



Welcome to The Ridges Sanctuary!

The mission of The Ridges Sanctuary is to preserve and protect ecologically significant natural areas and to provide environmental education and research opportunities.



We're pleased to have you visit this delicate boreal forest community. The Ridges Sanctuary is a 1,600 acre pristine natural area located in Door County, Wisconsin. Formed in 1937, it is the oldest non-profit nature preserve in the state. The Ridges is also designated as a State Natural Area and a National Natural Landmark.

The Sanctuary is open to the public year-round, and features hundreds of species of native wildflowers along its five miles of rustic trails and bridges. Naturalist-led tours, youth and family programs, and a weekly lecture series highlight the summer season. Snowshoe hikes and family programs are featured during January, February and March. The Nature Store, featuring a wide variety of quality nature-related books and gifts, is open mid-May through mid-October.

Trail Fees

\$5.00 adult, children under 18 free
Ridges members may hike the trails at no charge

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Rules for Visitors at The Ridges Sanctuary

In order to protect and preserve the rare and beautiful plants and animals in the Sanctuary, we ask that all visitors follow the rules listed below. Please report any violations to the Nature Center.

1. The picking or disturbing of any plants, living or dead, is strictly prohibited.
2. **Hikers must stay on the trails and/or bridges at all times.** Many species of fragile plants grow within inches of the trails' edges.
3. **Vehicles, including bikes, snowmobiles, motorcycles, ATVs, baby strollers, etc., are prohibited.** This is due to the narrow trails and the fragile nature of the Sanctuary.
4. **Pets are not allowed**, either leashed or unleashed.
5. Please don't litter.
6. Be courteous of other visitors by not yelling, running, or distracting others from the quiet and peacefulness of the Sanctuary.
7. The entire Sanctuary is a **no smoking area**.

Helpful Facts and Suggestions

1. Bridges may be slippery when wet, and exposed tree roots are found on several portions of the trail. Use caution when hiking the trails.
2. There are no poisonous snakes or other dangerous wildlife at The Ridges Sanctuary.
3. Poison ivy grows along the edges of some trails, especially near the parking lot. This is a good reason to remain on the trails at all times.
4. Please report fallen trees on the trails, or other problems you may encounter, at the Nature Center.
5. It is most unlikely that you will find a tick in the Sanctuary.

Ridges Sanctuary Trail Map

