



Fall/winter field trips

September

8 Insects in the Preserve (Sun, 1:30–3:00 p.m.).

Entomologist Tom Morgan will bring insects and booklets to introduce the walk. We'll look for insects along trails in the woods and the Biocore Prairie. We hope to see dragonflies hawking for prey, soldier beetles & longhorned beetles on flower blossoms, and insect galls or emergence holes from seed pods. Meet at the entrance to Picnic Point. Leader: **Tom Morgan** (785-410-5825, morganmjt2@gmail.com).

15 Eagle Heights Gardens: a hotbed for student-led teaching, research and outreach (Sun, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.).

Learn from Tom Bryan about the GreenHouse Learning Community program he coordinates, and student research into sustainable agriculture on the FH King and CALS lands. Meet at the entrance to Picnic Point. Leader: **Tom Bryan and friends** (608-738-5733, tbryan@wisc.edu).

22 Bird and Nature Outing: Walk like a Crane (Sun, 1:30–3:00 p.m.). Join International Crane Foundation staff as we explore the importance of crane conservation through a wetland walk. What does our world look like from the viewpoint of a Sandhill Crane? Leader: **Hannah Jones** (hjones@savingcranes.org). See box.

October

6 Tree Diversity in the Preserve (Sun, 1:00–3:00 p.m.).

Join Paul Quinlan, Conservation Resource Supervisor for Madison Parks, on a hike to explore the diversity of our trees and their habitats and to enjoy the beautiful colors of their foliage. Meet at the Picnic Point entrance. Leader: **Paul Quinlan** (608-267-4918, pquinlan@cityofmadison.com).

13 Mushrooms and other Fungi of the Preserve (Sun, 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.). Led by mycologist Marie Trest, we will look for mushrooms and examples of fungi that are pathogens, ones that play a role in decomposition and recycling, and ones that form mutually beneficial partnerships with plants and algae. Meet at the entrance of Picnic Point. Leader: **Marie Trest** (608-262-7475, marie.trest@wisc.edu).

20 Class of 1918 Marsh—Problems and Solutions (Sun, 1:00–3:00 p.m.). Tracy Hames, Executive Director of the Wisconsin Wetlands Association, will share his observations on the remarkable diversity still present in the Class of 1918 Marsh, its physical and biological challenges, and potential strategies for restoration and care. Meet at the entrance to the Marsh from Parking Lot 130 (2003 University Bay Dr). Leader **Tracy Hames** (608-250-9971, tracy.hames@wisconsinwetlands.org).

27 Bird and Nature Outing: Owl Prowl (Sun, 1:30–3:00 p.m.). Walk through the Preserve to look for Barred Owls that hunt during the day while Great Horned Owls are asleep in large conifers. From dissected pellets, see evidence of what owls eat. Leader: **Chuck Henrikson**. See box.

November

10 Geologic History of the Preserve and Madison Lakes (Sun, 1:00–3:00 p.m.). Back by popular demand, Geologist

Dave Mickelson will picture for us the glaciers that were here 25,000 years ago and their effects on the landscape. Walk with him from the Lake Mendota shore at Raymer's Cove up to the vistas in Eagle Heights Woods. Meet at Raymer's Cove parking lot, 2900 Lake Mendota Drive. Leader: **Dave Mickelson** (608-262-7862, davem@geology.wisc.edu).

24 Bird and Nature Outing (Sun, 1:30–3:00 p.m.). Leader: **Dane Gallagher** (dane.gallagher9@gmail.com). See box.

December

7 Birding Madison Lakes (Sat, 7:30–11:00 a.m.). As the smaller ponds and lakes in south-central Wisconsin freeze, migrating birds become concentrated on Madison's large lakes, which remain open longer. We will look for waterfowl, gulls, winter birds, and tundra swans! Dress warmly. Meet at the UW Parking Lot 60, 800 Walnut Street. From there, we'll drive around Lakes Mendota and Monona. Leader: **Quentin Yoerger** (608-449-5261, harrierqman@gmail.com).

22 Bird and Nature Outing: Sentimental Journey (Sun, 1:30–3:00 p.m.). Celebrate the (day after) Winter Solstice and share memories of Picnic Point. Tundra swans will be in Univ. Bay. Leaders **D. Dubielzig** and **P. Noeldner**. See box.

January

11 Climate Change in the Preserve (Sun, 1:30–3:00 p.m.). Climate change affects our everyday lives. From warming trout streams to decreasing snow pack, changing lake levels and extreme weather, the Wisconsin Initiative on Climate Change Impacts (WICCI, <https://www.wicci.wisc.edu>) helps people understand how climate change is affecting Wisconsin. One of the ways WICCI does this is through telling stories. Join Prof. Dan Vimont as he tells the "stories" of the Preserve. Meet at the Picnic Point entrance. Leader: **Dan Vimont** (608-263-3420, dvimont@wisc.edu).

26 Bird and Nature Outing: Green Dorm and Greenhouse tour (Sun, 1:30–3:00 p.m.). Leader: **Tom Bryan**. See box.

February

23 Bird and Nature Outing (Sun, 1:30–3:00 p.m.). See box.

Feb/Mar weekday evening. It's in Our Nature Open Mic Night. Bring your original nature-inspired poetry, prose, or a song to share, or listen with your friends. See the website for more details. Coordinator: **Olympia Mathiaparanam** (920-809-4248, omathiaparan@wisc.edu).

March

22 Bird and Nature Outing (Sun, 1:30–3:00 p.m.). See box.

Bird and Nature Outings

Free, family-friendly walks on the 4th Sunday of the month. Bring your binoculars and camera. Meet at the Picnic Point entrance next to the kiosk (2004 University Bay Drive). Sponsored by the Friends of the Lakeshore Nature Preserve, Friends of Urban Nature, and Madison Audubon Society. Contact Paul Noeldner (608-698-0104, paul_noeldner@hotmail.com).

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