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DOOR COUNTY  
FESTIVAL  
OF NATURE

**CELEBRATING THE NATURAL BEAUTY  
OF THE DOOR PENINSULA**

# WELCOME TO THE 22<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL

## DOOR COUNTY FESTIVAL OF NATURE

The Ridges Sanctuary, along with our partners in conservation, invites you to join us in celebrating the natural beauty of the Door Peninsula at the 22nd Annual Door County Festival of Nature, May 24th-26th. The theme of this year's festival is **Community**.

Door County is a special place for many reasons. One of the most beautiful things about Door County is how people care for the land. Those who lived here long before us had the foresight to protect diverse ecosystems all along the peninsula. Even now, as the number of visitors on the peninsula increases with each passing year, there is a network of people who share this same connection. They work to build relationships between people and nature, inspiring stewardship and a land ethic will transcend generations.

As a culture, we tend to think of the natural world and humans as a dichotomy. We overlook our backyards in favor of "pristine" national parks and wilderness areas, categorizing cities as *developed* and nature as *wild* – the anthropocentric vs. the ecocentric. While protected land was and is incredibly important to maintaining a network of biodiversity, we must not forget that people and nature are and always have been interconnected. Humanity is not the counterpart to the natural world but rather a part of it. We must care for each other and the planet.

To me, community is not a description but a practice. In nature, community is the way trees use mycorrhizal networks to communicate with one another underground. Community is how Black-capped chickadees use their complex calls to warn their flock. Community is to recognize that caring for others and the planet is, in turn, caring for oneself.

This year, let us celebrate the individuals, organizations, and ecosystems that make Door County the incredible community that it is by connecting people and the planet.

Best,



**Anna Foster**  
*Director of Programming*

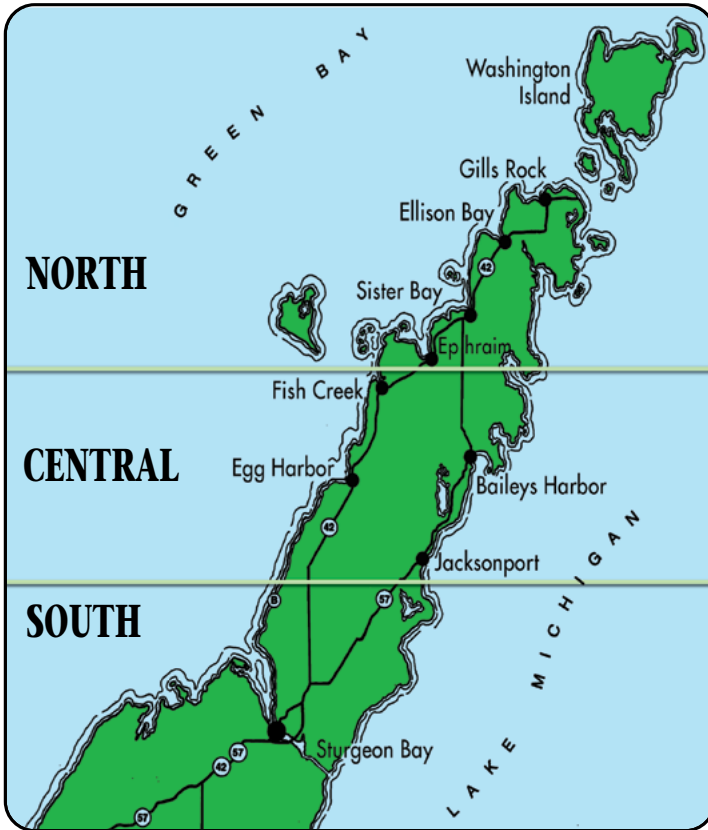
**The following pages offer an exciting slate of field trips,  
special events, artist exhibitions, and more!**

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Door County is a rare and unique jewel of Wisconsin. Visitors come from across the country and the world to experience its beauty. For centuries, the land now recognized as The Ridges Sanctuary has been honored and respected. It is our responsibility to continue to protect and preserve the sensitive habitats within The Ridges Sanctuary for future generations to experience and appreciate.

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# NORTH/SOUTH/CENTRAL MAP



The North, South and Central areas on the map correspond to designations at the end of each field trip description and will help you to determine the general location of each trip.

## PLANNING YOUR TRIP

### Transportation

Transportation for field trips is NOT provided unless indicated in the trip description. Carpooling may be an option for some trips and will be managed at your and the trip leader's discretion. Some field trips may require a Wisconsin State Park Pass. Passes can be purchased at the entrances to state parks.

### Field Trip Tips

Please plan to arrive 15 minutes early to check in with your trip leader. We suggest bringing your own bug repellent, sunscreen, water, and appropriate footwear and clothing.

### Weather

Be prepared for variable weather throughout the season. Lake breezes moderate the local temperatures and can change within a matter of hours.

Field trips will run rain or shine but will cancel in the chance of severe or threatening weather conditions.

### Meals

Meals are not included in the registration fees.

### Where to Stay

Lodging in Door County throughout the season can be limited. We suggest making reservations well in advance. For more information on lodging options, visit:

- Baileys Harbor Community Association, [www.baileysharbor.com](http://www.baileysharbor.com)
- Destination Door County, [www.doorcounty.com](http://www.doorcounty.com)

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# WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

**Check out our new Festival of Nature website!**

**Visit [www.doorcountyfestivalofnature.org](http://www.doorcountyfestivalofnature.org)**

For registration, field trip resources, sponsor details and more!

## REGISTRATION

The 2024 Festival of Nature offers a full slate of field trips, classes, and activities throughout Door County. **Registration opens Monday, March 18th.** There is a maximum number of participants allowed for each field trip or program, so registering early is the best way to ensure you get to participate in the activities you want. Registration is easy – go to [www.RidgesSanctuary.org](http://www.RidgesSanctuary.org) or call 920-839- 2802. We'll confirm your registration by email.

\*Registering online offers the best chance of securing your spot in the field trips of your choosing. You are welcome to call us if you are unable to register online, but please be patient and understand that we do not have the capacity to answer all phone calls immediately when registration opens. Because we will not be able to check voicemails until later in the day, please keep trying until you get through to someone.

## WALK-IN REGISTRATION & FIELD TRIP RESOURCES

**Pre-Registration is required for all Festival of Nature programs.** Walk-in registration is available at the Cook-Albert Fuller Nature Center during business hours. Please check our website for the most current Nature Center hours as they change throughout the year.

Program packet materials with driving directions, special instructions, and your itinerary will be included in your registration confirmation email. Please keep the email handy for future reference. You can also access these resources on the Festival of Nature website: [www.doorcountyfestivalofnature.org](http://www.doorcountyfestivalofnature.org).

## PROGRAM FEES

Program fees per field trip vary from \$30 to \$65 per person, per program. Prices are listed in each program description. Members of The Ridges Sanctuary receive a \$5 discount per person, per program.\* Program prices for youth under the age of 16 are 50% of the full price. When registering as a member or as youth, please be prepared to provide membership details and/or date of birth in the registration portal.

Please note the location of your field trip. A park pass may be required unless otherwise indicated for field trips in a state park.

\*Exclusions apply

## CANCELLATION & REFUND POLICY

The **Door County Festival of Nature** reserves the right to cancel an activity or field trip when necessary. If a trip is canceled, you will be notified as soon as possible so that you may select an alternate trip or receive a full refund. Please make sure to provide us with a phone number for last-minute communications. You can cancel your registration by email or phone. Cancellations made 30 days prior to the program start date will be refunded in full, minus a \$10 processing fee. Cancellations made between 8 and 29 days prior to the program start date will be refunded at 50% of the total fees. Refunds will not be issued for cancellations made less than 7 days prior to the program start date.

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Crossroads at Big Creek is a learning center nature preserve located in Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin. Crossroads offers education, conducts research, is actively engaged in ecological restoration, and provides outdoor experiences to inspire environmental stewardship in learners of all ages and backgrounds. Crossroads encompasses nearly 200 acres of woods, wetlands, meadows, creek and shoreline. Recreational amenities include miles of hiking and running trails, groomed cross-country ski trails and a mobility-assist kayak launch. The Collins Learning Center offers laboratory and meeting space as well as exhibits and an auditorium. Crossroads at Big Creek is a donor-supported nonprofit organization open every day at no charge. We are located at 2041 Michigan Street, Sturgeon Bay, WI. Contact us at [info@crossroadsatbigcreek.org](mailto:info@crossroadsatbigcreek.org) or call (920) 746-5895. Learn more at [www.crossroadsatbigcreek.org](http://www.crossroadsatbigcreek.org).



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In 2018 Horseshoe Bay Farms, Inc., a 501(c)(3) non-profit, was established. Originally constructed between 1917-1919 on the beautiful shores of Green Bay in Egg Harbor, several barns and structures of this historic farm still stand today. Because of its prominence in the development of

Door County, both in the agricultural industry and as a civic landmark, it is listed on the National & State Register of Historic Places. Its mission focuses on the preservation, rehabilitation, and activation of Horseshoe Bay Farms. More information about tours, programs, events, and volunteer opportunities can be found at [www.horseshoebayfarms.org](http://www.horseshoebayfarms.org).



Lakeshore Natural Resource Partnership (LNRP) supports local watershed groups and regional conservation networks throughout eastern and northeastern Wisconsin to improve the health of the land and waters in our local communities. The mission of LNRP is to cultivate community and stewardship from the ledge to the lakeshore (Wisconsin's Niagara Escarpment). LNRP envisions a better tomorrow through stewardship today. LNRP believes in an environmental stewardship ethic that facilitates cooperative planning, restoration, and responsible management of natural resources; acknowledges our responsibility to care for our natural resources in ways that ensure our quality of life; and is key to economic prosperity, social justice, and healthy ecosystems for future generations. Learn more at [www.lnrp.org](http://www.lnrp.org).



The Nature Conservancy is a global conservation organization guided by science and dedicated

to conserving the lands and waters on which all life depends. We have worked with landowners, communities, and other partners in Door County since 1962 to protect nearly 8,000 acres of ecologically-significant lands and waters, including at our four preserves on the Door Peninsula: Mink River, North Bay-Mud Lake, Kangaroo Lake, and Shivering Sands. Learn more about us at [nature.org/Wisconsin](http://nature.org/Wisconsin).



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## 2024 COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Michigan. Much of this area is protected in partnership with the Door County Land Trust and features remarkable geology, flora, and fauna. Jane Whitney offers hikes most Mondays at 1:15pm, June through October (meet on lodge deck). If you seek adventure that combines relaxation and education, the Björklunden seminars offer courses across a range of subjects at the lodge with ample time for reflection and exploring built into the schedule. The historic Boynton Chapel is open for tours on Monday and Wednesday, 1-4pm, mid-June through August. The Chapel is available for weddings and bus tours too! Facilities are also available for rent subject to availability.

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In keeping with its mission, the Wisconsin DNR is dedicated to working with the citizens and businesses of Wisconsin while preserving and enhancing the natural resources of Wisconsin - our air, land and water, our wildlife, fish and forests and the ecosystems that sustain all life. In partnership with individuals and organizations, DNR staff promote a healthy, sustainable environment and a full range of outdoor opportunities. <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/>.



The mission of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) is working with others to conserve, protect, and enhance fish, wildlife, plants, and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people. Two National Wildlife Refuges (NWR) are managed by the USFWS here in Door County: Green Bay National Wildlife Refuge, made up of lands on 6 islands between Wisconsin's Door County Peninsula and Michigan's Garden Peninsula, and Gravel Island National Wildlife Refuge containing Gravel and Spider islands off the east coast of the Door

Peninsula. Both refuges are home to the Wisconsin Islands Wilderness area, established in 1970, containing Hog, Spider, and Gravel islands. The Friends of Plum and Pilot Islands is the official partner of the USFWS at Green Bay NWR, and support events, volunteering, and community outreach. To learn more, visit [fws.gov/refuge/green-bay/about-us](http://fws.gov/refuge/green-bay/about-us).



The mission of the Friends of Plum and Pilot Islands is to partner with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to support the preservation, restoration, maintenance, and contemporary use of the historic resources on Plum and Pilot Islands, and to conserve and protect wildlife resources, while providing opportunities for quality wildlife-dependent recreation. Visit our website <https://www.plumandpilot.org/> to learn more about our important work and to learn how you can get involved.



Climate Change Coalition of Door County is a non-partisan organization that through education, outreach and civil dialogue increases public understanding of climate change and its many detrimental impacts at home and around the world. Our objective is to inspire prompt action by individuals and policymakers at all levels to address the causes and challenges of climate change and to help communities adapt to its impacts. CCCDC works to raise awareness of climate change in Door County and beyond through a variety of channels focused on the important collateral benefits of climate action. Visit our website [www.climatechangedoorcounty.com](http://www.climatechangedoorcounty.com) to learn more about our important work and how you can get involved.

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# 2024 SPECIAL EVENTS



Deneen Wiske

The Ridges is excited to present Deneen Wiske as the 2024 Festival of Nature keynote speaker.

Deneen is the Executive Director of Auricle Productions, a nonprofit environmental journalism organization that produces Threshold, a Peabody Award-winning podcast and public radio show. Each season of Threshold is a multipart audio documentary that tells a complex environmental story—about a species, a place, an idea, a controversy, or a question. Threshold is in the top 0.5% of podcasts, with over 1.35 million downloads and millions more listeners on public radio. Their mission is to deepen understanding of human relationships with each other and the natural world.



Deneen has over 20 years of experience in nonprofit leadership at various organizations. She holds a BS in Biology from Old Dominion University and a MS from the College of William & Mary, where she was a research biologist prior to her work in the nonprofit sector. Throughout her career—whether as a writer, nonprofit executive, or research biologist—storytelling has always been the throughline.

Deneen lives in Door County with her family. In addition to her work with Threshold, she serves on the board of the Door County Climate Change Coalition.



Deneen Wiske

## The Power of Storytelling: Creating Community and Deepening Our Connection with the Natural World

Each creature and every place on this planet has a story. Each of those stories has history, many layers of meaning, and a relationship with other living things,

## FESTIVAL DINNER & KEYNOTE PRESENTATION

**Friday, May 24th, 4:30PM**

**Location:** About Thyme Farm, 8425 County F, Baileys Harbor

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**Reception & Beverage Service:** 4:30PM

**Dinner:** 5:00PM

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**Keynote Presentation:** 6:30PM

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ecosystems, and landscapes. Stories capture our attention, stir our emotions, and spark our imaginations. When we connect to a story, we also connect with one another and the world around us—and we are more open to understanding, transformation, and possibility.

Deneen Wiske, Executive Director of Auricle Productions, will explore how storytelling creates community and deepens our relationships with the natural world. Sharing experiences from the award-winning podcast, Threshold, Deneen will impart how stories help listeners make sense of the world, especially in this time of extraordinary planetary change. She'll also examine how stories have shaped Door County, creating a powerful sense of place and a legacy of stewardship.



Deer Skull Letter by Daniel Meinhardt

## Seeing Nature: Why We Still Illustrate By Daniel Meinhardt

I am a biologist by training and enjoy using photography and illustration to integrate science with social and environmental issues it can help to illuminate. While growing up in St. Louis I spent a lot of time at the city's zoo and art museum, both of which offer free admission and are across the street from each other. I grew up thinking that creating art required an almost magical, inborn talent, but when I had to learn scientific illustration in graduate school, I learned that such skills could be developed. I also realized that doing science and making art have much in common. Besides doing illustrations for my biological work, I have made collaborative pieces with UW-Green Bay



## ART EXHIBIT & ARTIST RECEPTION

### Drawing on Science

A deep dive into the world of scientific illustration and the important role it plays in science. This exhibition features the works of three talented artists, Daniel Meinhardt, Jackie Rath, and Maggie Warren.

Exhibit will be on display from

Thursday, May 23rd, 2024 – August 23rd, 2024

**Artist Reception, Thursday, May 23rd,  
4:00PM–6:00PM**

Special artist presentations will begin at 5:00PM

Art Professor Alison Gates and co-curated two art shows at the university's Lawton Gallery. While making images, I explore themes such as human diversity, the environment, and biodiversity it supports, and sense of place. I am particularly interested in highlighting social and environmental problems in hopes of inspiring action. All my early illustrations were in ink and/or graphite on mylar, but most of the works shown here were done digitally in Photoshop.

### Birds and Branches of the Boreal Forest

#### By Jackie Rath

Jackie Rath (she/they) moved to Door County in Spring of 2021 from Portland, Oregon. Their childhood was spent outdoors, exploring coastal estuary habitats and hiking jagged forested landscapes in the Columbia River Gorge.



*The smallest wren,  
Jackie Rath*

Captivated by these varying ecosystems and their organisms, yet also wanting to interpret them, Rath found comfort early on in storytelling through written and visual mediums. In 2020, Rath graduated from the University of Oregon with a

degree in Journalism, with a concentration in science communication.

One of their essential goals going into the work that they currently do now as Program Coordinator at The Ridges Sanctuary is to make the complex communication of science more approachable and fun. One avenue

they enjoy that offers lifelong learning in the field and helps them learn more about Door County's diverse ecosystem is scientific illustration.

Their style explores black and white sketches, both digital and with pen. Scientific illustration helps Rath to see the marvel of the small things. They are looking forward to experimenting with color and various mediums as they find new fascinations in the natural world.

### Connection & Community: Celebrating Boreal Forest Ecology

#### By Maggie Warren

I am a scientific illustrator and printmaker from Chicago, whose work celebrates flora and fauna. My passion for the natural world has led me to pursue a career and creative endeavors in environmental science. I earned a MA in Conservation Biology from Miami Ohio focusing on science communication. I currently serve as the Beach Water Quality Project Manager for the Chicago Park District and design signage for the Park District's natural areas. Using my artistic abilities and academic expertise, my aim is to inspire hope and conservation action in others.

As a curious naturalist, I hope to continue to learn about the natural world and share my discoveries through art. My creative practice highlights delightful details with intricate illustrations. My work primarily uses micron pen, watercolor, and carved linoleum. Since 2018, I have showcased my art at Brushwood Center at Ryerson Woods in Illinois during its nature-inspired winter and spring art markets. My work makes the invisible visible by exploring ecologic themes of habitat, interdependent relationships, migration, and native wildlife. I hope to foster empathy for the living things in our backyards and beyond. Through my artwork, I want to spread awareness about the ecosystem humans are a part of and advocate for all wildlife that shares our home. After all, in the words of Baba Dioum, "In the end we will conserve only what we love, we will love only what we understand, and we will understand only what we are taught."



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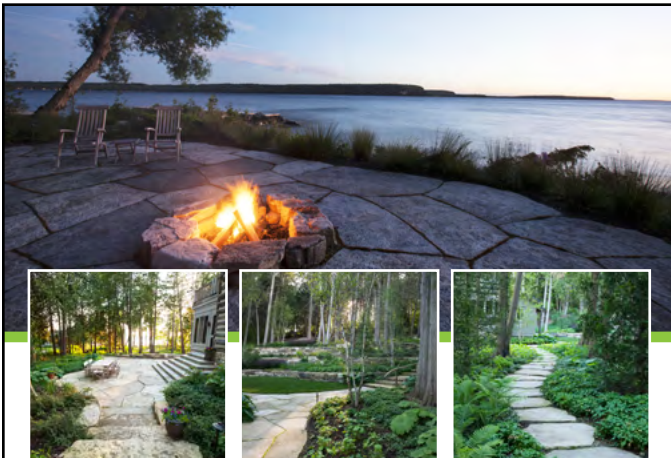
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# Program	Time	Page #
<b>FRIDAY MAY 24TH - MORNING</b>		
1. Early Birds at Shivering Sands	6:00AM-8:00AM	17
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42. Discover Green Bay National Wildlife Refuge - <b>NEW</b>	9:00AM-12:30PM	25
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44. Lakeside Coastal Tour	10:00AM-12:00PM	25
45. Discover Green Bay National Wildlife Refuge - <b>NEW</b>	10:00AM-1:30PM	25
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51. Natural and Human History at Heins Creek Nature Preserve	1:30PM-3:30PM	26
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57. Kayak Logan Creek	1:30PM-4:00PM	27
58. Morphology - Forms Found in Four Habitats and a Leaf Print - <b>NEW</b>	1:30PM-4:00PM	27
59. Nature at the Tip of Your Pencil, Part 2: Drawing What You See - <b>NEW</b>	1:30PM-4:00PM	27

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61. Lakeside Coastal Tour - Sunset Edition!	6:30PM-8:30PM	28
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66. Explore Open Door Bird Sanctuary	8:00AM-10:00AM	28
67. Boat Tour of Green Bay and Gravel Island National Wildlife Refuges - <b>NEW</b>	9:00AM-11:00AM	28
68. Planting for Pollinators - <b>NEW</b>	9:00AM-11:00AM	29
69. Trackchair Open House	9:00AM-11:00AM	29
70. Explore Bjorklunden and Boynton Chapel	9:00AM-11:30AM	29
71. Ridges Heritage Walk	9:00AM-11:30AM	29
72. Wandering Aimlessly at Appel's Bluff - <b>NEW</b>	9:00AM-11:30AM	29
73. Geology ROCKS! - <b>NEW</b>	9:00AM-11:30AM	29
74. Phenology in a Handmade Book - <b>NEW</b>	9:00AM-12:00PM	30
75. Lakeside Coastal Tour	10:00AM-12:00PM	30
76. Boat Tour of Green Bay and Gravel Island National Wildlife Refuges - <b>NEW</b>	11:30AM-1:30PM	30

## SUNDAY MAY 26TH - AFTERNOON

77. Boat Tour of Green Bay and Gravel Island National Wildlife Refuges - <b>NEW</b>	2:00PM-4:00PM	30
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## ORGANIZATIONAL ABBREVIATIONS:

CCCDC	CLIMATE CHANGE COALITION OF DOOR COUNTY
DCLT	DOOR COUNTY LAND TRUST
DNR	WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
FOPPI	FRIENDS OF PLUM AND PILOT ISLAND
LNRP	LAKESHORE NATURAL RESOURCE PARTNERSHIP
TNC	THE NATURE CONSERVANCY
TRS	THE RIDGES SANCTUARY
USFWS	US FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

## FRIDAY, MAY 24TH · MORNING

### 1. Early Birds at Shivering Sands ■

**Friday May 24th, 6:00AM-8:00AM**

**Leader:** Mike Grimm, TNC

**Fee:** \$30

Catch the birds as they sing their morning chorus. This walk will emphasize migratory and resident birds that rely on the coastal forests of Door County. TNC Conservation Ecologist Mike Grimm will lead this hike in The Nature Conservancy's Shivering Sands Preserve. **Suitable for ages 8 and up.**

**SOUTH. Meet:** TNC Shivering Sands Preserve Trailhead, Sturgeon Bay

**Limit:** 12

### 2. Mud Lake Paddle

**Friday May 24th, 8:00AM-11:00AM**

**Leader:** Tonya & Andrew Crowell

**Fee:** \$30

Rieboldt Creek is the outlet for Mud Lake and flows nearly two miles as it meanders its way to Lake Michigan. Rich aquatic diversity abounds and will be on display as paddlers experience this hidden gem nestled within the Mud Lake State Natural Area. Enjoy a relaxing paddle up the creek and into Mud Lake. Glide through diverse beds of aquatic plants, including bur-reed, coontail, and wild rice. Bring your binoculars – this site is excellent for viewing migrating waterfowl and songbirds! Bring your own canoe/kayak, paddles, and PFDs. You may also call Bay Shore Outfitters to rent a kayak. Length of trip may vary based on wind conditions; must be able to paddle for 2 hours.

**Suitable for all ages.**

**CENTRAL. Meet:** Rieboldt Creek Crossing on County Q, Baileys Harbor

**Limit:** 10

### 3. Historic Horseshoe Bay Farms Tour ■

**Friday May 24th, 9:00AM-10:30AM**

**Leader:** Horseshoe Bay Farms Staff

**Fee:** \$30

In 2018, Horseshoe Bay Farms, Inc., a 501(c)(3) non-profit, was established. Originally constructed between 1917-1919 on the beautiful shores of Green Bay in Egg Harbor, several barns and structures of this historic farm still stand today. Because of its prominence in the development of Door County, both in



agricultural industry and as a civic landmark, it is listed on the National & State Register of Historic Places. Spend the morning with a guide walking the property, experiencing the iconic barns up close, and learning about its extensive history as well as its long-term vision. **Suitable for ages 12 and up.**

**CENTRAL. Meet:** Horseshoe Bay Farms, Egg Harbor

**Limit:** 25

### 4. Boat Tour of Green Bay and Gravel Island National Wildlife Refuges - NEW

**Friday May 24th, 9:00AM-11:00AM**

**Leader:** FOPPI and USFWS

**Fee:** \$65

Ride aboard the Friends of Plum and Pilot Islands' ship, "The Shoreline," for this narrated tour where guests will learn information about the flora, fauna, and geology that makes the Green Bay and Gravel Island National Wildlife Refuges important and interesting including seeing one of the nation's smallest designated Federal Wilderness areas! This waterborne tour includes traveling through Death's Door to Gravel Island National Wildlife Refuge, and around Plum and Pilot Islands of Green Bay National Wildlife Refuge. **Suitable for all ages.**

**NORTH. Meet:** The Shoreline Hotel Marina, Gills Rock

**Limit:** 14

### 5. Judy Abert Meissner Memorial Wetlands Preserve at Kangaroo Lake

**Friday May 24th, 9:00AM-11:00AM**

**Leader:** Kari Hagenow, TNC

**Fee:** \$30

Listen to the story of wetland restoration and management at this important Hine's Emerald Dragonfly breeding site. We will discuss the ecology and hydrology of these alkaline headwaters of Peil Creek, and the importance of this site in the context of the surrounding landscape. We'll also be on the lookout for wildlife and migratory and breeding birds that utilize this site. **Suitable for ages 12 and up.**

**CENTRAL. Meet:** TNC's Meissner Preserve, Baileys Harbor

**Limit:** 14

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## 6. The Motus Wildlife Tracking System and its Role in Door County - **NEW**

**Friday May 24th, 9:00AM-11:00AM**

**Leader:** Jacob Woulf

**Fee:** \$30

Listen to a presentation on Motus and The Ridges' role in the overall network. The presentation will also go over how to look at individual bird detections. A bird walk will follow to discuss the station that is at the Sanctuary and answer any questions people may have. Wear hiking boots. **Suitable for ages 12 and up.**

**CENTRAL. Meet:** Cook-Albert Fuller Nature Center, Baileys Harbor  
**Limit:** 15

## 7. Geology Discovery Hike at Pebble Beach

**Friday May 24th, 9:00AM-11:00AM**

**Leader:** Thomas Stasiak

**Fee:** \$30

Explore the unique geology of this community treasure. In 2019, the Door County Land Trust assisted the Village of Sister Bay in acquiring the 16-acre nature preserve along the shore of Green Bay. According to state geologists, this site contains the best example of post-glacial shorelines in all the Great Lakes. This property hosts a beautiful old growth white cedar forest, 600 feet of undeveloped shoreline, and a series of 13 post-glacial beach ridges. Discover the unique geology of this beach with geologist Thomas Stasiak. Hiking will be easy to moderate with some inclined terrain along the rocky beach and will cover approximately 0.5 mile. Sturdy shoes are recommended.

**Suitable for ages 16 and up.**

**CENTRAL. Meet:** Pebble Beach Rd, Sister Bay  
**Limit:** 16

## 8. Ellison Bay Bluff Exploration

**Friday May 24th, 9:00AM-11:00AM**

**Leader:** Coggin Heeringa

**Fee:** \$30

The Ellison Bay Bluff County Park is known for its spectacular scenery. This unforgettable tour will start with geologic history. Once on the trails, the group will examine a plethora of spring wildflowers, such as trillium and yellow lady's slippers, making this an unforgettable trip. **Suitable for ages 16 and up.**

**NORTH. Meet:** Ellison Bay Bluff County Park, Ellison Bay  
**Limit:** 16



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## 9. Exploring Three Springs Preserve

**Friday May 24th, 9:00AM-11:30AM**

**Leader:** Marilyn Hansotia

**Fee:** \$30

Explore this 500+acre Door County Land Trust Preserve, listed as remarkable on several fronts: A wetland of international importance and home to the Federally endangered Hine's Emerald Dragonfly as well as little brown bats who roost in an 1870's barn on the property. **Suitable for ages 12 and up.**

**CENTRAL. Meet:** Three Springs Preserve, Sister Bay  
**Limit:** 12

## 10. Ecology of Door County's Lake Michigan Coastal Landscapes

**Friday May 24th, 9:00AM-11:30AM**

**Leader:** Mike Grimm, TNC

**Fee:** \$30

Door County's Lake Michigan coastal landscape comprises of a matrix of sand formations, dolomite bedrock outcroppings, and organic muck soil settings. This field trip will look at this landscape from a broad to fine scale in an effort to understand the development of these landforms and their effect on the various plant and animal assemblages that live there. **Suitable for ages 10 and up.**

**SOUTH. Meet:** TNC Shivering Sands Preserve Trailhead, Sturgeon Bay  
**Limit:** 12

## 11. Three Sisters Gardening

**Friday May 24th, 9:00AM-11:30AM**

**Leader:** Dr. Kathleen Ratteree

**Fee:** \$30

Learn about traditional ecological knowledge of Three Sisters gardening with Kathleen Ratteree. This program will provide the foundation of knowledge of Three Sisters agriculture, as well as ideas for starting your own Three Sisters garden. **Suitable for ages 16 and up.**

**CENTRAL. Meet:** Cabins at The Ridges Sanctuary, Baileys Harbor  
**Limit:** 15

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## 12. It Isn't Easy Being (Ever) Green - NEW

**Friday May 24th, 9:00AM-11:30AM**

**Leader:** Julie Knox and Jane Whitney

**Fee:** \$30

It Isn't Easy Being (Ever) Green: Besides conifers, what other plants stay green all year? Join us as we take a leisurely walk through the rustic trails of the Sanctuary to learn about plants that stay green all year long. You'll learn the advantages/disadvantages of being evergreen and identify several species of evergreen plants. As a bonus, you will enjoy the spring wildflowers that will surely be in bloom! **Suitable for ages 12 and up.**

**CENTRAL. Meet:** Cabins at The Ridges, Baileys Harbor

**Limit:** 14

## 13. Nature Immersion/Forest Bathing

**Friday May 24th, 9:00AM-12:00PM**

**Leader:** Jane Burress, Owner, Doorway to Nature, LLC

**Fee:** \$30

Be present in nature, and discover what nature has to present you. Refresh your body and soul with a slow guided walk in nature, accompanied by a certified nature and forest therapy guide. A standard sequence of invitations (activities that you choose to participate in or not), helps awaken your senses and encourages you to slow down, be present, and connect with your surroundings. This is a 2 1/2- 3-hour slow walk covering about 1-2 miles. Refreshments and conversation complete the walk. Doorway to Nature LLC is here to promote wellness, harmony, community, and environmental stewardship, by partnering with nature and connecting you with nature's offerings. **Suitable for ages 16 and up.**

**NORTH. Meet:** Hotz Memorial Town Park, Ellison Bay

**Limit:** 12

## 14. Kangaroo Lake Paddling Adventure - NEW

**Friday May 24th, 9:00AM-12:00PM**

**Leader:** Terrie Cooper, DCLT

**Fee:** \$30

With over 650 acres protected by the Door County Land Trust and The Nature Conservancy, Kangaroo Lake is one of Door County Land Trust's oldest nature preserves and is an ecological gem. Paddle along with us and explore it all from the water! We'll visit the mouth of Peil Creek where it empties into Kangaroo Lake and continue along a mile of largely undeveloped shoreline that's home to a host of species including; bald eagles, osprey,



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kingfisher, ducks, sandhill cranes, Caspian Terns, turtles, northern pike, smallmouth bass, and the Federally endangered Hine's emerald dragonfly. We'll look for "Fish Sticks," submerged trees that provide fish habitat and reduce shoreline erosion. **Suitable for ages 16 and up.**

**SOUTH. Meet:** Kangaroo Lake Nature Preserve, Baileys Harbor

**Limit:** 12

## 15. Lakeside Coastal Tour

**Friday May 24th, 10:00AM-12:00PM**

**Leader:** Shoreline Scenic Boat Tours

**Fee:** \$60

Head out into the sparkling waters of Lake Michigan on "Hope," a retired U.S. Navy boat. Hope was built tough to meet high military safety standards and skipped by knowledgeable and experienced captains, so you can be assured of a safe trip. Hope will navigate the rustic shoreline of Lake Michigan while the narrator/first mate will share stories of the near and distant past, of shipwrecks and lighthouses, ancient geology, and current geography, and of changes to the local landscape, fauna, and flora. This trip is designed to be an overview of this most beautiful and amazing peninsula! **Suitable for families with kids ages 5 and above.**

**CENTRAL. Meet:** Baileys Harbor Marina, Baileys Harbor

**Limit:** 25

## 16. Boat Tour of Green Bay and Gravel Island National Wildlife Refuges - NEW

**Friday May 24th, 11:30AM-1:30PM**

**Leader:** FOPPI and USFWS

**Fee:** \$65

See #4 for full description.

**NORTH. Meet:** The Shoreline Hotel Marina, Gills Rock

**Limit:** 14

**FRIDAY, MAY 24TH - AFTERNOON**

## 17. Sturgeon Bay Maritime Overview, Past and Present - NEW

**Friday May 24th, 1:00PM-3:00PM**

**Leader:** Boyd Stewart, Shoreline Scenic Boat Tours

**Fee:** \$60

Greetings! Welcome aboard our Navy Liberty Launch the "Gratitude." She is a 40 x 12 foot vessel that is very safe and sea-kindly. This tour starts going west to Fincantieri Shipyard, then to

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shipwrecks at Bullhead. After that we will head back east where we will cover a range of current and historical points of interest. The tour eventually goes through the shipping canal to Lake Michigan where we will be treated to great photo opportunities of the Coast Guard station lighthouse as well as the pierhead lighthouse (known locally as the Red Shed). Subjects include geology, the fishery, commerce, and navigation. **Suitable for all ages.**

**SOUTH. Meet:** Door County Maritime Museum, Sturgeon Bay  
**Limit:** 25

## 18. State Natural Area Sampler ■

**Friday May 24th, 1:00PM-3:30PM**

**Leader:** Mark Martin and Susan Foote-Martin

**Fee:** \$30

The Baileys Harbor area includes six State Natural Areas that are part of the Door Coastal Wetlands, a Ramsar Wetland of International Importance. On this trip, you'll visit Baileys Harbor Boreal Forest, Moonlight Bay Bedrock Beach, Mud Lake, and North Bay. You'll learn about the ecology of the coastal wetlands and discover access points and little-known hiking trails. Highlights of the trip include rare and native plants, cedar forests, blooming Indian Paintbrush and Dwarf Lake Iris. **Suitable for ages 18 and up.**

**CENTRAL. Meet:** Baileys Harbor Town Hall, Baileys Harbor  
**Limit:** 20

## 19. Forest Ecology at the Mink River Preserve ■

**Friday May 24th, 1:00PM-3:30PM**

**Leader:** Kari Hagenow, TNC

**Fee:** \$30

The Mink River Estuary is a dynamic coastal wetland and forest landscape that provides habitat for a number of important plants and animals including Great Lakes fish, many species of migratory and breeding birds, and mammals representative of Wisconsin's mixed conifer hardwood forests. This 2.5-mile, moderate loop hike will meander through the upland and lowland forests surrounding the east side of the Mink River Estuary with brief views of the marsh and springs that feed the river. We will look for birds and learn about TNC's work to protect and restore these forests. **Suitable for ages 16 and up.**

**NORTH. Meet:** TNC Schoenbrunn Trailhead, Ellison Bay  
**Limit:** 10



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## 20. Dwarf Lake Iris Restoration Project - NEW ■

**Friday May 24th, 1:00PM-3:30PM**

**Leader:** Jade Arneson USFWS, Sam Hoffman TRS, and Tony Kizonas TRS

**Fee:** \$30

Join us in a discussion of the goals of a major Dwarf Lake Iris Restoration Project at The Ridges. This joint venture is focused on determining the feasibility and environmental conditions needed for the preservation of the Federally and State threatened dwarf lake iris. Jade, Sam, and Tony will explain the project parameters and lead participants through the project area, explaining the processes and methodology as they stroll along the boardwalk. **Suitable for ages 16 and up.**

**CENTRAL. Meet:** Cook-Albert Fuller Nature Center, Baileys Harbor  
**Limit:** 15

## 21. Terrestrial Arthropod Foray - NEW ■

**Friday May 24th, 1:30PM-3:00PM**

**Leader:** Michael Draney

**Fee:** \$30

Terrestrial arthropods (insects, spiders, and their relatives) are the most species-rich group of animals in Wisconsin. You'll learn easy ways to "beat the bushes" for these amazing creatures, and about ways to identify those you run into. This will be an easy stroll, not a hike, and is good for both adults and kids. **Suitable for ages 18 and up.**

**SOUTH. Meet:** Crossroads at Big Creek, Sturgeon Bay  
**Limit:** 15

## 22. Exploring Europe Lake and Newport Shorelines ■

**Friday May 24th, 1:30PM-3:30PM**

**Leader:** Coggin Heeringa

**Fee:** \$30

Take a hike through the forested dunes to Europe Lake and return by way of the rocky headlands and sandy beach of the north end of Newport State Park in search of wildflowers and birds. You'll also learn about the geology of this unique and fragile area. Bring binoculars. The hike will include some hills. **Suitable for ages 16 and up.**

**NORTH. Meet:** Hotz Memorial Town Park, Ellison Bay  
**Limit:** 16

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## 23. Using Seek App to Engage in Nature - NEW

**Friday May 24th, 1:30PM-3:30PM**

**Leader:** Paige Witek and Barb Ottum

**Fee:** \$30

Have you ever found a mushroom, flower, or bug, and not been sure what it is? The Seek app is for you! This smartphone app uses the power of image recognition technology to identify the plants and animals all around you. Drawing from millions of wildlife observations on iNaturalist, Seek shows you lists of commonly recorded insects, birds, plants, amphibians, and more in your area. Join us to learn how to use this app and what it has to offer while exploring the DCLT Oak Road Nature Preserve. We will be slowly walking on an easy, level-to-rolling terrain for approximately one mile of trail. Make sure to wear sturdy walking shoes. Families are encouraged and welcome! Registrants will receive more information about how to download the app ahead of time. **Suitable for all ages.**

**CENTRAL. Meet:** Oak Road Nature Preserve, Egg Harbor

**Limit:** 16

## 24. Sway Brewery Tour: Highlighting Wild Harvested Ingredients and Rustic Techniques - NEW

**Friday May 24th, 1:30PM-3:30PM**

**Leader:** Matt Sampson, Sway Owner & Brewer

**Fee:** \$30

Take a tour of Sway Brewing's fermentation cellar. You will learn about Sway's brewing philosophy—highlighting storied, regionally sourced ingredients, taking inspiration from old world styles, and following a minimal intervention approach using rustic techniques. Sway Brewing highlights many foraged, native ingredients and locally grown fruits in their beers. These beers are a direct representation of the area in which they're brought to life—Door County. Sway strives to connect our environment and our community through balanced, pleasant beer. **Must be 21 or older to participate**

**CENTRAL. Meet:** Sway Brewing + Blending, Baileys Harbor

**Limit:** 20



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## 25. Lautenbach Woods Nature Preserve

**Friday May 24th, 1:30PM-3:30PM**

**Leader:** Brian Forest

**Fee:** \$30

The surface water is long gone from this DCLT preserve, but this beautiful area provides evidence of ancient glacial drainage paths for the Plum Bottom area south of Egg Harbor. Caves and enlarged rock crevices, coupled with springs that outlet below the escarpment, provide a great example of the classic sinkhole/spring complexes that are so prevalent throughout Door County. Descend the Niagara Escarpment and enjoy Door County's seasonal wildflowers. We'll engage in an intriguing discussion on glacial geology, karst features and challenges of protecting water quality in sensitive areas. Hiking boots are recommended, as we will face a stretch of rocky terrain on the trip. **Suitable for ages 12 and up.**

**CENTRAL. Meet:** Lautenbach Woods Nature Preserve, Carlsville

**Limit:** 18

## 26. Regenerative Agriculture in Action on a Dairy Farm

**Friday May 24th, 1:30PM-4:00PM**

**Leader:** Brey Cycle Farm LLC and NRCS

**Fee:** \$30

See where milk comes from and how sustainability is behind every decision on this fourth-generation family farm. Learn about modern dairy farming and how milk is sustainably produced, from crops to cows. Meet the cows and calves up close as you learn how they are cared for and grow to become a member of the milking herd. You will also see some of the land used to grow crops to feed the animals and hear about the regenerative practices used. Cycle Farm is part of the Door-Keweenaw Demonstration Farm network, testing various innovative practices to help increase organic matter, improve soil health, and reduce soil erosion and nutrient loss. **Suitable for ages 12 and up.**

**SOUTH. Meet:** Brey Cycle Farm, Sturgeon Bay

**Limit:** 25

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■ Easy Hiking   ■ Moderate Hiking   ■ Strenuous Hiking

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## 27. Nature at the Tip of Your Pencil, Part 1: ■ Making a Nature Journal - NEW

**Friday May 24th, 1:30PM-4:00PM**

**Leader:** Kathleen Garness

**Fee:** \$35

Join scientific illustrator Kathleen Garness for a two-part dive into the world of nature drawing. In the Friday morning workshop, you will learn how to construct your own nature journal. Basic supplies and archival materials and tools needed will be provided, with the handouts and journal itself that are yours to take home. On Saturday (See #59), we will explore the Sanctuary trails and observe, learn, share, and illustrate. No experience is necessary - we want you to see plants with a fresh point of view! You are also welcome to bring your supplies. Participants are encouraged to participate in both workshops; however, you are welcome to participate in individual sessions.

**Suitable for ages 14 and up.**

**CENTRAL. Meet:** Cabins at The Ridges Sanctuary, Baileys Harbor

**Limit:** 12

## 28. Explore Toft Point ■

**Friday May 24th, 1:30PM-4:00PM**

**Leader:** Charlotte Lukes

**Fee:** \$30

Explore Toft Point State Natural Area and learn about its natural wildlife community as well as the Toft family history. This will be an easy hike on level terrain; however, the path has rocks and some tree roots, sturdy hiking shoes so a walking stick may be needed. It is also suggested to wear long pants rather than shorts. If deer flies are out, you may also want to wear a hat.

**Suitable for ages 16 and up.**

**CENTRAL. Meet:** Baileys Harbor Town Hall, Baileys Harbor

**Limit:** 16

## 29. Big Creek Restoration Paddle - NEW

**Friday May 24th, 1:30PM-4:30PM**

**Leader:** Samantha Koyen, Executive Director of Crossroads at Big Creek and Jamie Patton, Wisconsin State Soil Health Coordinator

**Fee:** \$30

Did you know that Big Creek was once marketed as an ideal place for a gas station? Come explore the Big Creek preserve with Sam and Jamie as we look at soil and ecological habitats



Photo By: A. Pirrung

and piece together Crossroads history. This trip will require hiking on maintained trails and end at the Cove Preserve to paddle the estuary. Attendees should plan to bring walking shoes, kayaks, paddles, PFDs, weather-appropriate clothing, and a sense of adventure. **Suitable for ages 16 and up.**

**CENTRAL. Meet:** Crossroads at Big Creek, Sturgeon Bay

**Limit:** 20 People

## 30. Birding By Ear: Beginners Class ■

**Friday May 24th, 1:30-4:30PM**

**Leader:** Jan Wrede and Deb Ford

**Fee:** \$30

Want to expand your ability to enjoy birds? Come and learn how to "listen and look." It's easy! Jan Wrede is a summer resident of Door County and an environmental educator. Deb Ford is a resident of Door County and a life-long birder. Join them for a colorful presentation that includes 25 local species and an outdoor lesson on the use of the Merlin app for recording and identifying bird songs. This class is designed for beginners and intermediate birders. You are encouraged to follow this class with the Saturday morning Birding By Ear Field Trip #33. **Suitable for ages 12 and up.**

**CENTRAL. Meet:** Cabins at The Ridges Sanctuary, Baileys Harbor

**Limit:** 20

## 31. Boat Tour of Green Bay and Gravel Island National Wildlife Refuges - NEW

**Friday May 24th, 2:00PM-4:00PM**

**Leader:** FOPPI and USFWS

**Fee:** \$65

See #4 for full description.

**NORTH. Meet:** The Shoreline Hotel Marina, Gills Rock

**Limit:** 14

FRIDAY, MAY 24TH · EVENING

## 32. Lakeside Coastal Tour - Sunset Edition!

**Friday May 24th, 6:30PM-8:30PM**

**Leader:** Shoreline Scenic Boat Tours

**Fee:** \$60

See #15 for full description.

**CENTRAL. Meet:** Baileys Harbor Marina, Baileys Harbor

**Limit:** 25

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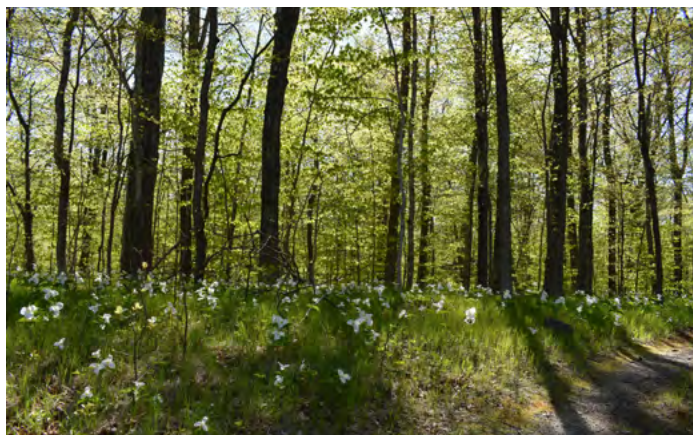


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## SATURDAY, MAY 25TH - MORNING

### 33. Birding by Ear Field Trip ■

**Saturday May 25th, 7:00AM-9:00AM**

**Leader:** Deb Ford and Jan Wrede

**Fee:** \$30

"Un-wax" your ears and try something new. Listen, look, and identify birds in the beautiful old field and upland hardwood habitats common in Door County. Deb Ford is a lifelong birder with years of experience identifying birds by their sounds. Jan Wrede is a summer resident of Door County and environmental educator. Join them for practice recognizing birds by their songs and calls and the use of Merlin app. This class is designed for beginning and intermediate birders. Participants are encouraged take this class following participation in Field Trip #30. **Suitable for ages 12 and up.**

**CENTRAL. Meet:** Door County Land Trust's Bay Shore Blufflands Preserve, Egg Harbor

**Limit:** 20

### 34. Photographing Spring Wildflowers ■

**Saturday May 25th, 8:30AM-12:00PM**

**Leader:** Tom Turriff

**Fee:** \$30

Nature can be experienced through many different lenses. How do you translate it through the camera lens? Join Tom Turriff for a lesson on the basics of nature photography, and the ethics of photographing in natural, wild spaces. We will meet at the Baileys Harbor Town Hall, then travel to ephemeral wildflower habitat to put your knowledge to practice with an abundance of spring wildflowers to photograph. This program is suitable for beginning and intermediate photographers. More detailed information and requirements for this tour is available on the Festival of Nature website. Please be sure to review all information before choosing to register for this program. **Suitable for ages 18 and up.**

**CENTRAL. Meet:** Baileys Harbor Town Hall, Baileys Harbor

**Limit:** 8

### 35. Peninsula Park Caves & Ephraim North Cruise

**Saturday May 25th, 9:00AM-10:30AM**

**Leader:** Fish Creek Scenic Boat Tours

**Fee:** \$60

Enjoy an insightful narrative as our 69-passenger tour boat navigates the waters north along Peninsula State Park's 7-mile shoreline. You'll learn about the park's human and natural history, including the story of the Niagara Escarpment. Have your cameras ready as we cruise past the 156-year-old Eagle Bluff Lighthouse. You'll also learn about the history of Ephraim and the millionaire's estate on Horseshoe Island and enjoy an up close and personal view of Eagle Cave, 40 feet above the shoreline. Finally, you'll hear stories of French explorers and early Indian inhabitants at Nicolet Bay and have a chance to catch a glimpse of local wildlife along the shores and soaring along the caves high above. **Suitable for all ages.**

**CENTRAL. Meet:** 9448 Spruce St., Fish Creek

**Limit:** 58

### 36. Explore Open Door Bird Sanctuary ■

**Saturday May 25th, 9:00AM-11:00AM**

**Leader:** Open Door Bird Sanctuary Team

**Fee:** \$30

Take a look behind the scenes at Open Door Bird Sanctuary – the only facility of its kind in Door County! Besides the rare opportunity to see the ODBS raptors up close and personal in their sanctuary mews, this tour will also feature actual feeding of the raptors, a photo op with one of the sanctuary birds, and a guided trail hike highlighting the sanctuary's various ecosystems. ODBS is a nature center devoted to raptor and environmental education. **Suitable for ages 8 and up.**

**SOUTH. Meet:** Open Door Bird Sanctuary, Jacksonport

**Limit:** 15

### 37. The Bees of The Ridges Sanctuary - NEW ■

**Saturday May 25th, 9:00AM-11:30AM**

**Leader:** Libby Humphries and Sheryl Honig, TRS

**Fee:** \$30

What's the buzz about pollinators? Join us at The Ridges Sanctuary for an un-bee-lievable experience exploring the insects that support our southernmost boreal forest. Learn about how millions of years of coevolution has transformed the relationship between bees and flowering plants into one of the



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■ Easy Hiking   ■ Moderate Hiking   ■ Strenuous Hiking

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most important phenomena for ecosystems worldwide. A hike around Hidden Brook boardwalk and our rustic trails will provide insight into what The Ridges is doing to protect pollinators, and how you can apply those conservation principles in your own backyard. Expect to spend time on your hands and knees getting to know the flowers. Hand lenses will be provided. **Suitable for ages 12 and up.**

**CENTRAL Meet:** Cabins at The Ridges Sanctuary, Baileys Harbor

**Limit:** 15

## 38. Colors in Nature ■

**Saturday May 25th, 9:00AM-11:30AM**

**Leader:** Dan Meinhardt

**Fee:** \$30

Ever wonder why forests are so green? Why Snowshoe hares change color? Or why butterfly wings shimmer? For this trip we'll start by reviewing some of the basic biology, evolution and adaptation of different species and physics of color production and vision, then head out into the Sanctuary to look for examples of the startling array of colors in nature. **Suitable for ages 16 and up.**

**CENTRAL Meet:** Cabins at The Ridges Sanctuary, Baileys Harbor

**Limit:** 15

## 39. HOBOS of The Ridges and Orchid ■ Research Updates

**Saturday May 25th, 9:00AM-11:30AM**

**Leader:** Tony Kiszonas, TRS

**Fee:** \$30

As you are enjoying a leisurely stroll along Hidden Brook boardwalk, you observe many wonderful aspects of the natural world; white cedars, red squirrels, Labrador tea, and goofy looking white "trees" held together with black duct tape. These are the HOBOS of The Ridges. An explanation of these critters will be provided, including a visit to research plots, explanation of the HOBOS and data collected, the goals and components of a restoration process, and a trip to the lab to look at various pieces of the restoration research puzzle. This experience will include a short hike down the boardwalk, brief slide presentation, and fun in the lab. **Suitable for ages 16 and up.**

**CENTRAL Meet:** Cook-Albert Fuller Nature Center, Bailey Harbor

**Limit:** 15



Photo By: J. Lutsey

## 40. The Importance of Healthy Forests - NEW

**Saturday May 25th, 9:00AM-11:30AM**

**Leader:** Sam Hoffman, TRS

**Fee:** \$30

This workshop is geared towards private landowners who want to learn about and implement environmental conservation and stewardship practices on their property. Join Ridges' Land Manager Sam Hoffman at the Logan Creek Preserve as we wander down the trail and discuss local management issues, such as forest health and invasive species control, and learn about what tools and resources landowners can use to protect and restore their natural areas. **Suitable for ages 18 and up.**

**CENTRAL Meet:** Logan Creek Preserve, Jacksonport

**Limit:** 12

## 41. The "Big Plant" and Reforestation - NEW ■

**Saturday May 25th, 9:00AM-12:00PM**

**Leader:** Jeff Lutsey, CCCDC, and Patricia Scuglik, LNRP

**Fee:** \$30

Let's keep improving our Door County tree-planting and reforestation efforts! Join Lakeshore Natural Resource Partnership and the Climate Change Coalition of the county-wide "Big Plant" project to discuss the goals of this annual effort to plant over 10,000 trees in Door County. We will meet at Baileys Harbor Town Hall for a short presentation, then travel to a restoration site in the Greater Bailey's Harbor area and discuss tree-planting efforts over the last couple of years. We will assist with tree maintenance such as watering, staking, and fencing and help analyze the survivorship of the trees that have been planted. **Suitable for all ages.**

**CENTRAL Meet:** Baileys Harbor Town Hall, Baileys Harbor

**Limit:** 20

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Photo By: E. Miller



## 42. Discover Green Bay National Wildlife Refuge - NEW

**Saturday May 25th, Departs Gills Rock 9:00AM, Returns 12:30PM**

**Leader:** USFWS staff and volunteers, supported by the FOPPI  
**Fee:** \$60

Come visit the Plum Island unit of Green Bay National Wildlife Refuge! U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) staff and volunteers will introduce you to the natural history of the island and the refuge, and you'll learn how the USFWS conserves, protects, and enhances fish, wildlife, plants, and their habitats for the benefit of future generations. To learn more about the Green Bay National Wildlife Refuge, visit [fws.gov/refuge/green-bay](https://fws.gov/refuge/green-bay). **Suitable for all ages.**

**NORTH. Meet:** The Shoreline Hotel Marina, Gills Rock  
**Limit:** 14

## 43. Eagle Bluff Kayak Trip - NEW

**Saturday May 25th, 10:00AM-12:00PM**

**Leader:** Eric Hyde, Peninsula Unit Superintendent  
**Fee:** \$30

Come out to Peninsula State Park and kayak along the picturesque Eagle Bluff. You may have hiked Eagle Trail and stood at the base of the sheer dolomitic bluff or seen the view from the top of Eagle Tower 250' above the water, but we think the best view is from the water. Learn about the geologic history of how glaciers formed this feature and the rare flora and fauna that exists here. A state park pass is required and can be purchased at park entrances. **Suitable for ages 16 and up.**

**CENTRAL. Meet:** Nicolet Beach, Peninsula State Park, Fish Creek  
**Limit:** 12

## 44. Lakeside Coastal Tour

**Saturday May 25th, 10:00AM-12:00PM**

**Leader:** Shoreline Scenic Boat Tours  
**Fee:** \$60

See #15 for full description.

**CENTRAL. Meet:** Baileys Harbor Marina, Baileys Harbor  
**Limit:** 25

## 45. Discover Green Bay National Wildlife Refuge - NEW

**Saturday May 25th, Departs Gills Rock 10:00AM, Returns 1:30PM**

**Leader:** USFWS staff and volunteers, supported by the FOPPI



Photo By: Waseda

**Fee:** \$60

See #42 for full description.

**NORTH. Meet:** The Shoreline Hotel Marina, Gills Rock  
**Limit:** 14

## 46. Waseda Farms Tour

**Saturday May 25th, 10:30AM-12:30PM**

**Leader:** Tom Lutsey  
**Fee:** \$30

Take this tour to better understand where local, organic food comes from. Waseda Farms is a certified organic beef, pork, egg and produce farm. The tour includes a 2-mile wagon ride through the fields and details the history of the farm. Dress for the weather – it can be windy and cool! Parking for the tour is in the back parking lot by the barns/machine sheds. **Suitable for all ages.**

**CENTRAL. Meet:** Waseda Farms, Baileys Harbor  
**Limit:** 20

## 47. Discover Green Bay National Wildlife Refuge - NEW

**Saturday May 25th, Departs Gills Rock 11:00AM, Returns 2:30PM**

**Leader:** USFWS staff and volunteers, supported by the FOPPI  
**Fee:** \$60

See #42 for full description.

**NORTH. Meet:** The Shoreline Hotel Marina, Gills Rock  
**Limit:** 14

## SATURDAY, MAY 25TH · AFTERNOON

## 48. Sturgeon Bay Maritime Overview, Past and Present - NEW

**Saturday May 25th, 1:00PM-3:00PM**

**Leader:** Shoreline Scenic Boat Tours, Boyd Stewart  
**Fee:** \$60

See #17 for full description.

**SOUTH. Meet:** Door County Maritime Museum, Sturgeon Bay  
**Limit:** 25

# 2024 FIELD TRIP DESCRIPTIONS

■ Easy Hiking   ■ Moderate Hiking   ■ Strenuous Hiking

Photo By: D. Meinhardt



## 49. Major Myths & Misconceptions about Evolution ■

**Saturday May 25th, 1:30PM-3:00PM**

**Leader:** Dan Meinhardt

**Fee:** \$30

Was Darwin the first to suggest how species evolved? Did he actually explain the theory of evolution in his famous work Origin of Species? Does natural selection really make species the best they can be? Join us for answers that may surprise you as we cover some basics of evolutionary biology by exploring these and other questions. Finally, we'll take a walk to identify hypothetical adaptations in nature and discuss how we might test our hypotheses. **Suitable for ages 16 and up.**

**CENTRAL. Meet:** Cabins at The Ridges Sanctuary, Baileys Harbor

**Limit:** 15

## 50. Daytime Solar Observing - NEW ■

**Saturday May 25th, 1:30PM-3:00PM**

**Leader:** Dan Rybarczyk, UW Madison Astronomy

**Fee:** \$30

Come stare at the sun with astronomers from UW-Madison! We will learn about how the sun works and look directly at the surface of the sun using the proper safety equipment! (Never stare directly at the sun with your eyes!) **Suitable for all ages.**

**CENTRAL. Meet:** Baileys Harbor Town Hall, Baileys Harbor

**Limit:** 25

## 51. Natural and Human History at Heins Creek Nature Preserve ■

**Saturday May 25th, 1:30PM-3:30PM**

**Leader:** Marilyn Hein and Mike Madden

**Fee:** \$30

Join us for a walk to learn about the unique natural history of the Door County Land Trust's Heins Creek Nature Preserve. Discover the succession of Native American tribes that lived here after the last glaciers melted. Hear stories from a family member of the early settlers who endured hardships to make this their home. Hike the trail through open sand dunes and into the forest on your way to the creek. Listen to the relaxing sound of flowing water as you learn about the spawning season of trout and suckers. You might even spot a juvenile trout while you hear the fascinating story of how everything in the county flows together to make this preserve a perfect outdoor classroom. **Suitable for ages 12 and up.**



Photo By: T. Kiszonas

**CENTRAL. Meet:** Heins Creek Nature Preserve, Baileys Harbor

**Limit:** 16

## 52. Waseda Farms Tour ■

**Saturday May 25th, 1:30PM-3:30PM**

**Leader:** Tom Lutsey

**Fee:** \$30

See #46 for full description.

**CENTRAL. Meet:** Waseda Farms, Baileys Harbor

**Limit:** 20

## 53. Uncover the Wonder of the Boreal Forest - NEW ■

**Saturday May 25th, 1:30PM-3:30PM**

**Leader:** Katie Krouse, TRS Executive Director

**Fee:** \$30

Explore the magic that is The Ridges Sanctuary. During this field trip, we will navigate the trails, explore the boreal forest, and "dip our toes" in the Ridges and Swales. We will spend time learning about the unique and sensitive ecosystems that make up The Ridges and the looming threats on this sensitive forest. This hike will be on easy terrain, and will feature opportunities to stop, sit and discuss. **Suitable for ages 16 and up.**

**CENTRAL. Meet:** Cook-Albert Fuller Nature Center, Baileys Harbor

**Limit:** 15

## 54. Stream Monitoring: Assessing Stream Health through Citizen Science ■

**Saturday May 25th, 1:30PM-3:30PM**

**Leader:** Todd Rockway, Krista Clarke-Brownstein, and

Tony Kiszonas

**Fee:** \$30

The trip will include a visit to a local stream, a part of the Kangaroo Lake watershed, where participants will learn how citizen scientists evaluate stream health through measurements of water temperature and clarity, dissolved oxygen content and the relationship of these parameters and the types of aquatic macroinvertebrates present in a healthy stream. We'll also visit other areas of the watershed including Kangaroo Lake and the headwaters of Peil Creek. **Suitable for ages 18 and up.**

**CENTRAL. Meet:** Baileys Harbor Town Hall, Baileys Harbor

**Limit:** 12

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Photo By: L. Humphries



## 55. Wildflowers Galore! ■

**Saturday May 25th, 1:30PM-4:00PM**

**Leader:** Julie Knox and Jane Whitney

**Fee:** \$30

The spring wildflowers at Logan Creek are not to be missed! We will walk at a leisurely pace along the wildflower path to discover the hidden beauties and to ID those flowers we don't know. After enjoying the wildflower display, we will hike the remainder of the Logan Creek trails which pass through various habitats on the way to Clark Lake and Logan Creek. The hike is a leisurely 2 miles. Sections of the trails may be muddy. Wear appropriate footwear. **Suitable for ages 16 and up.**

**CENTRAL. Meet:** Logan Creek Preserve, Jacksonport

**Limit:** 16

## 56. Beetles, and Aphids, and Flies, Oh, My! - NEW ■

**Saturday May 25th, 1:30PM-4:00PM**

**Leader:** Donna Danielson

**Fee:** \$30

Learn about the importance of insects in our ecosystem, as well as insect life cycles and basic anatomy. We'll learn how to identify some common orders. Participants will use dissecting scopes to get up close and personal with insects. Hand lenses will also be provided. Weather permitting, we'll spend a few minutes outside and look for insects. **Suitable for ages 18 and up.**

**CENTRAL. Meet:** Cook-Albert Fuller Nature Center, Baileys Harbor

**Limit:** 16

## 57. Kayak Logan Creek

**Saturday May 25th, 1:30PM-4:00PM**

**Leader:** Sam Hoffman, TRS

**Fee:** \$30

Owned by The Ridges, the 175 acres at the north end of Clark Lake are comprised of various habitats. Paddle along with us and enjoy all of it from the water! We will begin at Clark Lake and take a leisurely trip into Logan Creek. Experience this diverse community filled with many birds, shorelines full of spring flowers, and numerous aquatic plants. Glide through the pond lilies and part the bulrushes as we talk about the cultural and natural history of this beautiful inland lake fed by Logan Creek. Easy paddle. Bring binoculars and your own canoe/kayak, paddles, and PFDs. The length of the trip may vary, based on wind conditions. **Suitable for ages 16 and up.**



Photo By: B. Forest

**CENTRAL. Meet:** Clark Lake Boat Launch, Jacksonport  
**Limit:** 10 Kayaks

## 58. Morphology – Forms Found in Four Habitats and a Leaf Print - NEW ■

**Saturday May 25th, 1:30PM-4:00PM**

**Leader:** Nancy Aten and Dan Collins

**Fee:** \$30

Experience a private wetland gem protected by a Door County Land Trust Conservation Easement. Our hike will visit forest, ephemeral wetland, sedge meadow and shrub-carr via boardwalks. We'll pay attention to the strategies used by plants and their leaf morphology in these habitats. Briefly, in the studio at the end of the hike, each participant can make a monotype ink print on paper of a favorite leaf or two to take home. **Suitable for ages 12 and up.**

**SOUTH. Meet:** Carlsville Rd., Sturgeon Bay

**Limit:** 16

## 59. Nature at the Tip of Your Pencil, Part 2: Making a Nature Journal - NEW ■

**Saturday May 25th, 1:30PM-4:00PM**

**Leader:** Kathleen Garness

**Fee:** \$35

See #27 for full description.

**CENTRAL. Meet:** Cabins at The Ridges Sanctuary, Baileys Harbor

**Limit:** 12

## SATURDAY, MAY 25TH - EVENING

## 60. The Nature of Fermentation - NEW

**Saturday May 25th, 5:00PM-7:00PM**

**Leader:** Allan Hyland and Emily Butteris

**Fee:** \$30

The Nature of Fermentation will focus on the connection between people, the land, and their drinks. We will visit a vineyard and talk about local grapes, apples, grains, honey, and many more wild things you can ferment and how the location influences the final product. We will touch on weather and climate, geography, history, and culture and their impact on what we grow and make and how we enjoy it. Samples and discussion to follow! **Must be 21 or older to participate.**

**CENTRAL. Meet:** Mixed MEADia Vineyard, Egg Harbor

**Limit:** 20

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■ Easy Hiking   ■ Moderate Hiking   ■ Strenuous Hiking

Photo By: A. Pirrung



## 61. Lakeside Coastal Tour – Sunset Edition!

**Saturday May 25th, 6:30PM–8:30PM**

**Leader:** Shoreline Scenic Boat Tours

**Fee:** \$60

See #15 for full description.

**CENTRAL. Meet:** Baileys Harbor Marina, Baileys Harbor

**Limit:** 25

## 62. Spring Night Hike at The Ridges Sanctuary ■

**Saturday May 25th, 8:00PM–10:00PM**

**Leader:** Jackie Rath and Libby Humphries, TRS

**Fee:** \$30

Bats, salamanders, and frogs, oh my! Join Ridges staff on a nighttime adventure through the Sanctuary. Explore the Sanctuary trails in the dark, stopping to observe and learn about some of the unique nocturnal species that roam The Ridges at night. Flashlights will be provided. **Suitable for ages 8 & up.**

**CENTRAL. Meet:** Cook-Albert Fuller Nature Center, Baileys Harbor

**Limit:** 15

## 63. Astronomy – Observing the Night Sky – NEW ■

**Saturday May 25th, 8:00PM–10:00PM**

**Leader:** Dan Rybarczyk, UW Madison Astronomy

**Fee:** \$30

Come learn about space and see the night sky with astronomers from UW-Madison! A short talk will cover topics at the forefront of astronomy. Night sky observing through a telescope will follow (weather permitting). A park pass is required and can be purchased at the park entrance. **Suitable for all ages.**

**NORTH. Meet:** Newport State Park, Parking Lot 3, Ellison Bay

**Limit:** 25

## SUNDAY, MAY 26TH - MORNING

## 64. Let's Go Birding! – NEW ■

**Sunday May 26th, 6:00AM–9:00AM**

**Leader:** Dr. Dan 'The Bird Man' Scheiman, TRS

**Fee:** \$30

It's a great time to go birding as migration is in full swing and birds are singing! Let's look for migratory and resident birds in the coastal forest of Newport State Park. We'll also spy on eagles



Photo By: A. Pirrung

at their nest. Bring binoculars; a limited quantity will be available.

\*Park vehicle admission stickers will be required for this field trip.

**Suitable for ages 16 & up.**

**NORTH. Meet:** Newport State Park, Parking Lot 3, Ellison Bay

**Limit:** 12

## 65. Exploring Landscape Photography with Your Cell Phone – NEW ■

**Sunday May 26th, 8:00AM–9:30AM**

**Leader:** Andrew Pirrung

**Fee:** \$30

Take a hike through the varied landscapes of the Sturgeon Bay Shipping Canal Nature Preserve and learn tips and tricks to improve your cell phone photography. Local photographer, Andrew Pirrung, will discuss settings, compositional strategies, as well as editing and printing suggestions to get the most out of your photos. Please be prepared to hike about a mile over varied surfaces. **Suitable for all ages.**

**SOUTH. Meet:** Sturgeon Bay Shipping Canal Nature Preserve, Sturgeon Bay

**Limit:** 14

## 66. Explore Open Door Bird Sanctuary ■

**Sunday May 26th, 8:00AM–10:00AM**

**Leader:** Open Door Bird Sanctuary Team

**Fee:** \$30

See #36 for full description.

**SOUTH. Meet:** Open Door Bird Sanctuary, Jacksonport

**Limit:** 15

## 67. Boat Tour of Green Bay and Gravel Island National Wildlife Refuges – NEW

**Sunday May 26th, 9:00AM–11:00AM**

**Leader:** FOPPI and USFWS

**Fee:** \$65

See #4 for full description.

**NORTH. Meet:** The Shoreline Hotel Marina, Gills Rock

**Limit:** 14

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## 68. Planting for Pollinators - NEW

**Sunday May 26th, 9:00AM-11:00AM**

**Leader:** Karen Smith

**Fee:** \$30

Are you interested in restoring and improving an existing garden plot or creating a new small flower patch to border your home? Do you desire a beautiful native environment that attracts birds, bees, and butterflies? Are you looking to conserve or restore your property and create a low maintenance, ecologically stable environment? Then this could be the program for you! Participants in this session will review the essential elements for pollinator garden success including garden design, soil management, plant selection, plant nutrition and general plot maintenance. Participants will also tour the Cook-Albert Fuller Front Gardens and receive pollinator plant seeds collected from The Ridges property to start a home pollinator garden. **Suitable for ages 16 and up.**

**CENTRAL Meet:** Cook-Albert Fuller Nature Center, Baileys Harbor

**Limit:** 15

## 69. Trackchair Open House

**Sunday May 26th, 9:00AM-11:00AM**

**Leader:** Jackie Rath, TRS, and Bill Wolff

**Fee:** Free

Come learn about an accessible way to access nature at The Ridges with The Ridges Action Trackchair! Demo the all-terrain, motorized Trackchair to experience the Family Discovery Trail and learn about how you can reserve and utilize the Trackchair at The Ridges. **Suitable for all ages.**

**CENTRAL Meet:** Family Discovery Trail, Baileys Harbor

**Limit:** N/A

## 70. Explore Björklunden and Boynton Chapel

**Sunday May 26th, 9:00AM-11:30AM**

**Leader:** Jane Whitney

**Fee:** \$30

A mile of shoreline, ancient ledges, coniferous forest, a stave church — Björklunden has it all! We'll hike along the water's edge, explore a 4,500-year-old ledge, visit the wind turbine and Door County's largest solar field, and finish with a tour of Boynton Chapel, a stave church built right on the property. **Suitable for ages 16 and up.**

**CENTRAL Meet:** Björklunden, Baileys Harbor

**Limit:** 16



Photo By: TRS

## 71. Ridges Heritage Walk

**Sunday May 26th, 9:00AM-11:30AM**

**Leader:** Kathleen Harris

**Fee:** \$30

This field trip lifts up voices of those who came before us, especially early members of The Ridges Sanctuary. We will start inside a pioneer cabin on the Sanctuary's original property, examining archival documents written by the likes of Jens Jensen, Phoebe Erickson, George Sieker, and Virginia Eiefert. After 30 minutes or so, we'll walk Winter Wren Trail, sharing quotes from people who established The Ridges, discovering how they viewed this landscape and envisioned its future. **Suitable for ages 16 and up.**

**CENTRAL Meet:** Cabins at The Ridges Sanctuary, Baileys Harbor

**Limit:** 20

## 72. Wandering Aimlessly at Appel's Bluff - NEW

**Sunday May 26th, 9:00AM-11:30AM**

**Leader:** Tony Kiszonas, TRS

**Fee:** \$30

Enjoy a pleasant meander with a geological and biological focus at The Ridges Sanctuary's Appel's Bluff property. This unique adventure will include flowers, fossils, succession, and ancient shorelines as we access Appel's Bluff areas off the beaten path. Discussion will center on the historical and current uses of this area along with observing some unique features of this rather recent addition to The Ridges Sanctuary. The hike will be a leisurely 2 miles on mostly trails. Some areas may be damp. **Suitable for ages 16 and up.**

**CENTRAL Meet:** Baileys Harbor Town Hall, Baileys Harbor

**Limit:** 15

## 73. Geology ROCKS! - NEW

**Sunday May 26th, 9:00AM-11:30AM**

**Leader:** Libby Humphries and Ana Hinkle, TRS

**Fee:** \$30

Join Ridges Sanctuary staff at the Family Discovery Trail for a journey through time. This family-friendly field trip will take participants from the age of the Silurian Sea to present-day Door County, exploring how millions of years of change have shaped our landscape. Learn about fossils, identify rocks, and embrace your inner geologist — just be ready to get your hands



dirty! **Suitable for all ages.**

**CENTRAL. Meet:** Baileys Harbor Town Hall, Baileys Harbor  
**Limit:** 12

**74. Phenology in a Handmade Book - NEW** ■

**Sunday May 26th, 9:00AM-12:00PM**

**Leader:** Wendy Strauch-Nelson

**Fee:** \$35

Phenology is the study of a natural phenomenon in relation to its surroundings and as it evolves over time. You will find that even an informal phenology project encourages a deep awareness and connection with your subject. Join us at the Cabins to create your own book, embellish it as much as you like, and put it to use recording data associated with your chosen natural subject. That data may include words, diagrams, photos, drawings, prints, rubbings, and so on, artfully entered into your book. **Suitable for ages 18 and up.**

**CENTRAL. Meet:** Cabins at The Ridges Sanctuary, Baileys Harbor

**Limit:** 10

**75. Lakeside Coastal Tour**

**Sunday May 26th, 10:00AM-12:00PM**

**Leader:** Shoreline Scenic Boat Tours

**Fee:** \$60

See #15 for full description.

**CENTRAL. Meet:** Baileys Harbor Marina, Baileys Harbor

**Limit:** 25

**76. Boat Tour of Green Bay and Gravel Island National Wildlife Refuges - NEW**

**Sunday May 26th, 11:30AM-1:30PM**

**Leader:** FOPPI and USFWS

**Fee:** \$65

See #4 for full description.

**NORTH. Meet:** The Shoreline Hotel Marina, Gills Rock

**Limit:** 14

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**Sunday May 26th, 2:00PM-4:00PM**

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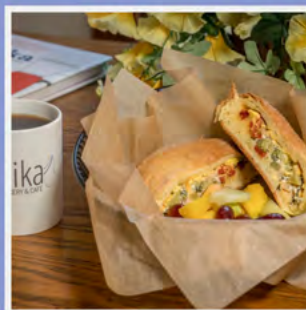
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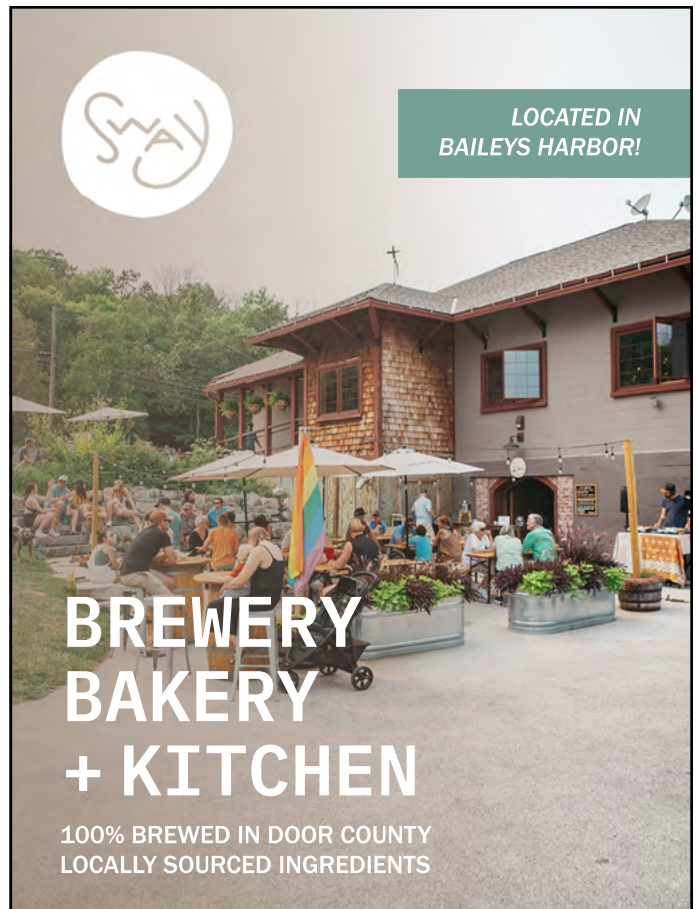


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