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FESTIVAL
OF NATURE

Grounded Perspectives

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Welcome to the 23rd 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 23rd Annual Door County Festival of Nature, May 23-25. The theme of this year's festival is **Grounded Perspectives**.

Think of your first memories in nature: wading in a shallow stream while searching for snails, making "potions" with sand and water, seeing how high you could climb up a tree. As children we meet the unknown with a sense of wonder and joy, endlessly exploring what we have come to dismiss as ordinary, whether it be a stick, a bug, or an oak leaf.

As we grow, we carry these memories with us, acquiring new perspectives like threads. Our relationship with the natural world is a complex, ever-evolving tapestry of stories. This relationship is a process without an end product. We cannot know all there is to know about the natural world.

In contrast, our modern life is driven by achievements. We see nature as less of a necessity and more of a hobby. But what if we were to reprioritize time spent in the natural world as productive? What if our responsibility as citizens is to learn all we can and pass it on to others? The greater our understanding of a subject, the more compelled we are to care for it. Learning new perspectives leaves us with new pathways of connection and care.

Each experience in nature is an invitation to see the world differently, whether it be through the eyes of the last Range Light Keeper of Baileys Harbor in the early 1900s, through the words of a poet wandering Wintergreen Trail, or through an artist's rendition of Sandy Swale.

Just as they were when we were young, curiosity and awe remain the building blocks of stewardship. By sharing what inspires us, we can positively impact the experiences of others and build thriving relationships with the natural world.

Those of us who visit or live in Door County are incredibly privileged. The peninsula has over 300 miles of Lake Michigan shoreline, over 30,000 acres of protected land and wetlands, and over 100 art galleries. The county is a confluence of beauty, conservation, and expression. In our ever-hectic world, these spaces provide the space for us to reconnect with the land.

The Festival of Nature creates an opportunity to reconnect with the natural world and to *ground* ourselves in the present moment. Each field trip invites us to be present, create, and listen to the world around us. Through our amazing partners, we can learn from different perspectives. Imagine what you can learn from others who also care deeply about this place, both land and people.

We hope you'll join us in reconnecting with the beauty of the natural world and grounding yourself in perspectives that inspire enduring care for this remarkable place.

Best,



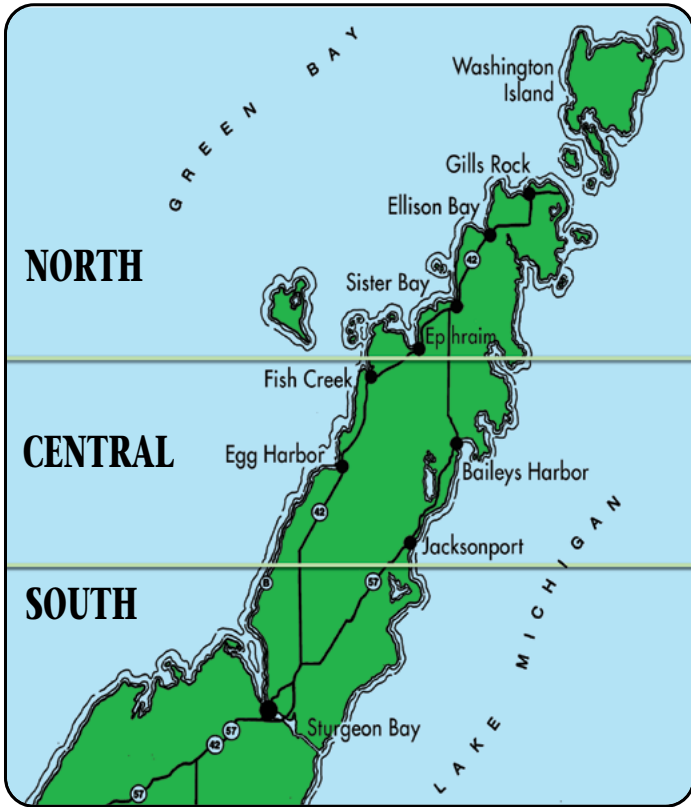
Anna Foster

Director of Programming

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

Please help us thank our sponsors and partners by patronizing their establishments and getting involved.

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.



Find your field trip location

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.

Construction

A portion of Highway 57 will be closed for construction during the Festival of Nature. The detour will start at the intersection of Highway 57 and County Road T south of Jacksonport and will end at the intersection of Highway 57 and County Road V in Jacksonport. Please plan for extended travel times between field trips. You can visit the Festival of Nature website to see a map of the detour and driving directions to all field trips.

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
- Destination Door County, www.doorcounty.com

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What You Need to Know

Check out our new Festival of Nature website!

Visit doorcountyfestivalofnature.org

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

REGISTRATION

The 2025 Festival of Nature offers a full slate of field trips, classes, and activities throughout Door County. **NEW this year: Registration opens Monday, March 17 for Ridges members and Wednesday, March 19 for the public.** For member registration instructions, visit the Festival of Nature website. There is a maximum number of participants allowed for each field trip or program. Registering early is the best way to ensure you get to participate in the activities you want. Registration is easy – go to doorcountyfestivalofnature.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 The Ridges if you are unable to register online, but please be patient and understand that staff does 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 AND 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: 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. 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 AND 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.

Some field trips with partners may have the opportunity to be rescheduled if canceled due to weather. We will reach out to participants directly in this case to determine a preferred solution to cancellation.

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.

Consider getting involved! Help us continue our important work in Preservation, Education and Research by becoming a member, making a tax-deductible contribution, or by volunteering. Your donation, your time, and your commitment, no matter how humble, goes a long way towards helping The Ridges continue to offer programs like this. Visit our website to learn about all of the ways you can get involved. ridgessanctuary.org.

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The following not-for-profit organizations have come together to bring about the Door County Festival of Nature. Their work is dedicated to protecting and maintaining our natural treasures for generations to come. They need your support. Every contribution, no matter how humble, helps these organizations continue to offer programs like this. Your support is greatly appreciated!



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 or call (920) 746-5895. Learn more at www.crossroadsatbigcreek.org.



Door County Land Trust
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Protecting Door County's exceptional lands and waters... forever. Door County Land Trust protects more than 9,400 acres of open space, scenic beauty, and ecological integrity. Door County Land Trust nature preserves are open to the public at no charge for hiking, cross-country skiing, wildlife observation, some forms of hunting, and other low-impact, non-motorized recreational activities. Door County Land Trust is accredited by the Land Trust Alliance Accreditation Commission and is a local non-profit organization supported by people like you! Trail maps and more information may be found at www.doorcountylandtrust.org.



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.



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.



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Come experience Björklunden - a 441-acre estate located just south of Baileys Harbor with 3.5 miles of hiking trails along Lake 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

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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.



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 to learn more about our important work and how you can get involved.



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Keynote Presentation: 6:30 pm

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Rachel D. Davis



Andrew L. Hipp



Aquatic Plant, Painting by Rachel Davis

FIELD NOTES

The Ridges is excited to present Rachel Davis and Andrew Hipp as the 2025 Festival of Nature keynote speakers.

Rachel and Andrew have been collaborating formally as an artist (RD) and a writer (AH) for more than 20 years. They have published two books—*Field Guide to Wisconsin Sedges* and *Oak Origins: From Acorns to Species and the Tree of Life*—and several illustrated natural essays together. They are currently working on a series of paintings and essays based on the lakes of Northern Wisconsin, supported by a multiyear residency through the Drawing Water Program at UW Madison's Trout Lake Station.

Rachel and Andrew collaborate at the interface between art, literature, science, and natural history. Their work is in part documentation, seeing and recording what the natural world presents, then sharing it in their own ways. However, their collaboration moves beyond documentation and delineation. It also informs their individual work in art, education, and science. For Andrew, writing mediates between subjects of inquiry—a weevil escaping from an acorn, an early-emerging false rue anemone—and the processes that connect individual organisms. Sentences convey information, but they also give form to understanding. The writing complements his work as a researcher and herbarium curator. For Rachel, photographing plants, fungi and insects is a first step to discovering the formal in the natural. Painting, drawing, natural dyes, and printmaking are ways to distill the shapes of plants, the light reflected off the water, mosses seen through a magnifying lens, and lichens into patterns. The rearrangement of shapes from the landscape with colors found in nature engages and feeds her as an artist and as a teacher.

Field Notes will illustrate how Rachel and Andrew's collaboration both reveals and exists in parallel with the natural world, while presenting their understanding of how integrating art, science, and natural history have changed their respective practices.

PRESENTER BIOS

Rachel received her B.A. from the State University of New York at Plattsburgh in 1992 and her M.F.A. from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1997. Rachel's paintings and prints have been exhibited in national venues including the Holter Museum of Fine Art in Helena, Montana; Evergreen Galleries in Olympia, Washington; the Wisconsin Academy of Sciences, Arts and Letters in Madison, Wisconsin; and Project: Artspace in New York City, New York. Rachel works out of her home studio in Downers Grove and teaches natural dye classes at the Morton Arboretum and Lillstreet Art Center.

Andrew received his B.A. in English and his Ph.D. in botany from University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1994 and 2004, respectively. Andrew's scientific work on the evolution of plant diversity appears in a wide range of scholarly journals, and his creative work has been published in *Arnoldia*, *Places Journal*, *International Oaks*, *Places Journal*, and *Scientific American*. Andrew is the Director of the Herbarium and Plant Systematist at The Morton Arboretum and a lecturer at The University of Chicago.

ART EXHIBIT AND ARTIST RECEPTION

Paintings & Poems from The Ridges

This exhibition features plein-air oil paintings by Jeff Kunkel and poems written by Mary Elyn Bahlert. Jeff and Mary Elyn are husband and wife. Both were born and raised in Wisconsin, and both are lifetime members of The Ridges. They now live in Oakland, California and return to The Ridges often. The works on display have been composed on site and will grow over the next few seasons.

These works, in word and image, are personal responses to their favorite places in The Ridges and are offered in the hope that they might help you deepen your relationship to this unique landscape.

The exhibit will be on display beginning Thursday, May 22 at the Cook-Albert Fuller Nature Center and will remain on display for the summer. Pieces will be added to the exhibition throughout Memorial Day Weekend while artist Jeff Kunkel paints in the Sanctuary during the Festival of Nature. Artwork will be for sale, and all proceeds will support The Ridges Sanctuary's mission.

Artist Reception, Thursday, May 22, 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Special artist presentations will begin at 5:00 pm

ARTIST BIOS

Jeff attended California College of Arts and Crafts in Oakland. He paints in oils in a style called plein air, which means outside, in the wind and sun and changing light. He paints loosely and quickly and completes a painting in one session. Not long ago, he was a Visiting Artist at the Cedarburg Bog near Cedarburg, Wisconsin. He is also an accomplished writer and has written two short collections of Wisconsin stories: *Warming Fires* and *Bless Ewe*. You can see his many books and paintings at jeffkunkel.org

Keep your eye out throughout Memorial Day Weekend to see Jeff Kunkel painting at various locations in the Sanctuary. Schedule, location, and information will be available at the front desk of the Cook-Albert Fuller Nature Center.

Mary Elyn is an intuitive poet who evokes images and feeling through her poetry. Her love of poetry and literature began as a child, and she can still recite from memory many well-known poems which she learned in Miss Ross's English class at Peckham Junior High School in Milwaukee. She cannot attend a Christmas gathering without reciting, 'Twas the Night Before Christmas. See her work at thewisdomyears.org



Painting, Jeff Kunkel




Artist, Jeff Kunkel

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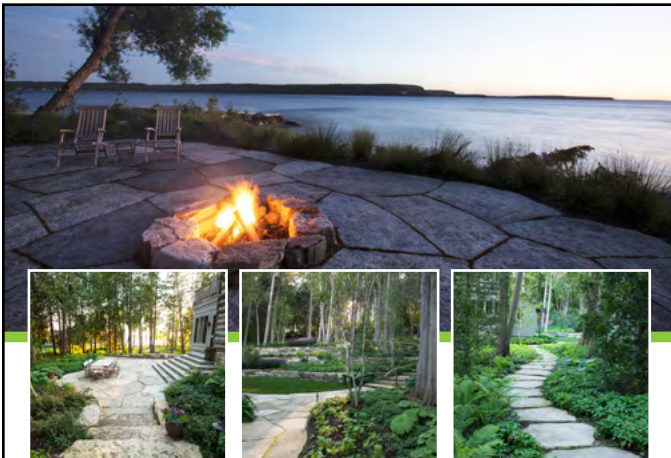
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2025 Field Trips At A Glance

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5. Boat Tour of Green Bay and Gravel Island National Wildlife Refuges	9:00 am - 11:00 am	17
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33. Make a Spring Wildflower Pop-up Book - Part Two - NEW	9:00 am - 11:30 am	23
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SATURDAY, MAY 24 - MORNING CONT.

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69. Bryoramble at The Ridges Sanctuary - NEW	9:00 am - noon	29
70. Sturgeon Bay Maritime Overview	9:45 am - 11:45 am	30
71. Eagle Bluff Kayak Trip	10:00 am - noon	30
72. Boat Tour of Green Bay and Gravel Island National Wildlife Refuges	11:30 am - 1:30 pm	30

SUNDAY, MAY 25 - AFTERNOON

73. Boat Tour of Green Bay and Gravel Island National Wildlife Refuges	2:00 pm - 4:00 pm	30
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2025 Field Trip Descriptions

ORGANIZATIONAL ABBREVIATIONS

CCCCDC	Climate Change Coalition of Door County
DCLT	Door County Land Trust
DPAS	Door Peninsula Astronomical Society
FOPPI	Friends of Plum and Pilot Island
HSBF	Horseshoe Bay Farms
TNC	The Nature Conservancy
TRS	The Ridges Sanctuary
USFWS	US Fish and Wildlife Service

FRIDAY, MAY 23 - MORNING

1. Early Morning Bird Hike 🟢 🪂

Friday, May 23, 6:00 am - 8:00 am

Leader: Mike Grimm

Fee: \$30

An easy early morning walk to find migratory and breeding birds of the conifer / hardwood forest near the Lake Michigan shore at TNC's Shivering Sands Preserve in the Town of Sevastopol. These coastal forests are good areas to see late migrating warblers and early forest breeding birds of Door County. We can also discuss questions people might have regarding this landscape. **Suitable for ages 8 & up.**

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

2. Mud Lake Paddle 🟢 🪂

Friday, May 23, 8:00 am - 11:00 am

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; paddlers need to be able to paddle for 2 hours. **Suitable for all ages.**

CENTRAL. Meet: Rieboldt Creek Crossing on County Q, Baileys Harbor
Limit: 10 Kayaks

3. See Bird? eBird - NEW 🟢

Friday, May 23, 9:00 am - 11:00 am

Leader: Dr. Dan 'The Bird Man' Scheiman

Fee: \$30

eBird is a global community science project plus a powerful list keeping and bird-finding tool. eBirding builds better birding skills too. You'll learn eBird basics through classroom and field time.



Photo By: D. Scheiman

We'll cover protocols, best practices, and data exploration. Start sharing your sightings with the world through eBird! **Suitable for ages 18 & up.**

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

Limit: 15

4. Three Sisters Corn Husk Doll Making - NEW

Friday, May 23, 9:00 am - 11:00 am

Leader: Kathleen Ratteree, Ed.D., MPH, Co-Owner, Sweet Willow Herbals and Cafe

Fee: \$30

According to the Haudenosaunee (Iroquois in French), the Three Sisters represent corn, beans, and squash. The Three Sisters symbolize the importance of harmony and balance in life. Learn the teachings of corn husk dolls and how to make them in this program. **Suitable for ages 18 & up.**

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

5. Boat Tour of Green Bay and Gravel Island National Wildlife Refuges 🟢 🪂

Friday, May 23, 9:00 am - 11:00 am

Leader: FOPPI and USFWS

Fee: \$65

Ride aboard the Friends of Plum and Pilot Islands' charter boat, '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: Shoreline Resort Marina, Gills Rock
Limit: 14

A portion of Highway 57 will be closed for construction during the Festival of Nature. Please plan for extended travel times between field trips!
Visit doorcountyfestivalofnature.org for more information.

2025 FIELD TRIP DESCRIPTIONS

■ Easy Hiking

■ Moderate Hiking

■ Strenuous Hiking

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Photo By: T. Kiszonas



6. Ellison Bay Bluff Exploration ■

Friday, May 23, 9:00 am - 11:00 am

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 slippers, to make this an unforgettable trip. Moderate hiking. **Suitable for ages 16 & up.**

NORTH. Meet: Ellison Bay Bluff County Park,

Ellison Bay

Limit: 16

7. Stream Monitoring: Assessing Stream Health through Citizen Science ■

Friday, May 23, 9:00 am - 11:00 am

Leader: Todd Rockway and Tony Kiszonas, TRS

Fee: \$30

The program will cover the Kangaroo Lake watershed. The trip will begin at the headwaters of Peil Creek, visit Kangaroo Lake, and conclude at Heins Creek, a local stream within the Kangaroo Lake watershed. Participants will learn the process employed by citizen scientists to evaluate stream health, utilizing 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.

Suitable for ages 18 & up.

CENTRAL. Meet: Baileys Harbor Town Hall, Baileys Harbor - carpooling required to field trip location

Limit: 12

8. Make a Spring Wildflower Pop-up Book - Part One - NEW 👨‍👩‍👧‍👦

Friday, May 23, 9:00 am - 11:30 am

Leader: Kathleen Marie Garness

Fee: \$35

The Ridges has such iconic, colorful flora and there are many different ways to express them artistically. Each of the two new classes offered this year will explore six different pop-up structures, for a total of 12, which can be gifted as cards, kept as models for study, or sewn into a bespoke book. All tools and materials will be provided by the instructor. **Suitable for ages 12 & up.**

CENTRAL. Meet: Cabins at The Ridges Sanctuary,

Baileys Harbor

Limit: 12



Photo By: TRS

9. Explore Open Door Bird Sanctuary ■ 👨‍👩‍👧‍👦

Friday, May 23, 9:00 am - 11:30 am

Leader: Rob Hulst and Sandor Bittman

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 12 & up.**

SOUTH. Meet: Open Door Bird Sanctuary, Jacksonport

Limit: 20

10. Dolomite, Sand, Peat Landscape at Shivering Sands Preserve ■ 👨‍👩‍👧‍👦

Friday, May 23, 9:00 am - noon

Leader: Mike Grimm

Fee: \$30

This easy hike at TNC's Shivering Sands Preserve will introduce participants to the origin, patterns and interactive ecological process of a landscape comprising dolomite bedrock, post-glacial coastal sand deposition and peat soil formation all developed and present in close proximity at this preserve. We'll talk about the different plant communities that formed on each of these substrates and why these communities look the way they do today. **Suitable for ages 8 & up.**

SOUTH. Meet: TNC Shivering Sands Preserve Trailhead,

Sturgeon Bay

Limit: 12

2025 FIELD TRIP DESCRIPTIONS

Photo By: K. Mackowski



11. Nature Immersion/Forest Bathing

Friday, May 23, 9:00 am - noon

Leader: Jane Burress, Owner Doorway to Nature, LLC

Fee: \$30

Be present in nature, and discover what nature has to present you. Refresh your mind, 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), help awaken your senses and encourages you to slow down, be present, and connect with your surroundings. One of the invitations will include creating a nature mandala. This is a 2 ½ - 3-hour slow walk covering about 1-2 miles. The area may cover uneven ground, rocks, mud, and sand. 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 & up.**

NORTH. Meet: Hotz Memorial Town Park, Ellison Bay

Limit: 12

12. Explore Toft Point

Friday, May 23, 10:00 am - noon

Leader: Charlotte Lukes

Fee: \$30

Explore the Toft Point State Natural Area and learn about the 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 and sturdy hiking shoes, and 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 & up.**

CENTRAL. Meet: Baileys Harbor Town Hall, Baileys Harbor - carpooling required to field trip location

Limit: 16

13. Fish Creek Scenic Boat Tours - Peninsula Park Caves and Ephraim North Cruise

Friday, May 23, 10:30 am - noon

Leader: Cody Bolton

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



Photo By: L. Humphries

history, including the story of the Niagara Escarpment. Have your cameras ready as we cruise past the 145-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: Spruce Street Dock, Fish Creek

Limit: 58

14. Boat Tour of Green Bay and Gravel Island National Wildlife Refuges

Friday, May 23, 11:30 am - 1:30 pm

Leader: FOPPI and USFWS

Fee: \$65

See #5 for full description.

NORTH. Meet: Shoreline Resort Marina, Gills Rock

Limit: 14

FRIDAY, MAY 23 · AFTERNOON

15. A Bug Walk for People

Who Don't Like Bugs! - NEW

Friday, May 23, 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

Leader: Dr. Michael Draney

Fee: \$30

Feel uneasy about "creepy crawlies" or are an arachnophobe? Wish you could find a way to appreciate the not-very-cute group of animals called Arthropods? Join entomologist Dr. Michael Draney to help you confront and maybe even overcome your fears of these animals. Participants will have the opportunity to interact with insects and spiders in whatever way they want to, from observing at a distance to handling arthropods (in a way that's safe for people and the animals). **Suitable for ages 6 & up.**

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

Limit: 15

2025 FIELD TRIP DESCRIPTIONS

■ Easy Hiking

■ Moderate Hiking

■ Strenuous Hiking

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Photo By: L. Humphries



16. Phenology in a Handmade Book - NEW

Friday, May 23, 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Leader: Wendy Strauch-Nelson

Fee: \$30

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 16 & up.**

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

Limit: 10

17. It Isn't Easy Being (Ever)Green ■ 🏠

Friday, May 23, 1:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Leader: Julie Knox and Jane Whitney

Fee: \$30

Besides conifers, what other plants stay green all year? Join us as we take a leisurely walk through the rustic trails of The Ridges to learn about plants that stay green all year long. We'll learn the advantages/disadvantages of being evergreen, identify several species of evergreen plants, and, as a bonus, enjoy the spring wildflowers that will surely be in bloom. **Suitable for ages 12 & up.**

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

Limit: 14

18. Discovering Native Bumble Bees and Citizen Science with Bumble Bee Brigade - NEW ■

Friday, May 23, 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm

Leader: Paige Witek, DCLT

Fee: \$30

Join Paige Witek with the Door County Land Trust for an outdoor experience focused on native bumble bees and the Bumble Bee Brigade citizen science program. Learn to identify local bumble bee species, explore their habitats, and understand conservation challenges. Discover how you can contribute to tracking bumble bee populations through citizen science and gain practical tips for creating bee-friendly spaces. This hands-on program



Photo By: A. Foster

is perfect for nature enthusiasts and aspiring citizen scientists. Bring a camera (or smartphone) to take photos of bees! **Suitable for ages 16 & up.**

CENTRAL. Meet: Oak Road Nature Preserve, Egg Harbor
Limit: 16

19. Natural and Human History at Heins Creek Nature Preserve ■

Friday, May 23, 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Leader: Marilyn Hein and Mike Madden

Fee: \$30

Join us 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 the hardships of a wilderness 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 for 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 18 & up.

CENTRAL. Meet: Heins Creek Nature Preserve, Baileys Harbor

Limit: 20

20. Sway Brewery Tour: Highlighting Wild Harvested Ingredients and Rustic Techniques

Friday, May 23, 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm

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 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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Photo By: A. Pirrung

21. Exploring Europe Lake and Newport Shorelines ■

Friday, May 23, 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm

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. Some hills. **Suitable for ages 16 & up.**

NORTH. Meet: Hotz Memorial Park, Ellison Bay

Limit: 16

22. The Clearing History Hike - NEW ■

Friday, May 23, 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Leader: Tammy Musiel

Fee: \$30

Learn about The Clearing folk school's 90-year history and about founder, renowned landscape architect Jens Jensen. Walk the campus area of the property listed on the National and State Historic Registers and along the Niagara Escarpment overlooking the waters of Green Bay. See the property as our students see it, as a fitting spot to clear one's mind. **Suitable for ages 18 & up.**

NORTH. Meet: The Clearing Jens Jensen Visitor Center, Ellison Bay

Limit: 18

23. The Sex Life of Plants ■

Friday, May 23, 1:30 pm - 4:00 pm

Leader: Donna Danielson

Fee: \$30

We grow flowers because they're pretty, but from the plants perspective, they're all about sex! We'll learn about the male and female parts of flowers, how they get pollinated and ultimately form seeds. We'll use hand lenses and microscopes to differentiate the different parts of flowers and thus learn how to identify plants from the flowers! We'll go outside and practice what we learned. **Suitable for ages 18 & up.**

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

Limit: 16



Photo By: L. Brey

24. From Field to Farm:

A Sustainable Dairy Experience - NEW ■

Friday, May 23, 1:30 pm - 4:00 pm

Leader: Brey Cycle Farm & NRCS

Fee: \$30

Discover where milk comes from and how a fourth-generation family farm is shaping the future of agriculture! As part of the Door-Kewaunee Demonstration Farm Network, we're testing cutting-edge methods that have multiple environmental benefits. From learning how milk is produced sustainably to getting up close to the animals and seeing how a calf grows and joins the milking herd, this field trip is a great way to experience a sustainable dairy farm. **Suitable for ages 6 & up.**

SOUTH. Meet: Brey Cycle Farm, Sturgeon Bay

Limit: 20

25. Explore Open Door Bird Sanctuary ■

Friday, May 23, 1:30 pm - 4:00 pm

Leaders: Rob Hults and Sandor Bittman

Fee: \$30

See #9 for full description.

CENTRAL. Meet: Open Door Bird Sanctuary, Jacksonport

Limit: 20

26. Birding By Ear Class ■

Friday, May 23, 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Leaders: Jan Wrede and Erik Ost

Fee: \$30

Want to expand your ability to enjoy birds? Try something new and identify birds with your ears. It's easy. Jan is a summer resident of Door County and an environmental educator. Eric is a lifelong birder with years of experience identifying birds by their sounds. Join them for a colorful presentation that includes 25 pictures and songs of local species, plus a lesson on the Merlin app for recording and identifying bird song. You are encouraged to follow this class with the Saturday morning Birding by Ear Field Trip. This class is a precursor to the Birding by Ear Field Trip #29.

Suitable for ages 12 & up.

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

Limit: 20

2025 FIELD TRIP DESCRIPTIONS

■ Easy Hiking

■ Moderate Hiking

■ Strenuous Hiking

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Photo By: O. Deutsch



27. Boat Tour of Green Bay and Gravel Island National Wildlife Refuges 🚤

Friday, May 23, 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Leader: FOPPI and USFWS

Fee: \$65

See #5 for full description.

NORTH. Meet: Shoreline Resort Marina, Gills Rock

Limit: 14

FRIDAY, MAY 23 · EVENING

28. Baileys Harbor Lakeside Coastal Tour - Sunset Trip 🚤

Friday, May 23, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Leader: Shoreline Boat Tours

Fee: \$65

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. This trip is designed to be an overview of this most beautiful and amazing peninsula! **Suitable for families with kids ages 5 & up.**

CENTRAL. Meet: Baileys Harbor Marina, Baileys Harbor

Limit: 25

SATURDAY, MAY 24 · MORNING

29. Birding by Ear Field Trip 🎧 🚶

Saturday, May 24, 7:00 am - 9:00 am

Leader: Erik Ost and Jan Wrede

Fee: \$30

"Un-wax" your ears and practice birding by ear with a support team. Listen, look, and identify birds in the beautiful old field and upland hardwood habitats common in Door County. Erik 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 the fun of recognizing birds by their songs and using the Merlin app. Beginning and intermediate birders only. Previous participants are welcome.

Suitable for ages 12 & up.

CENTRAL. Meet: Bay Shore Blufflands Preserve Upper Trailhead on Reynolds Road, Sturgeon Bay

Limit: 15



Photo By: L. Collins

30. Macroinvertebrate Mayhem! - NEW ■ 🚶

Saturday, May 24, 9:00 am - 10:30 am

Leader: Ana Hinkle and Libby Humphries, TRS

Fee: \$30

Please join us to find and study aquatic invertebrates that live in Door County! We'll use dip nets to collect samples, then identify taxonomy to the family level based on their characteristics. Then, we'll delve into the life history of local aquatic insects and invertebrates to understand the importance of bioindicators in our local water ways. Finally, we'll use the EPT index score to identify water quality of the sample site. **Suitable for ages 12 & up.**

CENTRAL. Meet: Baileys Harbor Town Hall, Baileys Harbor

Limit: 15

31. Hike, Read, and Write! - NEW ■

Saturday, May 24, 9:00 am - 11:00 am

Leader: Jerod Santek and Al DeGenova

Fee: \$30

Discover Write On, Door County's 59 acres of hiking trails, visit Norb Blei's writing studio, The Coop, and learn about his impact on saving Door County's open spaces. We'll hike, hear passages from Norb's book, and write about our own experience with nature. No writing experience necessary! **Suitable for ages 16 & up.**

CENTRAL. Meet: Write On, Door County, Fish Creek

Limit: 12

32. Lighthouse Tales of Triumph and Tragedy - NEW ■ 🚶

Saturday, May 24, 9:00 am - 11:00 am

Leaders: Kathleen Harris and Ed Miller

Fee: \$30

Discover that truth is stranger than fiction on a casual walk along the lovely Range Light Boardwalk. Understand why the Range Lights are considered the cornerstone for establishing The Ridges Sanctuary. Find out who died in the Upper Range Light and who was born there just months later, only to perish tragically in a winter accident. Be mesmerized by truth as well as stunning wildflowers during an experience that looks backward to help us move thoughtfully forward. **Suitable for ages 6 & up.**

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

Limit: 15

2025 FIELD TRIP DESCRIPTIONS



Photo By: B. Forest



Photo By: T. Turriff

33. Make a Spring Wildflower

Pop-up Book - Part Two - NEW 📖

Saturday, May 24, 9:00 am - 11:30 am

Leader: Kathleen Marie Garness

Fee: \$35

The Ridges has such iconic, colorful flora and there are many different ways to express them artistically. Each of the two new classes offered this year will explore six different pop-up structures, for a total of 12, which can be gifted as cards, kept as models for study, or sewn into a bespoke book. All tools and materials will be provided by the instructor. **Suitable for ages 12 & up.**

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

Limit: 12

34. Wildflowers Galore! 🟡

Saturday, May 24, 9:00 am - 11:30 am

Leader: Jane Whitney and Julie Knox

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 & up.**

CENTRAL. Meet: Logan Creek Preserve, Jacksonport

Limit: 16

35. Kayak Logan Creek

Saturday, May 24, 9:00 am - 11:30 am

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 Ridges' Land Manager Sam Hoffman and enjoy all of it from the water! We will begin at Clark Lake and take a leisurely trip into Logan Creek where we will experience a 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 & up.**

CENTRAL. Meet: Clark Lake Boat Launch, Jacksonport

Limit: 10 Kayaks

36. Research at The Ridges - NEW 🟢

Saturday, May 24, 9:00 am - 11:30 am

Leader: Tony Kiszonas, TRS

Fee: \$30

Ecological research is an important component of the mission of The Ridges Sanctuary. Join Ridges' Research Director Tony Kiszonas as he provides an overview of the in-house research for restoration projects on native terrestrial orchids and dwarf lake iris. This program will also outline a few of our research partners' projects that are taking place at The Ridges. The trip includes a brief slide presentation followed by a short hike down the boardwalk to get a close-up view of orchid and iris research endeavors. **Suitable for ages 16 & up.**

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

Limit: 15

37. Photographing Spring Wildflowers 🟡

Saturday, May 24, 9:00 am - noon

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 in the parking lot of The Rushes preserve. Here we will spend the session photographing the abundant wildflowers. Tom will demonstrate the method for photographing wildflowers. After that you will photograph the beautiful wildflowers of your choice. The instructor will be available to assist and answer your questions. This program is suitable for beginning and intermediate photographers. An adequate camera and a sturdy tripod are required for this field trip. **Suitable for ages 18 & up.**

CENTRAL. Meet: The Rushes, Baileys Harbor

Limit: 8

2025 FIELD TRIP DESCRIPTIONS

■ Easy Hiking ■ Moderate Hiking ■ Strenuous Hiking 🏠 Family Friendly



Photo By: J. Rath



Photo By: W. Baifluss

38. Green Bay National Wildlife Refuge Island Exploration ■ 🏠

Saturday, May 24, 9:00 am - 12:30 pm

Leader: FOPPI and USFWS

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. **Suitable for all ages.**

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

39. Green Bay National Wildlife Refuge Island Exploration ■ 🏠

Saturday, May 24, 10:00 am - 1:30 pm

Leader: FOPPI and USFWS

Fee: \$60

See #38 for full description.

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

40. Green Bay National Wildlife Refuge Island Exploration ■ 🏠

Saturday, May 24, 11:00 am - 2:30 pm

Leader: FOPPI and USFWS

Fee: \$60

See #38 for full description.

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

SATURDAY, MAY 24 - AFTERNOON

41. Sturgeon Bay Maritime Overview 🏠

Saturday, May 24, 12:45 pm - 2:45 pm

Leader: Shoreline Boat Tours

Fee: \$65

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 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 families with kids ages 5 & up.**

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

42. Introduction to Wisconsin Sedges ■

Saturday, May 24, 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Leader: Andrew Hipp

Fee: \$30

Sedges (Cyperaceae) are dominant members of North America's wetland flora, and exceedingly important to the ecology of bogs and fens. In this hike, we will learn the basics of sedge identification, learn to distinguish sedges from rushes and grasses, and identify as many of the sedges as we can, with an emphasis on the genus Carex (which has more than 150 species in Wisconsin, approximately half of which can be found in Door County alone!). This course is best for students who already have some basic plant identification background. All participants should bring a hand lens and a copy of Field Guide to Wisconsin Sedges. **Suitable for ages 18 & up.**

NORTH. Meet: Cook-Albert Fuller Nature Center, Baileys Harbor
Limit: 12

43. Baileys Harbor Lakeside Coastal Tour 🏠

Saturday, May 24, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Leader: Shoreline Boat Tours

Fee: \$65

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. This trip is designed to be an overview of this most beautiful and amazing peninsula! **Suitable for families with kids ages 5 & up.**

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

2025 FIELD TRIP DESCRIPTIONS



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44. The Art of Drinking Local: Connecting with the Landscape through Wine - NEW

Saturday, May 24, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Leader: Allan Hyland & Emily Butteris of Mixed MEADia Wines
Fee: \$30

Visit a local vineyard to learn about the Art of Drinking Local. Learn about what kinds of wines we grow here and try a few samples! Our discussion will be focused on terroir, wine quality vs. preference, cold-climate winegrowing, hybrid grapes, and fruit wines. Our goal is to expand the conversation around “eating local” from your plate to your glass and how you can better experience and learn about the nature around you by seeking out locally grown wines. **Must be 21 or older to participate.**

CENTRAL. Meet: Mixed MEADia Vineyard, Egg Harbor
Limit: 20

45. State Natural Area Sampler

Saturday, May 24, 1:00 pm - 3:30 pm

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 be able to 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 Paintbrushes and Dwarf Lake Iris.

Suitable for ages 18 & up.

CENTRAL. Meet: Baileys Harbor Town Hall, Baileys Harbor - carpooling required to field trip location
Limit: 20

46. Stickwork Environmental Art Installation at Historic Horseshoe Bay Farms - NEW

Saturday, May 24, 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm

Leader: Kiley Rusch, HSBF
Fee: \$30

Horseshoe Bay Farms, originally constructed between 1917-1919 on the shores of Green Bay in Egg Harbor, features several historic barns and structures that still stand today. Visitors can enjoy a guided walking tour of the property, exploring the iconic barns and learning about the farm's extensive history and long-term vision. In addition to the historic structures, the farm is home to a breathtaking willow sculpture installation called Stickwork.

Created by artist Patrick Dougherty, this intricate, larger-than-life sculpture is made entirely from locally sourced willow branches, woven together into a stunning work of art that blends seamlessly with the surrounding landscape. **Suitable for ages 12 & up.**
CENTRAL. Meet: Horseshoe Bay Farms, Egg Harbor
Limit: 25

47. Geology of Baileys Harbor and The Ridges Sanctuary - NEW

Saturday, May 24, 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Leader: Dr. John A. Luczaj, Professor of Geoscience, UW-Green Bay

Fee: \$30

Join us for a boardwalk tour of The Ridges Sanctuary, led by Prof. John Luczaj (UW-Green Bay). The field trip will present the geology of Baileys Harbor and the formation of its Beach Ridges, the origin of the Door Peninsula's many shoreline embayments, and the glacial history of northeastern Wisconsin. Each participant can also bring one rock or fossil to be identified. **Suitable for all ages.**

CENTRAL. Meet: Cabins at The Ridges Sanctuary, Baileys Harbor
Limit: 20

48. Turtle-y Good Time - NEW

Saturday, May 24, 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Leader: Amy Shook, TRS
Fee: \$30

Join Ridges Naturalist and herpetologist at The Ridges to look for turtles! Bring your binoculars and hiking shoes to head out onto the trails to stop and look for turtles found in the swales. On this field trip, we will look for and identify turtles that are basking in the sun. **Suitable for ages 12 & up.**

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

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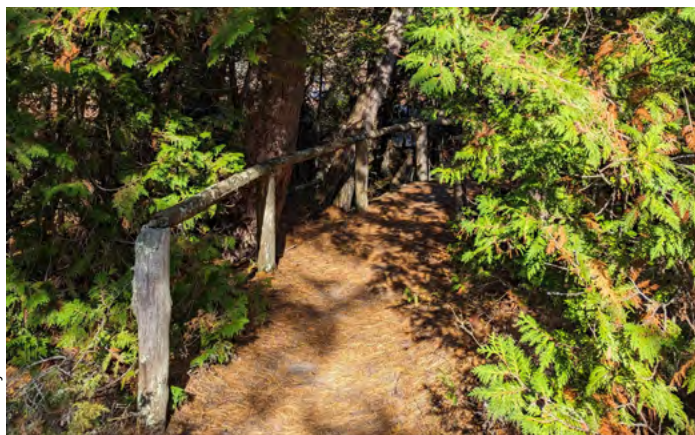
■ Easy Hiking

■ Moderate Hiking

■ Strenuous Hiking

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49. A Way with Words - NEW ■

Saturday, May 24, 1:30 pm - 4:00 pm

Leader: Mary Elyn Bahlert

Fee: \$30

Bring your walking shoes, your imagination, your love of beauty, and your love of words to this workshop. We'll be immersed in the beauty of The Ridges, and together we will invite the Muse to join us in creating poetry in community. **Suitable for ages 16 & up.**

CENTRAL. Meet: Baileys Harbor Town Hall, Baileys Harbor, Baileys Harbor - carpooling required to field trip location

Limit: 12

50. Exploring Three Springs Preserve ■ 👨‍👩‍👧‍👦

Saturday, May 24, 1:30 pm - 4:00 pm

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 that roost in an 1870's barn on the property. **Suitable for ages 12 & up.**

NORTH. Meet: Three Springs Preserve, Sister Bay

Limit: 12

51. Deep Listening: The Voices of the Natural World - NEW ■

Saturday, May 24, 1:30 pm - 4:00 pm

Leader: Deneen Wiske, Threshold Podcast and Project Drawdown

Fee: \$30

As you move through your daily life, if you stop and listen...what do you hear? Do you hear any sounds that weren't created by humans? If so, consider yourself lucky, because humans have become very, very loud. In this two-hour field trip to Newport State Park, we'll take a journal and go on a listening adventure together. We'll use prompts and the sounds of nature to reflect on what we have to learn from the voices of the more-than-human world. We'll explore what it means to listen to nature, and how the practice of listening deepens our connections to nature and one another. And we'll learn how sound can help restore and protect the creatures and places we care about. *Park vehicle admission stickers will be required for this field trip. **Suitable for ages 16 & up.**

NORTH. Meet: Newport State Park, Ellison Bay

Limit: 12



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52. A Climate Resilient Community | The Ridges Sanctuary - NEW ■

Saturday, May 24, 1:30 pm - 4:00 pm

Leader: Katie Krouse, TRS, Bill Wolff, and Jeff Lutsey, CCCDC

Fee: \$30

The Boreal Forest faces many threats at the hands of our changing climate. Species migration, invasive species, habitat loss and more will continue to alter this sensitive forest we have come to rely on. While these threats loom, solutions are actively underway not only at The Ridges but in our community. During this field trip, we will spend time learning about the unique and sensitive ecosystems that make up The Ridges and the steps we are taking in Preservation, Research, Education, and in our future vision to establish resilience in this magical forest and beyond. Hiking will be easy to moderate, and carpooling will be necessary for a portion of this program while we visit Ridges specific research initiatives. **Suitable for ages 16 & up.**

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

Limit: 15

53. Forest Ecology at the Mink River Preserve ■

Saturday, May 24, 1:30 pm - 4:00 pm

Leader: Coggin Heeringa

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 ½ 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'll look for birds and learn about TNC's work to protect and restore these forests. **Suitable for ages 16 & up.**

NORTH. Meet: TNC Schoenbrunn Trailhead, Ellison Bay

Limit: 10

2025 FIELD TRIP DESCRIPTIONS

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54. The Fossils and Bedrock Geology of Door County - NEW

Saturday, May 24, 1:30 pm - 4:00 pm

Leader: Don Mikulic Ph.D., Curator of the Weis Earth Science Museum

Fee: \$30

The story of Door County begins over 400 million years ago when most of North America was covered by shallow marine seas. While the scenic bluffs of the Niagara Escarpment are the most visible feature of this event, the rocks around Baileys Harbor are among the most fossiliferous of the region. This field trip will provide an opportunity to examine these rocks close up and collect fossils in one of the quarries of the region. **Must be 18 or older to participate.**

CENTRAL. Meet: Baileys Harbor Town Hall, Baileys Harbor - carpooling required to field trip location

Limit: 20

SATURDAY, MAY 24 · EVENING

55. Adventures in Documentary Film: Screening of *The Great Ledge* - NEW

Saturday, May 24, 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Leader: Daniel Larson, Documentary Filmmaker

Fee: \$30

Join documentary filmmaker Daniel Larson for an evening to discuss the making of a nature film. Participants will watch a screening of *The Great Ledge*, then have a chance to ask Larson questions about the film and filmmaking process. Larson is a solo filmmaker that produces and makes his own productions with small budgets. PBS Wisconsin has broadcast four of his documentaries starting with the Door County Lighthouse film *Keepers of the Door* in 1997. Larson is currently working on a nature film about the Bay of Green Bay titled *The Natural World of the Bay* that is due out late this fall. **Suitable for ages 18 & up.**

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

Limit: 25



Photo By: O. Deutsch

56. Baileys Harbor Lakeside Coastal Tour - Sunset Trip

Saturday, May 24, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Leader: Shoreline Boat Tours

Fee: \$65

See #28 for full description.

CENTRAL. Meet: Baileys Harbor Marina, Baileys Harbor

Limit: 25

57. Guided Stargazing - NEW

Saturday, May 24, 9:30 pm - 11:30 pm

Leader: Jim Gallt, DPAS

Fee: \$30

Guided stargazing from a dark, open meadow on the Family Discovery Trail. 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. A short indoor presentation is included. Participants will be exposed to a basic roadmap of the night sky, along with learning at least a dozen constellations, and should come away with a greater appreciation of Door County's dark skies! The program will require a round-trip hike of about 1 mile on an uneven dirt, sand, and grass trail in the dark. **Suitable for ages 12 & up.**

CENTRAL. Meet: Cook-Albert Fuller Nature Center, Baileys Harbor - carpooling required to field trip location

Limit: 20

SUNDAY, MAY 25 · MORNING

58. Let's Go Birding

Sunday, May 25, 6:00 am - 9:00 am

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. *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

2025 FIELD TRIP DESCRIPTIONS

■ Easy Hiking

■ Moderate Hiking

■ Strenuous Hiking

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Photo By: L. Seubert



59. Birding at The Ridges Sanctuary - NEW ■ 👨‍👩‍👧‍👦

Sunday, May 25, 6:30 am - 8:30 am

Leader: Tony Klingert and Sarah Baughman

Fee: \$30

Join this birding excursion to observe the migratory and breeding birds of The Ridges Sanctuary. Using our eyes and ears (and maybe some help from the Merlin App) we'll see how many species we can ID before the morning is up! This excursion will be led by Tony Klingert and Sarah Baughman who have conducted breeding bird surveys throughout Door County since 2022. **Suitable for ages 8 & up.**

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

Limit: 10

60. Wandering Aimlessly at Appel's Bluff ■

Sunday, May 25, 9:00 am - 11:00 am

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 shorelines as we access areas of Appel's Bluff that are off of 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 & up.

CENTRAL. Meet: Cabin Overflow Parking Lot at The Ridges Sanctuary, Baileys Harbor - carpooling required to field trip location

Limit: 15

61. Boat Tour of Green Bay and Gravel Island National Wildlife Refuges ■ 👨‍👩‍👧‍👦

Sunday, May 25, 9:00 am - 11:00 am

Leader: FOPPI and USFWS

Fee: \$65

See #5 for full description.

NORTH. Meet: Shoreline Resort Marina, Gills Rock

Limit: 14



Photo By: K. Smith

62. Planting for Pollinators ■

Sunday, May 25, 9:00 am - 11:00 am

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 & up.**

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

Limit: 15

63. Stream Monitoring: Assessing Stream Health through Citizen Science ■

Sunday, May 25, 9:00 am - 11:00 am

Leader: Todd Rockway and Terry Schenck

Fee: \$30

See #7 for full description.

CENTRAL. Meet: Cabin Overflow Parking Lot at The Ridges Sanctuary, Baileys Harbor - carpooling required to field trip location

Limit: 12

64. The Mos(s)t Amazing Plant! - NEW ■ 👨‍👩‍👧‍👦

Sunday, May 25, 9:00 am - 11:30 am

Leader: Ana Hinkle, TRS

Fee: \$30

Journey back 400 million years ago on the rustic trails of The Ridges to learn about the secret world of moss. These small, non-vascular plants are among the oldest and most diverse plants on earth. We will discuss what makes moss a successful organism, identify types of moss within Sanctuary, and look at the single-celled leaves through a microscope. You will receive an identification sheet to take home. **Suitable for ages 12 & up.**

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

Limit: 15

2025 FIELD TRIP DESCRIPTIONS



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65. A Climate Resilient Community | Door County - NEW ■

Sunday, May 25, 9:00 am - 11:30 am

Leader: Jeff Lutsey, CCCDC, Katie Krouse, TRS, and Bill Wolff

Fee: \$30

The threat of climate change looms large over Door County, Wisconsin, the United States, and beyond. The effects of species migration, invasive species, habitat loss, and other challenges will transform the unique ecology of our diverse peninsula. In response, organizations, landowners, municipalities, and others have prioritized solutions aimed at building a more resilient environment and community. During this field trip, we will explore community-driven initiatives that are helping to ensure the continued health and vitality of our lands for future generations to enjoy. Hiking will be easy to moderate, and carpooling will be necessary for a portion of this program. **Suitable for ages 16 & up.**

CENTRAL. Meet: Baileys Harbor Town Hall, Baileys Harbor

Limit: 15

66. Explore Bjorklunden and Boynton Chapel ■

Sunday, May 25, 9:00 am - 11:30 am

Leader: Jane Whitney

Fee: \$30

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

CENTRAL. Meet: Bjorklunden, Baileys Harbor

Limit: 16

67. The Importance of Healthy Forests ■

Sunday, May 25, 9:00 am - 11:30 am

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 & up.**

CENTRAL. Meet: Logan Creek Preserve, Jacksonport

Limit: 12

68. Eco-Art: Celebrating our Boreal Wonders through Collage - NEW ■ 📖

Sunday, May 25, 9:00 am - noon

Leader: Jill Newman, CCCDC

Fee: \$30

Join the Climate Change Coalition's artist educator for a family-friendly afternoon in two parts: exploring and creating!

Part 1: Come explore Bjorklunden's lakeside boreal forest. Travel through time to learn about the natural evolution of the ancient ledges, and contrast this to more recent human-driven changes. Part 2: Create landscapes inspired by our expedition. Can a bottle cap be the sun? Can straws create tree trunks? We will use recycled AND traditional materials, such as paint, in our mixed media work. We will create celebrations of nature while reducing material waste to help preserve it, cultivating the environmental steward inside us all. **Suitable for all ages, but best for ages 7 & up.**

CENTRAL. Meet: Vail Hall at Bjorklunden Lodge, Baileys Harbor

Limit: 16

69. Bryoramble at The Ridges Sanctuary - NEW ■ 📖

Sunday, May 25, 9:00 am - noon

Leader: Tony Klingert and Keir Wefferling, UW-Green Bay

Fee: \$30

Come and see the incredible diversity of mosses and liverworts in the peatlands of The Ridges Sanctuary. These peatlands are home to about 100 known bryophyte species, and survey efforts in recent years have helped illuminate these often overlooked plants. Learn readily-identifiable mosses with bryologists Keir Wefferling and Tony Klingert. **Suitable for all ages.**

CENTRAL. Meet: Cook-Albert Fuller Nature Center,

Baileys Harbor

Limit: 10

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70. Sturgeon Bay Maritime Overview 📖

Sunday, May 25, 9:45 am - 11:45 am

Leader: Shoreline Boat Tours

Fee: \$65

See #41 for full description.

SOUTH. Meet: Door County Maritime Museum, Sturgeon Bay

Limit: 25

71. Eagle Bluff Kayak Trip

Sunday, May 25, 10:00 am - noon

Leader: Matt Ernst, Peninsula Park Manager

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 for this field trip.

Suitable for ages 16 & up.

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

Limit: 12 Kayaks

72. Boat Tour of Green Bay and Gravel Island National Wildlife Refuges 📖

Sunday, May 25, 11:30 am - 1:30 pm

Leader: FOPPI and USFWS

Fee: \$65

See #5 for full description.

NORTH. Meet: Shoreline Resort Marina, Gills Rock

Limit: 14

73. Boat Tour of Green Bay and Gravel Island National Wildlife Refuges 📖

Sunday, May 25, 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Leader: FOPPI and USFWS

Fee: \$65

See #5 for full description.

NORTH. Meet: Shoreline Resort Marina, Gills Rock

Limit: 14

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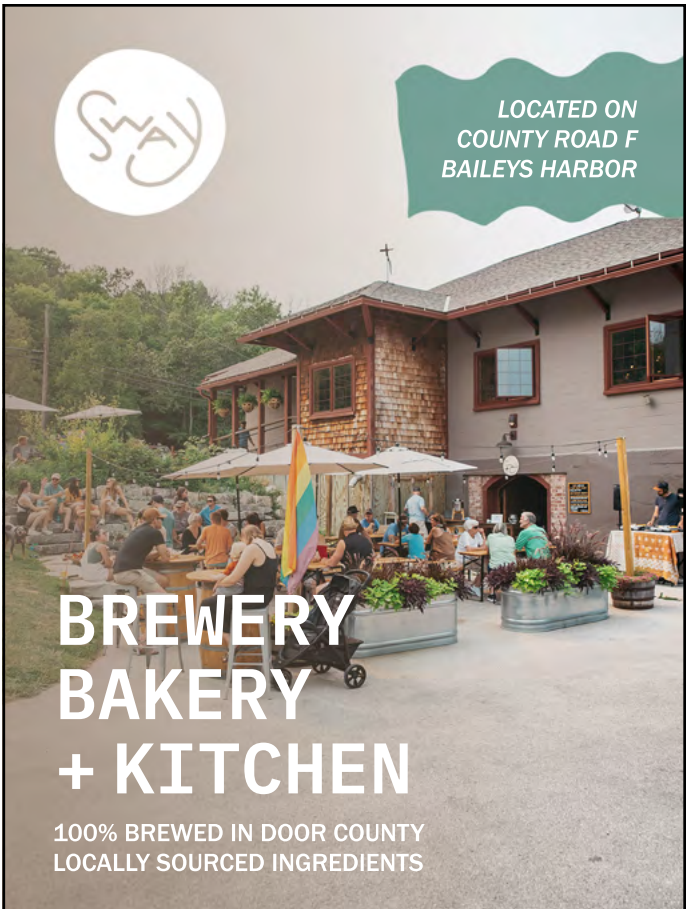


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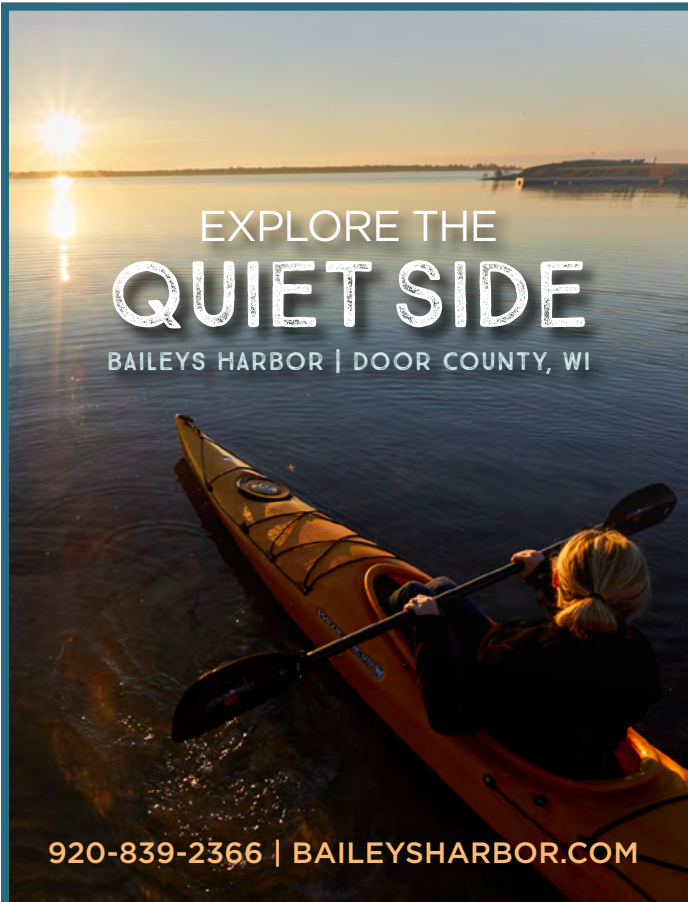
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- April 19** Easter in Baileys Harbor
- May 17** Blessing of the Fleet
- May 18** Sunday Farm Markets Begin
- July 4** 4th of July Celebration
- September 13** Autumn Fest
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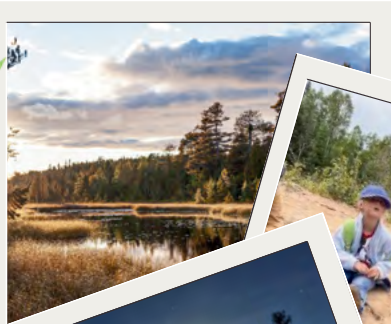


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The Ridges Sanctuary

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*The mission of the
Door County Festival of Nature
is to cooperatively celebrate and promote
the protection of Door County's
natural landscapes
and all its components.*

*This is done through a variety of
indoor and outdoor education sessions
on wildflowers, birds and the important land
and resource conservation efforts
taking place in Door County.*

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Registration opens Monday, March 17 for members,
March 19 for the public

Guided Hikes | Nature Art | Grounding Exercises
Kayaking and Coastal Tours | Birding | Geology

Full Festival details on field trips, events, sponsors,
and registration at www.doorcountyfestivalofnature.org

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