

NATURAL RESOURCES FOUNDATION OF WISCONSIN

ADDITIONAL AUTUMN 2021 Field Trips

18 NEWLY ADDED FIELD TRIPS
AUGUST–OCTOBER

REGISTRATION
OPENS
AUGUST 2



We are delighted to announce additional Field Trips to our autumn line-up. This slate of trips is led by DNR experts, to learn about some of the best of Wisconsin's natural treasures in the beauty of late summer through autumn.

Field Trip Program basics:

- **Membership:** You must be or become a member of the Natural Resources Foundation to register for our trips.
- **Not a current member?** Become a member of the Foundation on our website with a donation of \$25.
- **Refund policy:** Trips are non-refundable if you cancel your reservation. If a Field Trip is canceled due to COVID-19, refunds will be issued upon request.
- **Trips run rain or shine.**
- **Pet policy:** No dogs are allowed on trips.
- **No trip limit:** There is currently no limit to the number of trips you can attend in 2021.

Register and find FAQs on our website:
[WisConservation.org/Field-Trips](https://www.wisconservation.org/Field-Trips)

Questions? Email FieldTrips@WisConservation.org or call: 608-409-3123

COVID-19 safety protocol required

- Social distancing of 6' between people of separate households.
- Face masks are optional for fully vaccinated persons* and we ask that *unvaccinated* persons wear face masks.**
** Face masks may be required on some Field Trips due to leader preference or local/facility policies.*
*** The Foundation does not have the capacity to screen for proof of vaccination.*
- Do not attend a trip if you have a fever, other symptoms, or an active COVID-19 infection.

More about our safety guidelines found here: www.wisconservation.org/covid-19

Registration Opens August 2

- **Member code**
Members, use the same code that was printed on your 2021 Field Trip Guidebook.
If you recently became a member online your code can also be found in your donation confirmation email.
- **Registration online only. No phone or email registrations accepted.**

The color of the trip title indicates its physical demand

- 1 Accessible** to people with walking disabilities
- 2 Easy**, short hike on level terrain
- 3 Average** hike with some hills
- 4 Difficult** steep terrain, long hike or canoe trip for experienced paddlers only
- 5 Extreme** conditions, off-trail or very steep or long hike



Josh Jackl



Cory Peters

500. Banding Ducks Hands-On

Stealthily ascend into an elevated blind under the cover of darkness and watch ducks gather during sunrise at the Collins Marsh Wildlife Area. See biologists capture ducks with a cannon-net, then help catch and even band ducks yourself! A great hands-on experience to learn about waterfowl ecology and management. Fundraiser for NRF. Ages 8+

Choose one session to attend:

500-A. THURSDAY, AUGUST 12, 4:30-8:30AM

500-B. THURSDAY, AUGUST 19, 4:30-8:30AM

REEDSVILLE, MANITOWOC Co.

LEADERS: STEVE EASTERLY & ANDREW KRSNICH

LIMIT: 12

COST: \$48 ADULT, \$38 CHILD, PER PERSON

501. Dells Off-Trail Trek

Note: very challenging hike. Take a strenuous, fast-paced power-hike through areas of the Dells of the Wisconsin River SNA not normally accessible to the public. Spectacular gorges, mossy glens, unique geological formations, and scenic river views await as we traverse steep off-trail terrain. Pack a lunch to enjoy atop a sandstone bluff with amazing vistas. Fundraiser for NRF.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 20, 9AM-1:30PM

WISCONSIN DELLS, ADAMS Co.

LEADER: THOMAS MEYER

LIMIT: 14

COST: \$45 PER PERSON

502. Lulu Lake SNA: Where the Mukwonago River Begins

Note: Steep, off-trail hike in wet terrain.

Explore the wilds of Lulu Lake SNA to discover its natural history, plants, and wildlife. See the springs that feed the Mukwonago River, and discover how glaciers shaped this beloved landscape of protected ecosystems that range from fen wetlands to rolling oak covered hills. Fundraiser for NRF.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 20, 9:30AM-12PM

EAGLE, WAUKESHA Co.

LEADER: CORY PETERS

LIMIT: 12

COST: \$28 PER PERSON

503. Lunch on Lone Rock & Quincy Bluff SNA

Note: Steep, difficult hike. Explore one of Wisconsin's largest SNAs, Quincy Bluff and Wetland, a huge wetland complex bordered by soaring mesa-like sandstone bluffs. Then take a hike to eat your lunch atop of Lone Rock with a stunning vista. This is a 5-mile hike over steep terrain with a scramble over large rocks. Must not be afraid of heights. No bathrooms.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 10AM-2PM

ADAMS, ADAMS Co.

LEADER: JON ROBAIDEK

LIMIT: 15

COST: \$28 PER PERSON

504. Destination Remnant Prairie! Young Prairie SNA

Note: off-trail hike with uneven footing. Explore hidden prairie gems renowned as some of the best examples of unplowed remnants in the Southern Kettle Moraine. Identify a large variety of native and rare flora, as well as birds and other species. Learn about prescribed fire management, geologic history, and the importance and uniqueness of these rare ecosystems. No bathrooms.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 9AM-12PM

PALMYRA, JEFFERSON Co.

LEADER: PETE DUERKOP

LIMIT: 15

COST: \$18 PER PERSON

505. Camp Mercer CCC Historic Trail Tour

Traverse the scenic wooded and riverside trails of Camp Mercer, a former Civilian Conservation Corps site. Established in 1933 along the beautiful Manitowish River, Camp Mercer developed into an important forestry camp and administrative center for the CCC in the Northwoods. Learn about the history of the camp, hear colorful stories of the folks who lived the CCC life, and tour the camp ruins. Fundraiser for NRF.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1PM-3PM

MANITOWISH WATERS, IRON Co.

LEADERS: RICHARD KUBICEK & JIM BOKERN

LIMIT: 18

COST: \$23 PER PERSON



Dave Stutz

506. Flambeau River State Forest: A Diamond in the Rough

Start the day bugling for elk on this 92,000-acre gem of a state forest straddling the historic Flambeau River. Then hike to various sites to see powerful rapids, quiet lakes, and beautiful forests and learn more about this hidden Wisconsin treasure.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 6AM-1PM

WINTER, SAWYER CO.

LEADERS: RON WEBER, LAINE & DIANE STOWELL

LIMIT: 12

COST: \$18 PER PERSON

507. Paddle Horicon Marsh State Wildlife Area

Enjoy a leisurely paddle exploring the Horicon Marsh State Wildlife Area. Learn about the wildlife, history and future of this historic marsh. Fall migration is just beginning so you never know what will be around the river bend. Fundraiser for NRF. *You must bring your own canoe/kayak.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 9AM-12PM

HORICON, DODGE CO.

LEADERS: LIZ HERZMANN & JEFF BAHLS

LIMIT: 15

COST: \$55 PER PERSON

508. Birds & Botany in the Penokees

Northern Wisconsin's Penokee Range is a prominent landform nestled in otherwise flat terrain. Its unique geologic features create prime habitat for a number of woodland warblers and botanical gems. Hike three miles on the North Country Trail identifying birds, plants, and other ecological treasures along the way. Fundraiser for NRF.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 9AM-12PM

UPSON, IRON CO.

LEADER: COLLEEN MATULA

LIMIT: 15

COST: \$28 PER PERSON

509. Paddle the Dells

Note: Experienced paddlers only. Explore the quiet side of the Wisconsin Dells as we paddle 5 miles through the scenic sandstone gorge to view unusual rock formations. Enjoy the Dells of the Wisconsin River SNA and learn about the natural and cultural history of this famous place. Have your picnic lunch atop a high bluff with breathtaking views. Fundraiser for NRF. *You must bring your own canoe/kayak.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 8:30AM-2PM



Anne Geraghty

WISCONSIN DELLS, COLUMBIA CO.

LEADER: THOMAS MEYER

LIMIT: 12

COST: \$50 PER PERSON

510. Train Ride & Bluff Prairie Hike: Tiffany Wildlife Area

A full day of fun! Enjoy a morning walk in the 5-Mile Bluff SNA for amazing views of the Chippewa and Mississippi Rivers as we learn about glacial geology, goat prairie management, and timber rattlesnakes. Then off to the tracks for an open-air train ride into the remote areas of the Tiffany Wildlife Area, stopping for short hikes into prairies, savannas, and floodplain forests. Enjoy one of the most ecologically and historically unique areas of the state! Fundraiser for Lower Chippewa River conservation.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 9AM-5PM

PEPIN, PEPIN CO.

LEADERS: MARK RASMUSSEN & DEAN EDLIN

LIMIT: 30

COST: \$51 PER PERSON

511. Geologic History of the Baraboo Hills

Note: Some challenging steep hikes. The Baraboo Hills are among the oldest rock outcroppings in North America and a geologic marvel of the Midwest. Hike with an expert to learn how geologic forces, from mountain-building to glaciers, have shaped this unique landscape. Caravan with stops to hike and explore Van Hise Rock, Abelman's Gorge, Parfrey's Glen, and Devil's Lake. Fundraiser for NRF.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 9AM-4PM

BARABOO, SAUK CO.

LEADER: PHIL FAUBLE

LIMIT: 15

COST: \$35 PER PERSON

512. Fall Raptor Migration & Mississippi Bluff Prairies

Soaring views with soaring raptors! Learn about ecology and rare plants of bluff prairies at Dewey Heights Prairie SNA, which rests atop an 800-foot bluff overlooking the Mississippi River. A perfect perch to observe and ID the amazing fall migration of many raptors. Fundraiser for NRF.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 9AM-12PM

CASSVILLE, GRANT CO.

LEADERS: RICHARD & AMY STAFFEN, SHARON FANDEL

LIMIT: 10

COST: \$43 PER PERSON

513. Porcupine Wilderness Area: Forest Ecology & Orienteering

Unlike most Wisconsin forests, the Porcupine Lake Wilderness Area has been untouched by human influence for decades. Hike five miles both off-trail, and on the scenic North Country Trail, to learn about forest ecology and learn the art of orienteering with compass, map, and GPS. No bathrooms.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2, 10AM-3PM

GRANDVIEW, BAYFIELD Co.

LEADER: RON WEBER

LIMIT: 15

COST: \$18 PER PERSON

514. Fall Colors of the Blue Hills Felsenmeer

Note: long hike with some steep uneven terrain and challenging footing. Discover unique geology and microclimate of the Blue Hills felsenmeer, German for "sea of rocks," as well as flora and fauna of the surrounding forests on a 4-mile hike to this ecological rarity awash in autumn color. Fundraiser for NRF.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8, 10AM-3PM

WEYERHAEUSER, RUSK Co.

LEADER: RON WEBER

LIMIT: 15

COST: \$23 PER PERSON

515. Crane Roosting Tour at Crex Meadows

Learn about sandhill crane ecology, then caravan through the sunset hours in Crex Wildlife Refuge, watching thousands of cranes come to their nightly roost. Fundraiser for Bird Protection Fund. Ages 10+

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15, 5:30PM-7PM

GRANTSBURG, BURNETT Co.

LEADER: LAUREN FINCH

LIMIT: 15

COST: \$33 ADULT, \$23 CHILD, PER PERSON

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1 Accessible **2** Easy **3** Average **4** Difficult **5** Extreme



Cheryl L. Schliesser

516. Fall Waterfowl Viewing on Chequamegon Bay

Caravan along the scenic shore of Lake Superior to view a variety of waterfowl. Expect to see diving ducks, an assortment of dabbling ducks, and other waterbirds, such as common loons and horned grebes. There's a good chance we will see scoters, long-tailed ducks, or Pacific loons!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23, 8AM-12PM

ASHLAND, ASHLAND Co.

LEADER: NICHOLAS ANICH

LIMIT: 15

COST: \$18 PER PERSON



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