



Spring/summer field trips



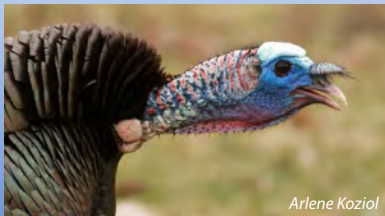
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April

7 Destination for Exploration at Picnic Point (Sunday, 2:00–3:30 p.m.). Learn the natural and cultural history of Picnic Point with the Friends. Stop at our five exploration stations along Picnic Point to learn from experts about rocks and fossils, trees, and effigy mounds; make seed balls to attract butterflies; and try out binoculars and a spotting scope. We'll have activities for children at each station. Meet at the entrance to Picnic Point. Coordinator: Doris Dubielzig (239-4196, dbdubielzig@gmail.com).

16 Beyond Backyard Birding (Tuesday, 7:30–9:30 a.m.). This trip is especially for backyard birders looking to improve their skills! Come to have your bird questions answered and get help identifying early spring migrants. The walk will be on even trails at a leisurely pace. We will have binoculars for loan. This trip is limited to 20 people—registration is required! Register with the Madison Audubon office (255-2473, bmarsicek@madisonaudubon.org). Meet at the entrance to Picnic Point. Leader: Alex Jeffers (330-931-6321, AlexJeffers@gmail.com).

4th SUNDAYS BIRD AND NATURE OUTINGS



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4th Sunday of the month, 1:30–3:00 p.m.—The Friends sponsor bird and nature outings in the Preserve with the Friends of Urban Nature (see our website for details). Meet at entrance to Picnic Point. Contact: Paul Noeldner (698-0104, paul_noeldner@hotmail.com).

NOTE: For most of the summer, **Lot 130 will be closed for construction. Please use Lot 129** (adjacent to the Picnic Point entrance) **or Lot 131** (on University Bay Drive at the intersection with Lake Mendota Drive).

28 Bird and Nature Outing: Bill's Woods Spring Wildflowers (Sunday, 1:30–3:00 p.m.). Explore the restoration area at Bill's Woods—the first Friends project, started in 2001. We will look for spring ephemerals and other tender new growth poking up in the Preserve. Learn how to identify wood phlox, violet, bloodroot, Jacob's ladder, wild strawberry, and other wildflowers. This is a family-friendly hike. Meet at the entrance to Picnic Point. Leader: Glenda Denniston (231-1530, glendadenniston8@gmail.com).

May

15 Warblers of Frautschi Point (Wednesday, 7:30–9:30 a.m.). We will focus on seeing warblers and other spring migrants through foliage. Bring binoculars and a field guide if you have them. Meet at the Frautschi Point parking lot on Lake Mendota Drive. Leader: Roma Lenehan (238-5406, rlenehan@charter.net).

19 Groundswell: Annual Bird Walk (Sunday, 8:30–10:30 a.m.). Join us for a walk in the Preserve with birder Marty Evanson. Hear how a group of citizens created a groundswell of community support and saved the 3.4-acre Wally Bauman Woods on the bluffs of Lake Mendota. We will look for different species of warblers and other migrants. This is a free public event, but registration is required. Use form to register: <https://groundswellwisconsin.org/page.asp?page=2019birdwalk>. Meet at the entrance to Picnic Point.

26 Bird and Nature Outing (Sunday, 1:30–3:00 p.m.). Join the Friends Board on a friendly and informative walk visiting their favorite places in the Preserve.

June

8 First Nations Cultural Landscape Tour (Saturday, 1:00–3:00 p.m.). Join Aaron Bird Bear for a walking tour of American Indian landmarks on the UW–Madison campus. Starting at Memorial Union, we will walk about a mile to DeJope Residence Hall, stopping at seven campus locations to learn about their Native history and cultural significance. Meet at Memorial Union (2nd floor main lounge). Some tour stops are accessible using the free campus 80 bus. Leader: Aaron Bird Bear (abirdbear@wisc.edu).

12 Lake Mendota Boat Trip (Wednesday, 9:00–11:30 a.m.; weather date, Friday, June 14). Learn about Lake Mendota and the shoreline of the Lakeshore Nature Preserve from aboard one of two vessels used for teaching, research, and outreach by the UW Center for Limnology. Meet at Hasler Limnology Laboratory, one block west of Memorial Union. Group size is limited to 12; reserve your place with leader John Magnuson (john.magnuson@wisc.edu).

23 Bird and Nature Outing: Class of 1918 Marsh (Sunday, 1:30–3:00 p.m.). Take an easy walk around the marsh and learn its history, nature, evolution and challenges. Meet at the entrance to Picnic Point. Leader: John Magnuson (698-0104, john.magnuson@wisc.edu).

July

7 The Biocore Prairie Experience (Sunday, 9:00–11:00 a.m.). Get a behind-the-scenes look at restoration efforts and various student research projects. The UW Biocore Prairie provides a unique natural classroom experience that supports



the goals of the Lakeshore Nature Preserve. Meet at the entrance to Picnic Point. Leader: Seth McGehee (265-2870, seth.mcgee@wisc.edu).

13 Trees of the Preserve (Saturday, 1:00–3:00 p.m.). A midsummer hike reveals the amazing variety of trees in the Preserve. Enjoy an afternoon identifying and learning about trees as they pass through annual seasonal changes. Meet at the entrance to Picnic Point. Leader: Glen Stanosz (265-2863, gstanosz@wisc.edu).

21 Native Pollinators in the Preserve (Sunday, 9:00–11:00 a.m.). Join us in searching for bees and other pollinators while learning about their diversity, behaviors, and importance. Meet at the entrance to Picnic Point. Leader: Susan Carpenter (886-7504, susan.carpenter@wisc.edu).

28 Bird and Nature Outing (Sunday, 1:30–3:00 p.m.). See box on p. 2.

August

10 Bird Banding in the Preserve (Saturday, 7:00–10:00 a.m.). Join Jackie Sandberg, Wildlife Rehabilitation Training Coordinator for the Dane County Humane Society, to learn about bird banding, how banding helps expand our knowledge of birds, and our efforts towards conservation. Stop by any time during the listed hours. From the Picnic Point entrance,

walk up to the picnic table under the tree in the Biocore Prairie above the Eagle Heights Gardens. Leader: Jackie Sandberg (838-0413, jsandberg@giveshelter.org).

18 Food for Thought (Sunday, 1:30–3:00 p.m.) Join UW-Madison ethnobotanist Eve Emshwiller in a search for edible and other useful plants in the Preserve. You will learn about the evolution and the conservation of a diversity of plants and their wild relatives. Meet at the entrance to Picnic Point. Leader: Eve Emshwiller (890-1170, emshwiller@wisc.edu).

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WANTED: Preserve Volunteer Stewards

We're looking for folks who are interested in participating in a regular, ongoing volunteer activity. Following a day of training in April, you'll work independently in the Preserve with staff support.

We need trail monitors and native plant bed gardeners. To learn more, visit lakeshorepreserve.wisc.edu/volunteer/ or contact volunteer coordinator Bryn Scriver at bryn.scriver@wisc.edu or 220-5560.



GARLIC MUSTARD PULL Sunday, May 5, 1–4 p.m.

We'll select the location once we see where weeding is most needed. Watch your email for updates.

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Volunteer work parties

Volunteering is a great way to enjoy the Preserve. Long pants (not leggings) and closed-toe shoes are required; tools and gloves are provided. Groups and youth are welcome with advance notice. For more details, contact Bryn Scriver, 220-5560, bryn.scriver@wisc.edu.

TIME: 9:00 a.m.–noon

Date	Meeting place
Mar 31 Sun	Picnic Point, Lot 129
April 13 Sat	Picnic Point, Lot 129
27 Sat	Picnic Point, Lot 129
May 5 Sun	Garlic Mustard Pull 1–4 p.m., location to be determined
18 Sat	Spring Planting Fraitschi Point Lot
June 8 Sat	Picnic Point, Lot 129
23 Sun	Picnic Point, Lot 129
July 14 Sun	Fraitschi Point Lot
27 Sat	Picnic Point, Lot 129
Aug 10 Sat	Fraitschi Point Lot

SPRING PLANTING
Saturday, May 18
9:00 a.m.–noon

Meet at Frautschi Point parking lot

Help us plant wildflowers, grasses, and pollinator plants along the new path through the woods. Gloves and tools provided. Enjoy refreshments at close.

Questions? Contact PreserveFriends@gmail.com.

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