

A photograph of white trillium flowers in a grassy field. The flowers are in the foreground and middle ground, with green leaves and grass. A dark teal rectangular box is overlaid on the top left, containing white text.

THE RIDGES

SPRING 2025
Program Guide

Preservation | Education | Research

DEAR FRIENDS,

The first few signs of spring are simply my favorite. The early light and misty mornings. The familiar and returning bird calls that echo through the forest. The smell of “green.” My senses heighten, and my view of the world shifts in what feels like an instant.

It’s not uncommon to find me lost in the forest for hours, captivated by the subtle changes unfolding around me. I often realize that many of these sounds, once familiar, have faded from memory in just a few short months. I’m momentarily stunned when I hear the melodic “tut” and “peak” calls of the American Robin, and I can’t help but pause, gazing up at the sky, trying to determine whether the white birds with black-tipped wings are pelicans (finally) or the herring gulls that have been here all winter.

As the seasonal shift approaches, we’re excited to offer a diverse range of programs over the coming months. Whether you’re interested in exploring the changes in the forest, learning about bird conservation, getting involved in citizen science, or discovering something new, there’s something for everyone. People of all ages, backgrounds, and interests will find programs that inspire and engage.

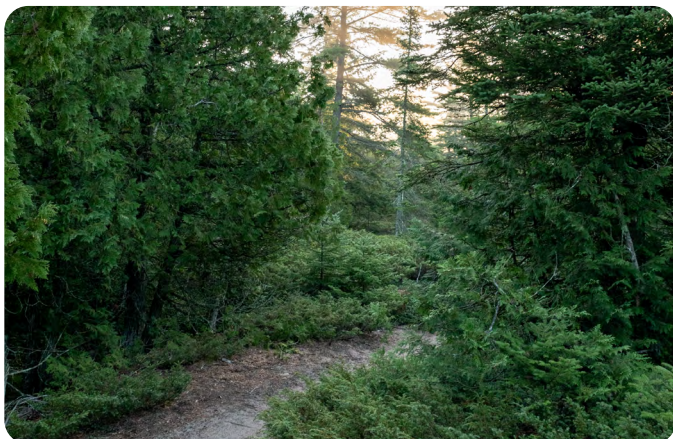
I hope to see you on the trails soon!

Together in Conservation,



Katie Krouse
Executive Director

Cover Photo: Trillium, Spring Wildflower Hike



Sandy Trail, Andrew Pirrung

OWL-O-RAMA

Our annual Owl-O-Rama returns this year to The Ridges! Don’t miss this opportunity to learn all about these mysterious nighttime predators, including what species are found in Door County, their adaptations for hunting, and how we can protect them. Visit our website at ridgessanctuary.org for more information about the event.

Owl Prowl

Friday, February 28, 6 pm-8:30 pm

Fee: Public \$15 | Member \$12 | 16 & Under \$7

Meet: Cook-Albert Fuller Nature Center – Must have vehicle to drive to prowling location.

Join a Ridges Naturalist at The Ridges Nature Center to learn about owl species that call Door County home. Then, head out on the trail to hear them calling to one another! Suitable for all ages.

Eastern Screech-Owl Nest Box Workshop

Saturday, March 1, 12:30 pm-1:30 pm

Fee: Public \$50 | Member \$45

Meet: Ridges Workshop, 8288 Cty. Q, Baileys Harbor, WI
Head over to The Ridges Workshop to build eastern screech-owl nest boxes to take home and hang in your backyard. A Ridges staff member will provide you with all the materials you need to assemble your nest box.

Please note: This workshop will include hammering and the use of power tools in an indoor space.

Meet and Greet with Open Door Bird Sanctuary

Saturday, March 1, 1 pm-3 pm

Fee: FREE event. Donations appreciated!

Meet: Cook-Albert Fuller Nature Center

Stop by The Ridges Nature Center to get up close and personal with birds of prey from Open Door Bird Sanctuary. Staff and birds will be set up around the Nature Center to answer questions and tell you about each bird! Suitable for all ages.



eastern screech owl

Featured Programs

RIDGES READS—THE NATURE OF KINSHIP

Join us for this year's Ridges Reads book club series. We'll explore our connections to the natural world through mindfulness, scientific observation, and community. To register for programs, visit ridgessanctuary.org or call (920) 839-2802.

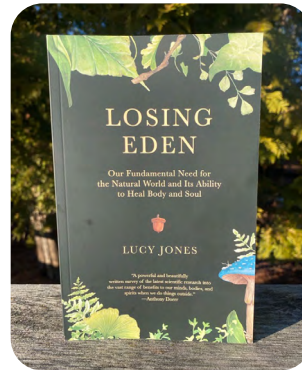
Book Discussion

As part of The Nature of Kinship series, this year's book pick is *Losing Eden: Our Fundamental Need for the Natural World and Its Ability to Heal Body and Soul* by Lucy Jones. During virtual and in-person sessions, we'll discuss answers to the questions: Are we disconnected from the natural world? If so, how do we reconnect? Suitable for ages 16 & up.

Tuesday, January 14: Virtual via Zoom

Thursday, January 16: In-Person at Cook-Albert Fuller Nature Center

6 pm-7:30 pm



Exploring the Nature of Kinship with Leaders in the Community

Mindfulness Yoga with Deb Fitzgerald

Join us for these special sessions that emphasize mindfulness practices to help you achieve a deeper connection with nature. Classes are suitable for all levels of yoga practice. Deb is a certified yoga instructor who has been practicing for more than 20 years.

Tuesday, January 28: Virtual via Zoom

Thursday, January 30: In-Person at Cook-Albert Fuller Nature Center

(Note: Please bring your own yoga mat!)

6 pm-7:30 pm

Benefits of Forest Bathing with Jane Burress

Join us for a special class about Forest Bathing. For the in-person session, attendees should come dressed to be outside for part of the program. Jane is a certified Nature and Forest Therapy Guide and owner of Doorway to Nature LLC, which promotes wellness, harmony, community, and environmental stewardship, by partnering with nature and connecting people with nature's offerings. Classes are suitable for ages 16 & up.

Tuesday, February 11: Virtual via Zoom

Thursday, February 13: In-Person at Cook-Albert Fuller Nature Center

6 pm-7:30 pm

Ridges Reads is a FREE program series—Donations are appreciated!

Please register at ridgessanctuary.org in advance to secure your spot—space is limited for all programs.



dwarf lake iris, Kimberly Mackowski



yellow lady's slipper, Douglas Sherman

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Featured Programs

EARTH WEEK April 16-22

Ridges Roadside Clean Up

Saturday, April 19, 8:30 am-11 am

Fee: FREE – Volunteer Event

Meet: Cook-Albert Fuller Nature Center

Help us celebrate Earth Week at The Ridges by participating in a roadside clean up around The Ridges and down Ridges Road! We want to help keep our surroundings clean and beautiful while making sure we properly dispose of collected garbage. Perfect for individuals, families, or groups looking for volunteer hours. Suitable for all ages.

Although this is a free volunteer event, we need an accurate count of attendees. Please register in advance on our website.

2nd Annual Forest School Artist Reception and Celebration

Saturday, April 19, 11 am-noon

Fee: FREE event. Donations appreciated!

Meet: Cook-Albert Fuller Nature Center

Join us in celebrating Earth Day with students from The Ridges Forest School at the 2nd Annual Earth Day Art Show. Various artwork created by the students will be displayed throughout Earth Week.

Roundtable Discussion on Reforestation

Thursday, April 24, 6 pm-7:30 pm

Fee: FREE event. Donations appreciated!

Meet: Baileys Harbor Town Hall, 2392 County F, Baileys Harbor, WI

Join experts in the community for a roundtable discussion on reforestation. Learn about the new Boreal & Temperate Mesic Forest Climate Survivability project on which Climate Change Coalition of Door County, Lakeshore Natural Resource Partnership, and The Ridges Sanctuary are embarking and what it means for the future of Door County's forests.

DOOR COUNTY FESTIVAL OF NATURE

SNEAK PEEK

Join us for the 23rd Annual Festival of Nature, May 22-25! This year's festival theme is *Grounded Perspectives*. The theme invites us to explore our unique relationships with the natural world and how we interpret it. Whether you connect with nature by drawing, writing, photographing, storytelling, or movement, you have a unique relationship with the land around you. Everyone experiences nature differently, and we're excited to celebrate individual connections while expanding upon them collectively. Explore the natural beauty of the peninsula with The Ridges and our partners in conservation!

Mark your calendars -

Registration begins Monday, March 17.

Program booklets will be available in early March.

Visit our Festival of Nature website in early March for more information, including field trip information, registration information, resources, and sponsors:

www.doorcountynaturefestival.org



Earth Day Art Show



Festival of Nature Dinner & Keynote Presentation

Visit ridgessanctuary.org for more information

BACKPACK ADVENTURE CAMP

Throughout the summer we invite campers ages 4-6 and 7-11 to join us for weeks filled with adventure, exploration, and discovery. Camps are held Monday through Friday, 9 am-noon.* Children will engage in thoughtfully planned, supervised outdoor learning activities. On Fridays, campers will enjoy “Friday Fun Day” at the beach! Space is limited per session to 15 campers for ages 4-6 and 16 campers for ages 7-11. Each child receives a Ridges Adventure Pack that they will use throughout the week and take home at the end of camp.

Meet: Cabins at North Campus, 8288 Cty Q, Baileys Harbor, WI

Fee: Public \$215 | Member \$200

Registration for Backpack Adventure Camp opens Monday, March 3rd for Ridges members and Wednesday, March 5th for the public!



Backpack Adventure Camp

2025 CAMP SCHEDULE

Week 1: June 23 – June 27

Critters Club (ages 4-6): Learn about the variety of critters that live at The Ridges, their adaptations, and the habitats in which they live.

Trail Trekkers (ages 7-11): Explore and trek through the Family Discovery Trail and the many things it has to offer.

Week 2: July 7 – July 11

Nature Detectives (ages 4-6): Investigate the habitats of The Ridges and use scientific tools to make discoveries.

Boreal Pioneers (ages 7-11): Learn what makes the boreal forest unique and why rare plants grow in the Sanctuary.

Week 3: July 14 – July 18

Happy Hikers (ages 4-6): The Ridges is home to many different habitats. Learn about the different habitats and explore what plants and animals live in each.

Mucky Ducks (ages 7-11): It's time to get muddy and muck through the water habitats of The Ridges.

Week 4: July 21 – July 25

Tiny Twigs (ages 4-6): Discover what types of trees live at The Ridges and how they support the different wildlife that call this place home.

Ridges Rangers (ages 7-11): Spend the week learning how to explore, navigate and survive the great outdoors.

Week 5: July 28 – August 1

Climbing Caterpillars (ages 4-6): Learn about the importance of Monarch butterflies and what makes them so magical. Study the Monarch's habitat and learn how to raise this beautiful insect at home!

Mighty Monarchs (ages 7-11): Become a citizen scientist and discover what it takes to help restore a population.

Week 6: August 4 – August 8

Bug Me (ages 4-6): Make friends with nature's six-legged wonders.

Six-Legged Science (ages 7-11): Discover the secrets of the six-legged kingdom.

*Camp will not be held on the week of June 30-July 4 due to Independence Day celebrations throughout the county and the travel of families.

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Spring 2025 | Calendar

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
February RIDGES READS: Virtual Session: Tuesday, February 11 6 pm In-Person Session: Thursday, February 13 6 pm *OWL-O-RAMA: Friday, February 28: Owl Prowl 6 pm						1 Guided Hike 10:30 am & 1:30 pm
2	3	4	5	6	7 Guided Hike 1:30 pm	8 Guided Hike 10:30 am & 1:30 pm
9	10	11 Ridges Reads: Virtual 6 pm	12	13 Ridges Reads: In-Person 6pm	14 Guided Hike 1:30 pm	15 Guided Hike 10:30 am & 1:30 pm
16	17	18	19	20	21 Guided Hike 1:30 pm	22 Guided Hike 10:30 am & 1:30 pm
23	24	25	26	27	28 Guided Hike 1:30 pm *Owl-O-Rama	

March *OWL-O-RAMA: Saturday, March 1: Eastern Screech-Owl Nest Box Workshop 12:30 pm Meet & Greet with Open Door Bird Sanctuary 1 pm						1 Guided Hike 10:30 am & 1:30 pm *Owl-O-Rama
2	3 Backpack Adventure Camp Registration Opens For Members	4	5 Backpack Adventure Camp Registration Opens To The Public	6	7 Guided Hike 1:30 pm	8 Guided Hike 10:30 am & 1:30 pm
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16	17 DOOR COUNTY FESTIVAL OF NATURE Registration Opens	18	19	20	21 Guided Hike 1:30 pm	22 Guided Hike 10:30 am & 1:30 pm
23	24	25	26	27	28 Guided Hike 1:30 pm	29 Guided Hike 10:30 am & 1:30 pm
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The Ridges Sanctuary is committed to providing programs and events that are accessible to people regardless of age and ability. For more information, go to ridgessanctuary.org/visit-us/access/
 Photo: juniper leaves & dwarf crested lake iris, Douglas Sherman

FEBRUARY / MARCH / APRIL / MAY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
April Logan Creek Stewardship Workdays Thursdays starting April 3, 9 am		1	2	3 Logan Creek Stewardship Workday Starts	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
						*Crane Symposium
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 Ridges Roadside Clean Up 8:30 am 2 nd Annual Forest School Reception & Celebration 11 am
*Crane Symposium	Earth Week					
20	21	22 Earth Day	23	24 Roundtable Discussion on Reforestation 6 pm	25 Arbor Day	26
Earth Week						
27	28	29	30	*Crane Symposium: Saturday, April 12: Midwest Crane Count 5:30 am Crane Count Breakfast Social 8 am Crane Nest Habitat Hikes 10 am & 1:30 pm Keynote Reception 4 pm followed by Keynote Presentation 5 pm Sunday, April 13: Chick Chats Story Hour 9 am Kids Birding 101 Hike 10 am Crane Nest Habitat Hikes 10 am		

May Spring Sanctuary Guided Hikes: Mondays-Saturdays starting May 1, 10 am						
				1 Guided Hike 10 am	2 Guided Hike 10 am NRF Spring Frog Chorus 7 pm	3 Early Bird Hike 6:30 am Guided Hike 10 am NRF Woodcock Watch 7 pm
4	5 Guided Hike 10 am	6 Guided Hike 10 am	7 Guided Hike 10 am	8 Guided Hike 10 am	9 Guided Hike 10 am	10 Early Bird Hike 6:30 am Spring Workday 9 am Guided Hike 10 am
11	12 Guided Hike 10 am	13 Guided Hike 10 am	14 Guided Hike 10 am	15 Guided Hike 10 am	16 Guided Hike 10 am	17 Early Bird Hike 6:30 am Wildflower Hike 9 am NRF Wildflower Hike 9 am Guided Hike 10 am
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				DOOR COUNTY FESTIVAL OF NATURE		Festival of Nature May 22-25
25	26	27 Guided Hike 10 am	28 Guided Hike 10 am	29 Guided Hike 10 am	30 Guided Hike 10 am	31 Early Bird Hike 6:30 am
Festival of Nature						

Mark your calendar for another summer of Free Fridays, where admission to the Sanctuary is free on Fridays in June, July and August. Educational activities will be available during Free Fridays. We cannot wait to expand our access to the Sanctuary again this year! Keep an eye out for more information on all the activities and excitement to come. Fee Fridays are made possible thanks to a grant from 100+ Women Who Care Door County.

Explore Nature

HIKES



Sandy Swale



ram's head lady's slipper, Douglas Sherman

Winter Sanctuary Guided Hikes

Fridays and Saturdays, January-March

Fridays 1:30 pm-3 pm; Saturdays 10:30 am-noon and 1:30 pm-3 pm

Fee: Public \$10 | Member \$7 | 16 & Under Free

Meet: Cook-Albert Fuller Nature Center

Join our Naturalist for an exploration of The Ridges Sanctuary in winter. We will head out on the trails to learn all about The Ridges, explore some winter adaptations, search for animal tracks, and more! Suitable for all ages. If conditions allow, we will utilize snowshoes for our hike. You can rent snowshoes from our Nature Store for \$5 per pair.

Sanctuary Guided Hikes—Spring in the Sanctuary

Mondays-Saturdays starting May 1, 10 am-11:30 am

Fee: Public \$10 | Member \$7 | 16 & Under Free

Meet: Cook-Albert Fuller Nature Center

Join a naturalist for an exploration of The Ridges Sanctuary. We'll head out on the trails to learn about the history of The Ridges, the unique features of the Sanctuary habitats, and what makes the Sanctuary the most biologically diverse area in Wisconsin.

May is a magical time to hike through the Sanctuary! May Guided Hikes will feature sightings of awakening critters such as noisy frogs and spring ephemerals like the Dwarf Lake Iris, blooming in late May.

This 90-minute guided hike includes a tour of our Upper Range Light, which has been restored to the period of the last Range Light Keeper. Suitable for all ages.

Early Bird Hikes

Saturdays in May, 6:30 am-8 am

Fee: FREE event. Donations appreciated!

Meet: May: Peninsula State Park, Park Pass Required

Head out with The Ridges' Ornithologist to find migrating birds. In May, meet at Peninsula State Park's Weborg Point (by the restrooms); a daily/annual park pass is required. Bring binoculars; a limited quantity will be available! Spring is an exciting time to be birding.

Wildflower Hike

Saturday, May 17, 9 am-11:30 am

Fee: Public \$15 | Member \$12 | 16 & Under \$7

Meet: Logan Creek Property, 5724 Loritz Rd, Jacksonport, WI
Enjoy the beauty of the many ephemeral Spring blooms on this leisurely 90-minute hike. We'll spend time identifying and learning about the flowers and then finish with a hike along the trails to view Clark Lake. Wear suitable footwear since the trails may be muddy. Suitable for all ages.



squirrel corn, Jane Whitney

Visit ridgessanctuary.org for more information

Citizen Science | Get Involved

CITIZEN SCIENCE

Citizen science isn't just interesting and useful—it's fun! At The Ridges Sanctuary, we host several citizen science programs where volunteers collect vital data for conservation. Everyone is welcome to join and make a difference in our community.

Bald Eagle Nest Watch

Starting in 2023, The Ridges has partnered with the Southern Wisconsin Bird Alliance to monitor Bald Eagle nests in Door, Northern Brown, and Northern Kewaunee counties. The goals are to document eagle nest success and population trend. Participants receive training and nest assignments in early February and begin weekly visits to their nests in late February. These visits continue until the young fledge, usually in July. Various data parameters are recorded and submitted online to the Southern Wisconsin Bird Alliance's database where the information is accessible to anyone.

May, depending on snow melt, runoff, and UW-Extension schedules.

Plant Inventory

The Plant Inventory is a collaborative effort including UWGB staff and Ridges volunteers to develop and implement a photographic record and comprehensive plant inventory of Ridges Sanctuary properties. This inventory will then be used as a comparison to a Sanctuary study completed in 1983 and a Hidden Brook survey done in 2012-2013. The current work also provides the opportunity for future comparative studies, as well as the documentation of plants in more recently acquired properties. Meetings and workshops will be ongoing.

Budburst Plant Phenology

In collaboration with the Chicago Botanic Garden, The Ridges Sanctuary is participating in a citizen science phenology program. A collection of valuable information about seasonal plant cycles in a consistent way across the country. Data are used to learn more about the responsiveness of individual plant species to changes in climate locally, regionally, and nationally. The focus is on plant phenology and can be as extensive as a participant chooses. There will be upcoming informational meetings to provide an introduction and training for this exciting and valuable endeavor.

Orchid Restoration

Orchid restoration research activities include trekking, plot monitoring, tending to the shade house, and more. These activities are ongoing, including trekking in the winter as weather conditions allow.

Water Action Volunteers – Stream Monitoring

This University of Wisconsin Extension program involves teams of volunteers who are assigned to local streams to measure several prescribed variables that monitor stream health. Monitors collect data once a month from May through October. This data is then used by anyone interested in longitudinal watershed environmental health and trends. A preseason training meeting will be held in late April or early

Dwarf Lake Iris Restoration

The Ridges is partnering with the USFWS Coastal Program to determine the best possible conditions for our restoration and translocation of dwarf lake iris. This project will include plot preparation, transplanting dwarf lake iris, long-term monitoring activities, and translocation site determination and activities. Informational meetings will be forthcoming.

For more information on citizen science opportunities, contact Ridges Director of Research, Tony Kiszonas at tony@ridgessanctuary.org or call (920) 839-2802.

VOLUNTEER WORKDAYS

Logan Creek Stewardship Crew

Thursdays starting April 3, 9 am-noon

Meet: Meet at the Logan Creek preserve parking lot, 5724 Loritz Road, Jacksonport, WI
Calling all volunteers! The Ridges is looking for help in replacing two aging boardwalks at the Logan Creek preserve. We will meet every Thursday at 9 am starting on April 3rd until the project is completed. Experience with power tools is a plus but not required. Work will involve hauling materials on the trails to and from the work site and helping a trained crew to construct and install the new structures. Please consider participating in this important project to keep our Logan Creek trails accessible!

season. The workday will begin at 9 am and end with lunch provided at noon.

Barberry Pirates Workday

Tuesday, May 20, 1 pm-4 pm

Meet: Cook-Albert Fuller Nature Center

Come help with invasive species projects at The Ridges! Work will involve pulling and bagging invasive plants. Wear appropriate footwear, long sleeves, and gloves.

Spring Workday

Saturday, May 10, 9 am-noon

Meet: Cook-Albert Fuller Nature Center

Spend time outdoors while supporting The Ridges! Our spring workday is open to volunteers of all abilities, ages, and skill sets. Typical tasks include cleaning up around the Nature Center, reorganizing storage spaces, preparing the front perennial gardens, and other preparations for the summer

VOLUNTEER

Make an Impact!

Ridges volunteers create a meaningful experience for everyone who visits the Sanctuary. Join our Front Desk team, Wednesday Crew, Range Light Docents, Garden Keepers, and more!

Visit ridgessanctuary.org/volunteer to learn about volunteer opportunities at The Ridges.

To register for programs, visit ridgessanctuary.org or call (920) 839-2802

Bird Conservation | Education

Bluebird Nest Box Workshop

Saturday, March 15, 10 am-noon

Fee: Public \$25 | Member \$22

Additional Attendee \$5 | Additional Boxes \$20

Meet: Cook-Albert Fuller Nature Center

Eastern bluebird populations are back on the rise thanks to the help of nest box-building enthusiasts! During this workshop you will continue to help bluebird populations by learning what they need to survive and creating a nest box to take home. Charlotte Lukes will be joining us to teach us why assisting these little bluebirds is so important. Tools and materials for one box provided.

Space is limited by the number of nest boxes we have available. Each individual registration includes materials for one box, however if you plan to have more than one person build a singular box, and attend the presentation, please pay an additional \$5 for each additional participant.

Please note: The nest box building portion of the workshop will include hammering and the use of power tools in an indoor space.

CRANE SYMPOSIUM

Join us for a weekend in celebration of Wisconsin Cranes!

Midwest Crane Count

Saturday, April 12, 5:30 am-7:30 am

Fee: FREE event. Donations appreciated!

The International Crane Foundation sponsors the Annual Midwest Crane Count as a part of its mission to conserve the world's 15 species of cranes and the natural communities on which they depend. Observers will count all sandhill cranes they find in an assigned section of the county. Contact Ridges Research Director Tony Kizonas at tony@ridgessanctuary.org to participate.



sandhill crane, Len Villano

Crane Count Breakfast Social

Saturday, April 12, 8 am-9 am

Fee: FREE event for Crane Count Participants. Donations appreciated!

Meet: Cook-Albert Fuller Nature Center

Crane Counters: Join us for a Breakfast Social at The Ridges Nature Center after an early morning counting cranes. Share sightings and connect with other Crane Count participants over coffee and treats. Please email anna@ridgessanctuary.org to RSVP.

in Wisconsin. Drinks and light hors d'oeuvres will be available while you enjoy the exhibit. The Keynote Presentation will follow the reception. Anne Lacy, Director of Eastern Flyway Programs – North America for the International Crane Foundation, will address the future of North American cranes and efforts to protect them, particularly the sandhill crane given the recent proposal for a hunting season.

Crane Nest Habitat Hikes

Saturday, April 12, 10 am-11:45 am and

1:30 pm-3:15 pm, Sunday, April 13, 10 am-11:45 am

Fee: Public \$15 | Member \$12 | 16 & Under \$7

Meet: Cook-Albert Fuller Nature Center. Will carpool to hike location.

Join Naturalists Jane Whitney and Julie Knox on a hike to a potential crane nesting habitat to learn more about what makes the wetlands of Door County the perfect crane nesting habitat.

Chick Chats Story Hour

Sunday, April 13, 9 am-10 am

Fee: FREE event. Donations appreciated!

Meet: Cook-Albert Fuller Nature Center

Bring your budding birders and naturalists to a Chick Chats Story Hour! Join Ridges staff to read stories and learn about why sandhill cranes make the long journey north each spring, and how they do it. This program includes information about cranes and fun activities to excite kids about this special family of birds. At the end of the story, you can make a fun nature craft. Suitable for families with young children.

Keynote Presentation and Reception

Saturday, April 12

Reception starts at 4 pm, followed by Keynote Presentation at 5 pm

Fee: FREE event. Donations appreciated!

Meet: Cook-Albert Fuller Nature Center

Visit us at The Ridges for a reception to see artwork by photographer Len Villano highlighting sandhill cranes found

Kids Birding 101 Hike

Sunday, April 13, 10 am-11:30 am

Fee: FREE event. Donations appreciated!

Meet: Cook-Albert Fuller Nature Center

Interested in birding as a family? Join us for a fun program where kids will learn the basics of bird watching, including how to identify some common birds found in Door County! We'll begin at the Nature Center for a brief introduction before heading down the Hidden Brook Boardwalk to see what birds we can spot. Suitable for families with young children.

To maximize accessibility, many Ridges events are offered free of charge. Donations are appreciated and support The Ridges mission.

Visit ridgessanctuary.org for more information

NATURAL RESOURCES FOUNDATION EVENTS

The following programs are offered through the Natural Resources Foundation. To learn more and to register, go to the NRF website: wisconservation.org.

Spring Frog Chorus at The Ridges Sanctuary

Friday, May 2, 7 pm-9 pm

Meet: Cook-Albert Fuller Nature Center

Twilight inspires a frog chorus at The Ridges Sanctuary! After a short indoor program to learn about Door County frogs and their life cycles, we will hike into The Ridges to listen for frogs. Suitable for ages 8 & up.

leisurely 2 miles on rustic trails and boardwalks. Sections of the trails may be muddy. Wear appropriate footwear. Suitable for ages 16 & up.

Research for Restoration: Orchids and Dwarf Lake Iris

Friday, June 6, 9 am-11 am

Meet: Cook-Albert Fuller Nature Center

The Ridges Sanctuary has tremendous plant diversity including native terrestrial orchids. Following the idea that “lack of knowledge is as big a threat as any to sensitive species” (Brzeskiewicz 2000), The Ridges Sanctuary has the current research goal of developing institutionalized processes and protocols for the preservation and protection of native plant species. Because of our organization’s deep-rooted relationship with orchids, we have made orchid research and recovery a priority.

This program will offer a summary of orchid biology and an overview of the research for restoration processes that we are currently working on, including an orchid inventory, trying to understand specific environmental conditions for orchid growth and reproduction, asymbiotic germination techniques, shade house orchid growth and determining the best possible restoration locations in our Hidden Brook living laboratory area and beyond.

Following a presentation in the The Ridges Nature Center, we will meander through our project area and observe planted and extant populations of ram’s head, showy, and yellow lady’s slipper orchids. As a bonus, we will also discuss and observe our current dwarf lake iris research project. Suitable for ages 18 & up.

Woodcock Watch at The Ridges Sanctuary

Saturday, May 3, 7 pm-8:30 pm

Meet: Cabins at The Ridges Sanctuary, 8288 Cty. Q, Baileys Harbor, WI

Enjoy a chance to experience firsthand what Aldo Leopold described as the “sky dance.” After a short indoor presentation to learn about woodcocks, head into the field to watch them engage in their ethereal courtship display. Suitable for ages 10 & up.

Wildflowers Galore!

Saturday, May 17, 1 pm-3:30 pm

Meet: Logan Creek Preserve, 5724 Loritz Rd., Jacksonport, WI
The spring wildflowers at The Ridges Sanctuary’s Logan Creek Preserve are not to be missed! Come explore this 170-acre State Natural Area that borders Clark Lake and is comprised of various forest types. We’ll start along the rustic wildflower trail discovering hidden beauties, identifying flowers, and learning about adaptations. We’ll finish by hiking the remainder of the Preserve’s trails which pass through various habitats on the way to Clark Lake. The hike is a

THE RIDGES SANCTUARY

The map shows the sanctuary's layout with various trails and landmarks. Key locations include the Cook-Albert Fuller Nature Center, the North Campus (Cabins/Workshop), and the Logan Creek Preserve. Trails shown include the Family Discovery Trail, Upper Range Light, Heart of the Ridges, Wood Frog Swale, Cowslip Swale, Sandy Swale, and Lower Range Light. The map also shows the proximity to Baileys Harbor and Clark Lake.

Cook-Albert Fuller Nature Center: 8166 Highway 57, Baileys Harbor, WI	Ridges Workshop & Cabins: 8288 Cty. Q., Baileys Harbor, WI	Logan Creek: 5724 Loritz Rd., Jacksonport, WI
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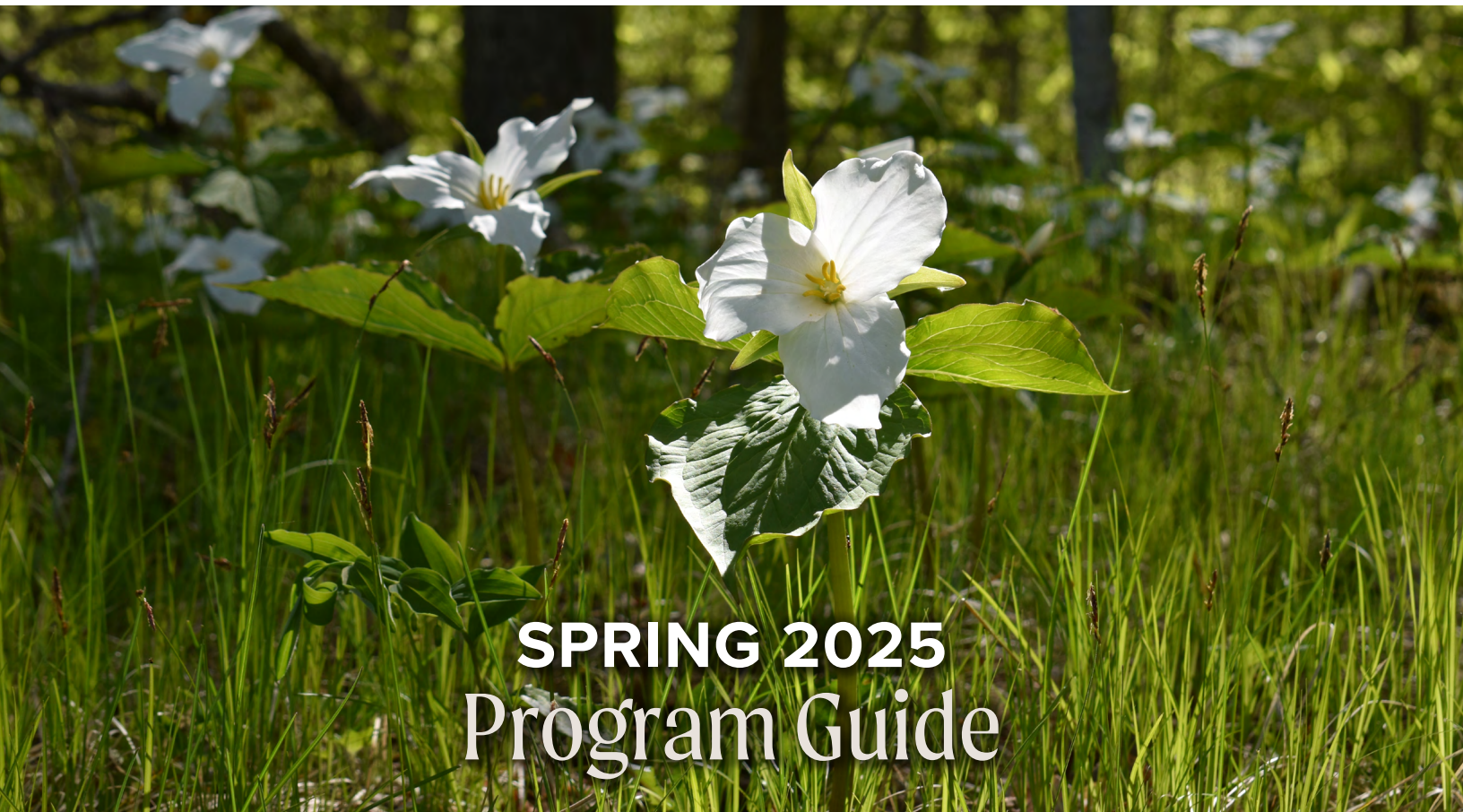
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