



THE RIDGES

SUMMER & FALL 2025
Program Guide

Preservation | Education | Research

HELLO AND HAPPY SUMMER!

As we enter our 88th season at The Ridges, I'm reminded of the responsibility we hold to those who protected The Ridges before us – even as we are seeing more visitors than ever come through the front doors of the Nature Center. It's a seemingly impossible task – protecting the land for current and future generations while teaching current and future generations to care for the land. The first step to stewardship is forming a connection with the land, which requires experiencing it firsthand. As staff, we're passionate about telling everyone who walks through the door about how incredibly unique and diverse the Sanctuary is! However, as staff, it's also our responsibility to continuously ask ourselves: How do we honor the history of the Sanctuary while looking towards the future? How do we protect this land and the current ecosystems while teaching people about how they will change? How do we connect with new audiences in our community with the limited resources we have?

In 1937, Albert Fuller identified 29 orchid species within the 30 acres that became The Ridges Sanctuary. These plants inspired the protection and preservation of those 30 acres of ridge and swale habitat. Many of those populations have completely disappeared in the last 88 years. While these orchids can still be found within the entire 1,700 acres of Sanctuary, the local diversity is changing significantly over time. We carry the spirit of the Ridges founders with us today, but the ways in which we inspire protection change with modern challenges. As the land changes, so too must our education practices.

Since the opening of our Nature Center, we've grown our capacity to offer a breadth of programs for our community and for visitors to the peninsula. This includes more new programs and symposia like our Crane Symposium and our stewardship workshops, both of which encourage participants to take steps toward engaging in conservation practices. It also includes offering more free programming that eliminates financial barriers for visitors to enjoy and learn about the diverse habitats of the Sanctuary. We're also excited to work with incredible community businesses

and partner organizations, such as Sway Brewing + Blending and Climate Change Coalition of Door County.

I don't think the founders of The Ridges could have ever imagined what The Ridges would become. The peninsula itself has changed remarkably in the last two decades alone, but the need for protected spaces has only increased. We're honored to continue the work of those dedicated to saving The Ridges back in 1937 by connecting people with nature and inspiring stewardship in all ages.

With this growth, there are many more opportunities to participate in programs this season! We're thrilled to offer a full slate of programs this summer and fall, with new offerings focused on the future, like our Climate Hikes, Staff Strolls, and Photography Workshops with Len Villano. We're also excited to continue deep-rooted traditions like our free Lake Lesson programs throughout the summer and our Wisconsin Bat Wingding in September.

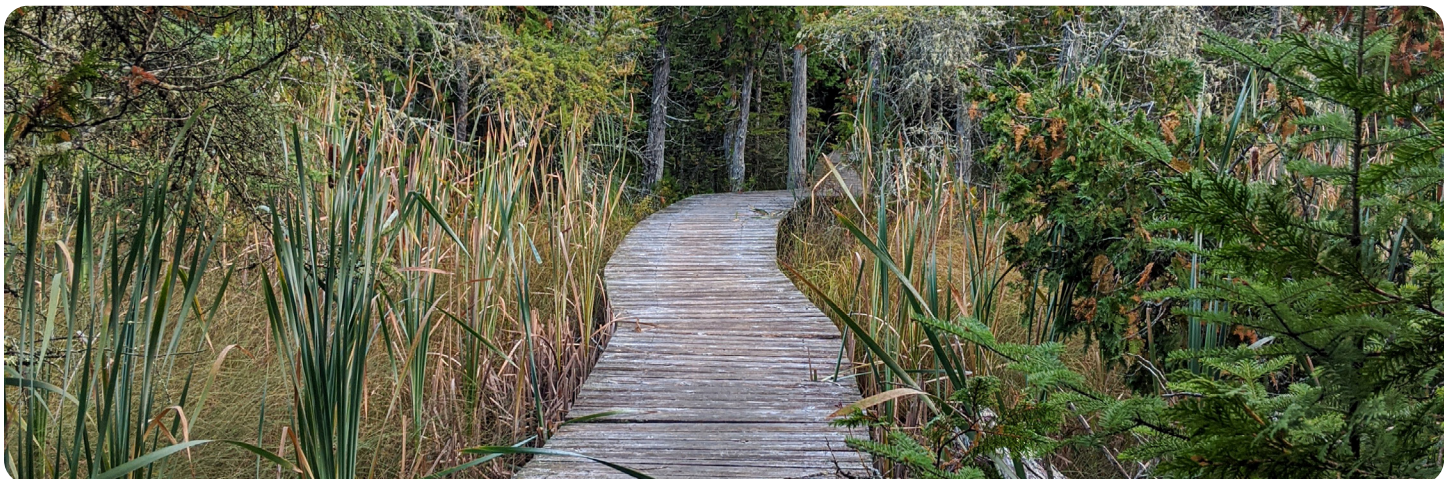
Whether you are participating in a program we host with one of our incredible community partners, a guided hike, or a workshop, you are contributing to the conservation of the Sanctuary and surrounding lands. I not only encourage you to participate in programs at The Ridges, but to bring what you learn back with you to your own community.

Thank you for your support of The Ridges over the past 88 years. We hope that these programs reflect what you love about the Sanctuary!

Best,



Anna Foster
Director of Programming



Boardwalk, Andrew Pirrung

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Featured Programs

Sanctuary Story Hour

Sundays, June 8, June 22, July 13, July 27,

August 10, August 24, 10:00 am - 11:00 am

Fee: FREE program. Donations Appreciated!

Meet: Cook-Albert Fuller Nature Center

Bring your budding naturalists to our Sanctuary Story Hour! A Ridges staff member will read a nature-themed story featuring a species or habitat in the Sanctuary. At the end of the story, make a fun nature craft to take home before heading out to explore the trails and swales! Suitable for families with young children.

Staff Strolls

Tuesdays, June 17, July 15, August 26, September 9,
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Fee: Public \$10 | Member \$7

Meet: Cook-Albert Fuller Nature Center

Join us each month at The Ridges to learn more about our staff, the work they do, and what they are passionate about!

June: Join Naturalist Amy Shook as she shares the natural history of The Ridges and why having a naturalist on staff is so exciting for our programming.

July: Join Director of Research Tony Kiszonas to learn about the research happening at The Ridges and what comes next.

August: Join Environmental Educator Ana Hinkle as she shares the different youth education opportunities available at The Ridges.

September: Join Executive Director Katie Krouse at The Ridges to learn about the history of the organization and how that is guiding us towards a bright future.

Suitable for ages 18 & up.

Hike at The Rushes

Monday, June 9, 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Fee: FREE program. Donations appreciated!

Meet: 3014 Rushes Rd., Baileys Harbor, WI 54202

Experience an interpretive nature hike within The Rushes 100 acre wilderness preserve led by a Wisconsin Master Naturalist. Discover how the wilderness preserve was established, learn about the many features of the preserve and how the Rushes Wilderness Foundation volunteers maintain over 5 miles of its trails. Dress for the weather and bring a sense of adventure! Suitable for ages 12 & up.

Yikes! What's Eating My Plant?

Monday, June 19, 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Fee: Public \$25 | Member \$20

Meet: Cook-Albert Fuller Nature Center

Join a plant health care specialist to learn about invasive insects that feed on plants in Door County. Using hand lenses, we'll identify the various life stages as well as ways of managing the invasive pests. We'll also talk about new insects likely to spread here soon. Suitable for ages 18 & up.

Gaining Ground: Climate Resiliency Hike with Community Experts

Fridays, June 27 and August 22, 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Fee: Public \$15 | Member \$12

Meet: Cook-Albert Fuller Nature Center

The future of our planet seems pretty bleak these days. But it doesn't have to be all doom and despair! The Ridges Sanctuary and our partners are working on incredible research projects in an effort to build climate resiliency in our community. Join us for a hike to discuss current and future threats to The Ridges – and how we plan to adapt together. Suitable for ages 18 & up.



Youth Education, Mike Tittel



Boreal Climate Survivability Tree Planting, Jeff Lutsey

Exploratory Hikes



Dwarf Lake Iris, Douglas Sherman



Swale, Kimberly Mackowski



Goldenrod, Amy Shook



Dave Bultman's Geology Jam, Appel's Bluff

Sanctuary Guided Hikes

Mondays - Saturdays starting May 1

10:00 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!

Each month's guided hike follows a theme focusing on unique aspects of the Sanctuary:

■ June:

Orchid Observations

Observe the stars of the 29 species of documented orchids that bloom in the Sanctuary in June. In addition to learning about the Sanctuary, explore blooming species, why orchids love the ridge and swale habitats, and current research efforts at The Ridges.

■ July:

Swales of the Sanctuary

The wetlands of The Ridges are part of a RAMSAR Designated Wetland of International Importance. This hike will include opportunities to learn about critters that call these wetlands home and what makes them so special.

■ August:

Ridges Pollinators

Pollinators are a crucial part of our ecosystems! Learn about a few pollinators of The Ridges and the importance of their habitats like The Ridges.

■ September:

Fall Flowers

Explore the last of the season's blooms on this guided hike, featuring plants like goldenrod and aster.

■ October:

Boreal Forest

October hikes will feature the forest itself! The Ridges has a distinct forest type from anywhere else on the peninsula - a boreal forest. Learn about the boreal forest and why we protect it.

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.



Woods & Water: Exploring Logan Creek

Wednesdays, June 4, July 2, August 13

10:30 am - noon

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

Meet: Logan Creek Trailhead

Get to know a hidden gem of The Ridges Sanctuary on this hike at our Logan Creek Preserve. Explore an upland beech forest, a coniferous forest, and the shoreline of Clark Lake, one of three inland lakes in Door County. This wooded 170 acre property is sure to become your next favorite hiking destination! Moderate to easy hiking. Wear appropriate footwear and bring binoculars if desired. Pre-registration is required. Suitable for all ages.

Rocks & Ledges: Appel's Bluff Geology Hike

Wednesdays, June 25, July 16, August 20

10:30 am - noon

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

Meet: Cook-Albert Fuller Nature Center

Ever wonder what Door County looked like 5,000 years ago? 10,000 years ago? What about 450 million years ago? Discover ancient shorelines of the Door Peninsula at The Ridges Appel's Bluff property! Learn about the geology, plants, and habitats of the surrounding landscape, and current Ridges research efforts on the property. Suitable for all ages.

Early Bird Hikes

Saturdays in June, 6:30 am - 8:00 am

Fee: FREE program. Donations appreciated!

Meet: Cook-Albert Fuller Nature Center

Head out with Ridges Naturalists to learn and identify the morning birds at the Sanctuary and surrounding Baileys Harbor habitats. Make sure you bring your binoculars! You won't want to miss our early morning friends! Suitable for ages 12 & up.

Night Hikes

Fridays in August, September, October, and November

8:00 pm - 9:00 pm in August, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm in September, 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm in October, 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm in November

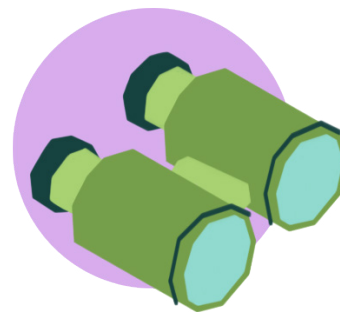
Fee: Public \$15 | Member \$12 | 16 & Under \$7

Meet: Hidden Brook Boardwalk entrance at the Cook-Albert Fuller Nature Center

Owls, bats, and range lights, oh my! Come explore The Ridges at night! We will learn about the creatures that become active after the sun goes down and check out The Range Lights at work as a navigational aid. (Please do not bring any flashlights, light-up shoes, etc. as we want our eyes to adjust to the dark and to be able to see just as the animals do at night).

This program will meet outside of The Ridges Sanctuary Cook-Albert Fuller Nature Center. Ridges staff will provide all hikers with a red flashlight for the duration of the hike. Restrooms are not available on the hike.

These programs take place on Friday evenings, with start times that shift earlier each month: 8:00 pm in August, 7:00 pm in September, 6:00 pm in October, and 5:00 pm in November. Please check the specific date and time when registering. You are always welcome to call if you'd like to register over the phone or learn more about these experiences. Suitable for ages 8 & up.



Range Lights Night, Andrew Pirrung



Early Bird Hike, Dan Scheiman

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Pollinator Education, Amy Shook



Sanctuary Hike, Erik Ellison



Free Fridays



Naturalist Chat, Amy Shook

FREE FRIDAYS

**Fridays in June, July, August (except July 4),
9:00 am - noon**

Fee: FREE program. Donations appreciated!

Meet: Front lawn of the Cook-Albert Fuller Nature Center
Join us for another summer of Free Fridays at The Ridges! We are excited to be continuing our Free Fridays series this summer where admission to the Sanctuary is FREE on Fridays in June, July, and August. Each week a different theme of the Sanctuary will be explored through activities on the front lawn or along Hidden Brook Boardwalk. Themes Include:

- Fish of Lake Michigan
- Macroinvertebrates
- Pelts and Skulls
- Swales, Wetlands and More
- Bird Migration
- Pollinators
- Watersheds
- Geology
- Nature Appreciation
- Monarchs

Free Fridays is made possible in part by 100+ Women Who Care Door County. Suitable for all ages.

Naturalist Chats

**Most Tuesdays in June, July, August,
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm**

Fee: FREE program. Donations appreciated!

Meet: Check social media or the front desk at the Cook-Albert Fuller Nature Center for Amy's location in the Sanctuary.

Have you ever wondered about plants or animals you see at The Ridges? Stop to chat with Ridges Naturalist Amy in the Sanctuary and find out the answers to your questions!

STEWARDSHIP WORKSHOPS

Invasive Species: June 24

Land Restoration & Native Planting: July 29

**Long-Term Planning & Monitoring Your Property:
August 26**

9:00 am - 11:30 am

Fee: Public \$25 | Member & Volunteer \$20

Meets at different locations:

June 24: Family Discovery Trail north trailhead parking lot

July 29: Appel's Bluff trailhead parking lot

August 26: Cook-Albert Fuller Nature Center

Become your own land steward through our Stewardship Workshop series this summer at The Ridges! These workshops will focus on local environmental issues and what landowners can do to better manage and protect their own property. Land Manager Sam Hoffman will lead discussions and demonstrate different techniques ranging from plant identification and invasive species control, to promoting diverse wildlife habitats in your own backyard. Participants will receive take home materials to help them practice stewardship on their properties! Suitable for ages 18 & up.

LAKE LESSONS

The Ridges honors its history of accessible and impactful conservation education through Lake Lessons. These evening programs feature topics about the Great Lakes and surrounding habitats by experts from around the Midwest. All Lake Lessons are free and donations are appreciated. Pre-registration is requested due to limited space.

**Thursdays, June 12, July 10, August 14,
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm**
Fee: FREE program. Donations appreciated!
Meet: Cook-Albert Fuller Nature Center

■ **June 12:**
Invasive Species with Jason Miller

From the shores of Lake Michigan to the unique habitats of The Ridges Sanctuary, invasive species are altering the very fabric of our local ecosystems. Conservationist/DCIST Coordinator Jason Miller will shed light on the specific invaders threatening Door County's biodiversity, examining their impacts on native species and the overall health of our natural areas. We'll explore how these invaders arrive, how they spread, and what we can do as a community to combat their detrimental effects and preserve the ecological integrity of our cherished landscapes.

■ **July 10:**
**Dragons & Damsels – Odonata of The Ridges
with JD Arnston**

For the last two years, field surveys have been conducted to create a comprehensive species list of every species of dragonfly and damselfly that can be found at The Ridges. In this discussion by Odonate (insect) Researcher JD Arnston, you'll learn about the natural history of dragonflies and damselflies as well as what makes The Ridges a special place for several rare species. Find out what you can do to promote conservation for these wonderful insects and what you can do in your own backyard to help them flourish. There will be an outdoor portion of this Lake Lesson to net and identify dragonflies – weather dependent.

■ **August 14:**
***The Power of the River* Documentary Screening
with Daniel Larson**

The Power of the River is a documentary film that explores Wisconsin's Lower Fox River. It is an amazing river that for thousands of years was one of North America's main trade routes and connected the Great Lakes to the Gulf. The film is a collection of stories that document the river's meaning of power and how that changed over the years as the region developed. Filmmaker Daniel Larson will introduce the film and during a question-and-answer session after the screening talk about making the film and solo filmmaking. *The Power of the River* has aired on PBS Wisconsin. Larson is now working on a documentary film about the Bay of Green Bay titled *The Natural World of the Bay*. Suitable for ages 16 & up.



Invasive Species Management, Anna Foster



Dragonfly Larvae

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HALLOWEEN EVENTS

Boos & Brews

Thursday, October 16,

3:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Fee: Public \$35 | Member \$30

Meet: Cook-Albert Fuller Nature



Think Swales & Ales but Spooky Edition! Explore the Ridges Sanctuary with Ridges Naturalists and discover what plants in and around Door County might be used to create different flavor profiles when brewing beer. After hiking the ridges and discussing some nature-inspired brews, we will head over to Sway Brewing to learn about the beer making process.

Program fee includes Ridges Pint Glass and Brewery pour. Must be 21 years or older to participate.

Halloween Hike

Friday, October 24, 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

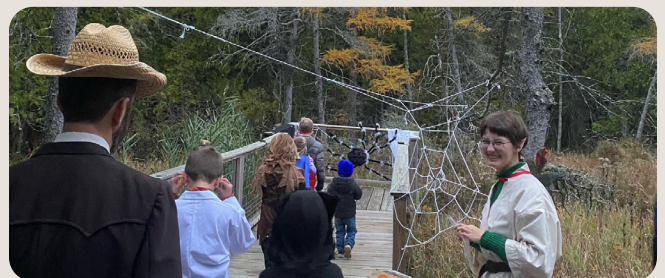
Fee: Adult \$8 | Child \$5

Meet: Cook-Albert Fuller Nature

Come hike the boardwalk if you dare! Special Halloween-

themed stations along Hidden Brook Boardwalk will highlight creepy critters and spooky sights of The Ridges Sanctuary. If you make it to the Upper Range Light, prepare yourself for a ghostly encounter...

Join us for a self-guided tour and interact with our spooky team to learn about all about the things that go bump in the night at The Ridges! This event is appropriate for families of all ages. One flashlight per family will be provided for use during the hike. Costumes are encouraged! Pre-registration is not necessary but encouraged. Tickets can be purchased upon arrival during the event as well. Suitable for all ages.



Halloween Hike

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Photography Workshops with Len Villano

Thursdays, August 7, August 21, August 28,
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Fee: Public \$30 | Member \$25

Meet: Cook-Albert Fuller Nature Center

■ August 7 | Part I: Seeing Creatively – A Photographer's Eye on The Ridges

Join us at The Ridges to learn about seeing the world around you creatively and with an artistic vision! In Part I of this workshop series, Len Villano, Door County-based photographer, will share his experience on improving photography skills and deepening enjoyment of the outdoors. This workshop is introductory and designed to inspire participants to engage with nature and photography whether they are using a phone or professional camera. Participation in all three parts of the Photography Workshop series is encouraged but not required.

■ August 21 | Part II: Into The Ridges – A Guided Photography Walk

Join us at The Ridges for Part II of our Photography Workshop series for a hands-on photography outing through The Ridges with Door County-based photographer Len Villano! Len will provide guidance throughout the workshop and share tips about finding the beauty in the details – rather than chasing the perfect shot. Foster a deeper appreciation of nature through creative practice – with photography as

the tool. Participation in all three parts of the Photography Workshop series is encouraged but not required.

■ August 28 | Part III: Show & Share – Image Review & Feedback Session

Join us for Part III of our Photography Workshop series with Len Villano, Door County-based photographer, to share images and get critiques from a professional photographer to improve your photography skills. Learn from others' processes and get ideas for future photography sessions! Participation in all three parts of the Photography Workshop series is encouraged but not required.

Suitable for ages 18 & up.



Sundew, Len Villano

MONARCH MADNESS

August 25 - 29

Have you ever seen a butterfly chrysalis or found a monarch caterpillar munching on a milkweed plant? Join us for our Monarch Madness event, where you can learn all about this important migratory butterfly species! This year, Monarch Madness will span a week in August to raise awareness of decreasing Monarch populations. We'll discuss the threats Monarchs face and how we can help support the populations we have in Wisconsin.

Tag Talks

August 25 - 29, 1:30 pm

Fee: FREE program. Donations appreciated!

Meet: Cook-Albert Fuller Nature Center

Each day during Monarch Madness, staff will be on hand in the Nature Center from 1:30 pm - 2:00 pm to answer your questions about the tagging process, and tag butterflies that are ready to head out on their journey. The Ridges receives tags from the non-profit organization Monarch Watch, which we apply to the migrating monarch butterflies before they are released at the end of August. Tag or sponsor a monarch for \$5 per tag. Suitable for families of all ages.

Gardening for Pollinators

August 27, 10:00 am - 11:30 am

Fee: Public \$25 | Member \$20

Meet: Cook-Albert Fuller Nature Center

As the summer winds down and we prepare for fall, it's the perfect time to think about what exciting additions you can make in your garden. Fall is one of the best times to plant, due to its cooler temperatures and moist soils, so let's take advantage of the opportunity! You can make a positive

impact in your own backyard by including native species that are not only beautiful but support numerous birds, bees, and butterflies. Join us for Gardening for Pollinators to learn all about incorporating native plants into your own garden, and how to attract and support incredible species like the monarch butterfly. Suitable for ages 18 & up.



Tagged Monarch, Karen Smith

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Mushrooms of The Ridges with Charlotte Lukes

Friday, August 15, Thursday, September 4, and Friday, September 19, 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Fee: Public \$25 | Member \$20

Meet: Cabins at The Ridges Sanctuary

Join Door County's mushroom expert Charlotte Lukes as she leads you through the fungi of The Ridges Sanctuary. Charlotte will go over fungal biology and ecology, then take the group out on a hike through the Sanctuary to identify mushrooms. Suitable for ages 18 & up.

See Bird? eBird! Workshop with Dr. Dan "The Birdman" Scheiman

Friday, September 12, 9:00 am - noon

Fee: Public \$25 | Member \$20

Meet: Cabins at The Ridges Sanctuary

Do you enjoy bird watching and now want to contribute your sightings to conservation and science? eBird is global community science project plus a powerful list keeping and bird-finding tool. eBirding builds better birding skills too. Join Dr. Dan Scheiman to learn eBird basics through classroom and field time. Dan will cover protocols, best practices, and data exploration. Start sharing your sightings with the world through eBird! Suitable for ages 18 & up.



Charlotte Lukes Mushroom Hike, Brook Richardson



Swales & Ales

Thursdays, September 11 and October 2,

3:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Fee: Public \$35 | Member \$30

Meet: Cook-Albert Fuller Nature

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Guided Star Gazing

Thursday, September 18, 7:00 pm - 9:30 pm and

Friday, October 17, 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Fee: Public \$15 | Member \$12

Meet: Cook-Albert Fuller Nature

Join a representative of the Door Peninsula Astronomical Society for a laser-guided tour of stars and constellations with some light-hearted mythology thrown in at The Ridges! A short indoor presentation will start off the evening followed by heading outdoors to see the sky. This program is a night-time program that will require hiking one mile on an uneven dirt, sand, and grass trail in the dark. Participants should be aware that mobility aids are not available for the hike portion of this program. Suitable for ages 16 & up.



Swales & Ales Hike, Amy Shook

Call for Action

Citizen Science Symposium

Saturday, September 20 | Schedule to come

Fee: FREE Program. Donations appreciated!

Meet: Baileys Harbor Town Hall

Save the date for our annual Citizen Science Symposium! We will provide the opportunity for our Citizen Scientists along with the public to gather in celebration of a successful field season. With a mix of social time, amusing anecdotes, and a light breakfast, the focus of the Symposium is on the great research that our Citizen Scientists are performing. Brief reports from The Ridges Sanctuary, Crossroads at Big Creek, Climate Change Coalition of Door County and Door County Land Trust volunteers will highlight this event. A call for presenters from our various Citizen Scientist programs will be forthcoming. Suitable for ages 18 & up.

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WISCONSIN BAT WINGDING

Roost Report: All About America's Bats

Friday, September 26, 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

Fee: Public \$8 | Member \$5

Meet: Cook-Albert Fuller Nature

Want to learn more about bats from the Americas? Come join University of Dubuque professor Dr. Gerald Zuercher as he offers an informative program about bats that will hopefully inspire you to think a little more fondly of them! Suitable for ages 12 & up.

Bat Chats

Friday, September 26, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

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

Meet: Hidden Brook Boardwalk entrance at the Cook-Albert Fuller Nature Center

Let's chat about Wisconsin Bats! Join Ridges staff on a hike through the Sanctuary, stopping to learn about the unique adaptations and life cycle of bats. Stop along the way to capture bats on an acoustic monitor. **This program will meet outside of The Ridges Sanctuary Cook-Albert Fuller Nature Center.** Ridges staff will provide all hikers with a red flashlight for the duration of the hike. Restrooms are not available on the hike. Suitable for ages 14 & up.



Bat Chats, Jackie Rath



Citizen Science in the Field, Tony Kiszonas

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VOLUNTEER WORKDAYS

Fall Workday

Saturday, September 20, 9:00 am - noon

Meet: Cook-Albert Fuller Nature Center

Love fall and spending time outdoors? Join The Ridges for our Fall Volunteer Workday! Our Fall Workday is open to volunteers of all abilities, ages and skill sets. Activities include garden maintenance, storage organization, and general cleanup and preparation for the winter season. The workday will begin at 9:00 am and end with a lunch at noon.

Invasive Species Workday

Tuesdays, June 10, July 8, August 12, September 9, 9:00 am - noon

Meet: Cook-Albert Fuller Nature Center

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

Logan Creek Stewardship Crew Workdays

Every second and fourth Thursdays, June through September, 9:00 am - noon

Meet: Logan Creek Preserve parking lot

Join staff and volunteers in helping with various projects at The Ridges' Logan Creek preserve located on the shore of Clark Lake. Activities may include trail and boardwalk work, invasive species control and general site maintenance. Come dressed appropriately for moderate hiking and for the potential of working in wet conditions.

For more information and to participate in volunteer workdays, contact Ridges Land Manager Sam Hoffman at sam@ridgessanctuary.org or call (920) 839-2802, ext. 108.



Ridges Garden Crew, Jeanne Farrell



Fall Workday

ANNUAL MEETING

Join us for the 88th

Ridges Sanctuary Annual Meeting!

Saturday, August 2, 2025

4:00 pm - 8:00 pm

About Thyme Farm,

8425 County Road F, Baileys Harbor

Fee: Member \$35 | 18 & Under \$20

Schedule of Events:

4:00 pm Member Mix & Mingle

*Silent Auction Opens

5:00 pm Business Meeting of The Ridges and Board Member Election

6:15 pm Family Style Dinner and Social

Join us for a celebration of our past year's accomplishments and socialize among peers and neighbors in conservation. Our membership remains at the center of our operation, and we truly cannot do what we do without you. We hope to see you there and look forward to celebrating with you!

Details for the board member election and meeting resources can be found at <https://ridgessanctuary.org/event/88th-annual-meeting-of-the-ridges-sanctuary/> or scan the qr code below.



How To Register

REGISTRATION DETAILS & CONTACT INFORMATION

Class sizes are limited, so we encourage early registration to ensure your spot in the event of your choice. You may register online at ridgessanctuary.org or by calling 920-839-2802. Discounted program rates are available for members.

Making Nature Accessible for Everyone

The Ridges Sanctuary is dedicated to offering inclusive programs and events that are accessible to individuals of all ages and abilities. To maximize accessibility, many of our events are offered free of charge. Donations are always appreciated and directly support our mission.

Hearing Accessibility: For guided hikes held between May 1 and October 31, we offer a portable hearing loop system. This system can be worn around the neck and connects to the t-coil in hearing aids. For those without t-coil-enabled hearing aids, headphones are also available. The hike leader's voice is transmitted via a microphone, allowing for clear, amplified sound through either device.

If you would like to use the t-coil system during a guided hike or access the dedicated hearing loop in the Nature Center, please inform our front desk staff upon arrival.

Wheelchairs are available at the Nature Center during hours of operation.

For accessibility details for specific events, please visit ridgessanctuary.org/events. General accessibility information for The Ridges is available at ridgessanctuary.org/accessibility.

THE RIDGES SANCTUARY

The map shows the sanctuary's layout with various trails and landmarks. Key locations include the Cook-Albert Fuller Nature Center, Ridges Cabins, and the North Campus. Trails such as the Family Discovery Trail, Heart of the Ridges, and several swale trails are marked. The sanctuary is situated along Ridges Rd and Baileys Harbor.

 Cook-Albert Fuller Nature Center: 8166 Highway 57, Baileys Harbor, WI	 Ridges Cabins: 8288 Cty. Q., Baileys Harbor, WI	 Logan Creek: 5724 Loritz Rd., Jacksonport, WI
 Appel's Bluff: 8523 Cty. Q., Baileys Harbor, WI	 Family Discovery Trail: 8297 Hwy 57, Baileys Harbor, WI	

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