

Fall 2021 Friends Field trips

22 August 2021, 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm. Jeff Koziol and Richard Ness

Educational walk to learn about Citizen Science projects sponsored by the Friends, The Purple Martin house and Bluebird Trail around the Biocore Prairie.

12 September 2021, Fall Bird Migration

Dane Gallagher, Friends board member and veterinary student, led the field trip to discover the magic of migration. While the birds didn't cooperate as much as hoped for, the Monarch butterflies did.

26 September 2021, Fungi in the Preserve

Marie Trest of the UW Department of Botany led 37 participants (!) who learned about the amazing variety of colorful and fascinating fungi on the preserve. (September FUN Field Trip)

10 October 2021, Sunday, 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm. Trees in the Lakeshore Nature Preserve

Paul Quinlan (PQuinlan@cityofmadison.com), Conservation Resources Supervisor, City of Madison Parks Division, will lead this field trip. Learn about identification and ecological roles of trees in the preserve, just as they are putting on their fall colors. This is one of the prettiest times of the year to look at trees! Board Host: Will Vuyk.

23 October 2021, Saturday, 1:30 to 3:00. Insect Super-Powers in Japanese Pop Culture—and in the Lakeshore Nature Preserve!

Dr. Marjorie Rhine, UW-Whitewater, will lead this field trip. Come explore how insects play a fascinating role in Japanese culture throughout history and in today's popular culture! We'll observe the shift of seasons at the Lakeshore Nature Preserve as harvest time comes to a close, and insects, birds, and four-legged animals—and us, too!—prepare for winter. We'll engage in some fun activities to learn about how bees communicate and how dragonflies see, and after learning about how some wasps create insect zombies, we will come up with our own creepy or autumnal haiku to get ready for Halloween!

24 October 2021, Sunday, 1:30 to 3:00. Kids Bird Explorers.

Join bird enthusiasts Chuck Henrikson and Paul Noeldner for this nature adventure, in partnership with UW Science Fest.

28 November 2021, Sunday, 1:30 to 3:00. Fun Fall Birding.

Join Master Naturalist Paul Noeldner and other avid and beginning birders. Enjoy the wonderful variety of migrating birds that visit the lake and large natural areas at the UW Lakeshore Nature Preserve. University Bay is famous as a rest stop for waterfowl during spring and fall migration.

26 December 2021, Sunday, 1:30 to 3:00. Friends favorite places

Guided Walk with Friends of UW Lakeshore Nature Preserve or self-guided any day in December. Meet at 2002 University Bay Drive, Picnic Point entrance trail head. Join Master Naturalist Paul Noeldner and other Friends of UW Lakeshore Nature Preserve for a free family friendly, guided walk, or take a self-guided walk on easy hiking paths any day in December. Learn about the places they love in the preserve, and the nature recreation, nature education, and nature restoration activities that you can enjoy and get involved with. See the Preserve for yourself and explore the places that you have learned about. (December FUN field trip)