ 2-mile loop.
A 0.6-mile portion of the trail is surfaced. Gently rolling. Signs identify trees.

5. PENINSULA GEOCACHES (April—November)

Visit the Nature Center for basic information and coordinates for all park geocaches, or go to www.geocaching.com. Geocaches listed below contain FREE eco-charms for kids. Provide your own GPS unit. **NOTE:** Bluffs, cloud or leaf cover may interfere with GPS. Coordinates are estimates within 20 feet.

Date(s): _____

Tremendous Tree Hunt Hint: Red Oak on Sentinel	N45° 09.570' W087° 12.067'
Compass Rose Hint: Old Winter Warming House	N45° 09.448' W087° 13.716'

6. EAGLE TRAIL

Date: _____ This 2-mile loop showcases 150-foot bluffs along a cobblestone trail. A 2018 DNR survey documented 20 eagle nests in Door County, two more than 2017!

7. PEDAL POWER

Date: _____ Pedal all or part of the Sunset Bike Route (10 miles) or the Mountain Bike Trails (mileage varies, trail pass required for ages 16+). Watch for forest wildlife like turkeys and frolicking chipmunks that benefit from the American beech tree.

8. DIP RIGHT IN!

Venture over to Nicolet Beach to take a swim, paddle a canoe around the shoreline, or just lounge on a beach towel with your favorite book. Enjoy the scenic beauty of Nicolet Bay and Horseshoe Island in the distance.

WHY PROTECT THE RUSTY PATCHED BUMBLE BEE?

Bumble bees are an integral part to a healthy ecosystem. They are pollinators of food crops that sustain humans, but also food sources that sustain wildlife.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

PLANT FLOWERS

Rusty patched bumble bees are active from April-October. Plant a mix of native flowers, flowering trees and shrubs that bloom at different times of the season.

BE PESTICIDE FREE

Insecticides can harm pollinators by reducing food sources from the environment.

Visit the Bumble Bee Brigade at wiatri.net/inventory/BBB/ and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service at fws.gov to learn more about the rusty patched bumble bee and other Wisconsin bumble bee species.



Complete at least five activities to be eligible for a discount on your Like to Hike pin.