

Kettle Moraine State Forest - Northern Unit

September 2018 - April 2019 Events

ParkPacks



Forest Forever Pack

Through fun-filled activities, books and other cool stuff, discover the basics of sustainable forestry and why it's important to everyone.



Inland Lake Fish Pack

Dive into this pack of hands-on activities to learn more about our inland lakes and our Wisconsin fishes.

ParkPacks are perfect for youth/scout groups wanting to earn various awards and for upper elementary classes to use. To check out a ParkPack, contact the staff at the Ice Age Visitor Center. The Center's phone number is 920-533-8322.



An Evening with Nature Series



Meet at the Ice Age Visitor Center on the second Thursday from September through May for informative and entertaining presentations. Programs start at 7:00 pm unless otherwise noted. These programs are best for people over 10 years old.

- September 13 Wild Edible & Poisonous Mushrooms
- October 11 Secret Lives of Whitetails
- November 8 1 - 3:30 pm
6 - 8:30 pm
Gottfried Arboretum's
Creating Winter Wreaths
(Register by 11/6; call 920-940-8869)
- December 13 How Small Birds Survive Winter
- January 10 Managing Wildlife in Your Yard
- February 14 Why We Have Severe Weather
- March 14 Aerial Insectivores of Wisconsin
- April 11 Solving the Mysteries of Hibernation

Exploring Nature Programs

These programs are best for families/groups with children ages 6 to 12 years old. Programs are held on Saturdays from 10-11:30 am at the Ice Age Visitor Center unless otherwise noted. Register by calling 920-533-8322.

- September 8 Ice Age at the Beach
(Mauthe Lake Recreation Area Beach)
- September 15 Let's Go Nutty!
- September 22 Amazing Forest Mammals
- September 29 Ssssnakes Fall Drop In
10 am-2 pm
- October 6 Tree Art Fall Drop In
10 am-2 pm
- October 13 "Tree"mendous Trees Fall Drop In
10 am-2 pm
- October 27 Myth Busters
- November 10 CSI - Northern Unit
- December 8 Nature Crafts (Register by 12/7)
10 am-12 pm OR 12:30-2 pm
- January 12 Learn to Snowshoe (Register by 1/10)
10-11:45 am OR 12:30-2:15 pm
- January 19 Learn to Ice Fish (Mauthe Lake Rec.
Area; register by 1/18)
10 am-12 pm
- February 9 Stories in Snow: Tracking
- March 9 Bugling Cranes
- April 13 Upscaled Art (Register by 4/12)
10 am-12 pm



Halloween Nature Hikes



October 19 & 20, 2018
Mauthe Lake Recreation Area
6:30-9:30 pm



Meet those animals with four on the floor! This is not a scary hike and is best for those over five years old. Guided hike groups leave every six minutes. The final hour-long hike starts at 8:30 pm. While waiting for your hike, enjoy playing fun-filled games, making a craft, or snacking by the glow of a campfire. If severe weather, the event will be canceled for that night.

Service Opportunities

With almost 30,000 acres to cover and more than 650,000 annual visitors, help is needed in managing the forest resources and presenting programs for the public. If interested in any of the opportunities listed, contact Jackie Scharfenberg, Naturalist, at 920-533-8322 or jackie.scharfenberg@wisconsin.gov.

Trail Maintenance and Improvements

Trail work involves physically demanding efforts: erosion control, laying new trail tread, brushing back bushes, and adding new amenities like benches and sign posts.

Litter Pick-Up

Special litter pick up projects can be set up for a group; or groups and individuals may help with the big spring clean up in April.

Earth Week Clean Up

Sponsored by the Friends of the Kettle Moraine
April 27, 2019 (Saturday)
8:30 am-12 pm
Kettle Moraine Scenic Drive



Weed Warriors

Join the battle to knock back non-native plants invading parts of the Northern Unit and taking over natural habitats. Help is needed in controlling these very aggressive invaders including garlic mustard, Japanese hedge parsley, honeysuckle, buckthorn, and aquatic exotics. Call the Forest staff at (920)

533-8322 to arrange for an invasive species control project for a group.

Special Events

At large special events, volunteers are needed to set up/clean up, lead activities, greet people, keep the grounds clean, and serve refreshments. Training is provided. Listed below are some special events at which volunteers are needed.

Halloween Nature Hikes

October 19 & 20, 2018 (Friday & Saturday)
5:30-9:45 pm
Mauthe Lake Recreation Area

Candlelight Ski/Hike

February 2, 2019 (Saturday)
4:30-9 pm
Zillmer Trails

Night Hikes

Come journey along the Zillmer Trails by the moon and starlight. A Wisconsin State Park System vehicle admission sticker is required for these events.

Winter Solstice Night Hike

December 21, 2018 (Friday)
6:30-8 pm

Candlelight Ski/Hike

February 2, 2019 (Saturday)
5:30-8:30 pm

Spring Symphony Night Hike

April 26, 2019 (Friday)
7:30-9 pm



Features of the Forest

We invite you to explore the Kettle Moraine State Forest - Northern Unit. There are more than 150 miles of trails to traverse by foot, horseback, skis, or bikes. Within or bordering the forest are twelve lakes beckoning you to go fishing, boating, canoeing, or swimming. The Long Lake and Mauthe Lake Recreation Areas offer beautiful picnic spots, boat launches, sandy beaches, accessible fishing piers, and quiet campgrounds. The Greenbush Group Camp has sites that can handle up to 40 people each.

Visit the Henry S. Reuss Ice Age Visitor Center to learn about the area's world-famous glacial landscape. Then take a road-trip to discover fascinating glacial landforms including kames, eskers, kettles, outwash plains, and moraines. Don't miss the Parnell Tower, which offers a bird's eye view of the forest and surrounding farmland.

All year long the forest naturalist staff offers a wide array of fun-filled educational programs for all ages and interests. Call the Ice Age Visitor Center at 920-533-8322 to request a complete schedule.

Make plans now to enjoy some time in the beautiful hills of the Kettle Moraine!

For more information about the Kettle Moraine State Forest - Northern Unit or to obtain a complete listing of upcoming events, contact the staff at:



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