



Friends of the Lakeshore Nature Preserve **Fall Winter 2016/17 Field Trips**

September

- 3 Fall Birding in the Lakeshore Nature Preserve (Saturday, 8:00-10:00 a.m.)** Come search for fall migrants, including confusing fall warblers, flycatchers and sparrows while hiking through woods, prairies and gardens. Meet at the Frautschi Point parking lot on Lake Mendota Drive. Leader: Roma Lenahan, 238-5406, rlenahan@charter.net.
- 18 Pleasure Bike Ride Through the Lakeshore Nature Preserve (Sunday, 1:00-3:00 p.m.)** Join Daniel Einstein, campus historic and cultural resources manager, as we re-trace a segment of the road network created by the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association (MPPDA). Bring your bicycles as we ride from Willow Creek Bridge to the Shorewood Hills Beach (approx. 2.5 miles). Along the way we will make brief stops at the Tent Colony, Raymer's Cove, the Daisy Field, Eagle Heights Mounds and end at the "rustic bridge" in Shorewood Hills as we learn about the MPPDA--the forerunner of the Madison parks division. Meet at the Willow Creek bridge. Please wear a helmet! Leader: Daniel Einstein, 265-3417, daniel.einstein@wisc.edu.
- 25 Birding and Nature Walk (Sunday, 1:30-3:00 p.m.)** The Friends will celebrate a unique outreach event at Fire Pit #2 with hot dogs and refreshments. Bring your family and enjoy the environment of the Preserve. Meet at the Picnic Point parking lot at 2002 University Bay Drive. Leader: Paul Noeldner, 698-0104, paul_noeldner@hotmail.com.

October

- 16 Fall Colors in the Preserve (Sunday, 1:00-3:00 p.m.)** Enjoy a hike on a crisp day in the Preserve identifying and learning about the trees as they prepare for winter while enjoying the rich colors of their unique leaves. Meet at the Frautschi Point parking lot. Leader: Laura Wyatt, (238-3157), laura.wyatt@wisc.edu.
- 23 Birding and Nature Walk with Levi Wood (Sunday, 1:30-3:00 p.m.)** Levi Wood is an expert birder with a knack for making birding fun for beginners as well as more experienced birders. Join Levi to discover some of the 248 bird species that live in the Lakeshore Preserve year-round or migrate through during spring and fall. Free, family friendly. If it is cold out we may have hot chocolate and a campfire after the walk. Meet at the Picnic Point parking lot. Questions? call 608 698-0104.
- 30 Exploring Past and Present History of the Preserve (Sunday, 1:00-3:00 p.m.)** Take an autumn hike through Preserve to learn about the rich cultural and natural history aspects of the area - including the tent city, graveyard and the Native American presence. Meet at the Frautschi Point parking lot. Leader: Steve Laubach, (238-3157), slaubach@wisc.edu

November

- 13 Geologic History of the Preserve and Madison Lakes (Sunday, 1:00-3:00 p.m.)** On the cusp of the fall season, consider the glaciers that were here 25,000 years ago as we talk about geology on a walk to Picnic Point entrance. Meet at Chamberlain Rock, next to Washburn Observatory, 1401 Observatory Drive. Park on the street or at Lot 26.

Additional parking is available at Lot 34 or Picnic Point parking lot and walk up. Leader: David Mickelson 262-7863, davem@geology.wisc.edu

- 27 Birding and Nature Walk with Fil Sanna (Sunday, 1:30–3:00 p.m.)** This is a special opportunity to join NOLS National Outdoor Leadership School Instructor Fil Sanna for a fascinating walk along Lakeshore paths that will take you back in time through geological history down to the present. With your steps representing eons in history, Fil will stop along the way to share fun facts about what the earth was like at that time and how the Lakeshore Preserve we enjoy came to be. Family friendly. Meet at the Picnic Point parking lot. Call 608-698-0104 if questions.

December

- 10 Birding Madison's Lakes (Saturday, 7:30–11 a.m.)** Madison Audubon and the Friends co-sponsor this wonderful overview of Madison's lakes. As winter sets in, smaller ponds and lakes in south-central Wisconsin freeze, causing migrating birds to become concentrated on Madison's large lakes, which remain open longer. We will look for waterfowl, gulls, and winter birds. This trip has produced some unusual sightings in the past, including red-throated loons—so don't miss it! We will carpool and leave at 7:30 a.m. from the middle of UW Parking Lot 60 at the north end of Walnut Street, near University Bay. Dress warmly and bring a scope if you have one! Leader: Al Shea, 852-2304, wisheas@gmail.com
- 25 Birding and Nature Walk with Paul Noeldner (Sunday, 1:30–3:00 p.m.)** Celebrate Christmas with a beautiful winter nature hike at the Lakeshore Preserve with Naturalist Paul Noeldner! We will look for bright colored woodpeckers and other birds that hang like ornaments on the trees, and talk about all of the wonderful gifts that nature brings to us now and year-round. Share a free, family friendly walk and campfire with marshmallows and hot chocolate. Dress appropriately for the weather. Meet at the Picnic Point parking lot at 2002 University Bay Drive. Leader: Paul Noeldner, 698-0104, paul_noeldner@hotmail.com.

January

- 15 Animal Tracking in the Preserve (Sunday, 1:00-3:00 p.m.)** Join UW wildlife specialist and professor David Drake on a crisp cool winter day as he shows how to track foxes, coyotes and other denizens of the Lakeshore Nature Preserve. Meet at the Picnic Point entrance. Leader: David Drake (608) 890-0445, ddrake2@wisc.edu
- 22 Birding and Nature Walk (Sunday, 1:30–3:00 p.m.)** Meet at the Picnic Point parking lot at 2002 University Bay Drive. Leader: Paul Noeldner, 698-0104, paul_noeldner@hotmail.com.

February

- 26 Birding and Nature Walk (Sunday, 1:30–3:00 p.m.)** Meet at the Picnic Point parking lot at 2002 University Bay Drive. Leader: Paul Noeldner, 698-0104, paul_noeldner@hotmail.com.

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