

# Fall/winter field trips 2018-2019

**September 1 Fall Birding in the Lakeshore Nature Preserve (Saturday, 8:00–9:30 a.m.)** Enjoy an early fall hike through the Preserve observing flycatchers, warblers, sparrows and other birds as they fuel up before migrating for the year. Meet at the Frautschi Point parking lot. Leader: Roma Lenehan (238-5406, rlenehan@charter.net).

**September 15 Bird Banding at Biocore Prairie Bird Observatory (Saturday, 7:00 a.m.–noon)** Join Jackie Sandberg, Wildlife Rehabilitation Training Coordinator for Dane County Humane Society, to learn about bird banding and efforts towards conservation. Drop in any time and stay as long as you wish. Park at UW parking lot 129 and walk up to Biocore Prairie. Leader: Jackie Sandberg (838-0413, jsandberg@giveshelter.org).

**September 23—4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Bird and Nature Outing (Sunday, 1:30–3:00 p.m.)** Trees of the Preserve with Sean Gere. Meet at UW parking lot 129 at entrance to Picnic Point.

**October 7 Restoration Ecology in the Eagle Heights Woods (Sunday, 1:00–3:00 p.m.)** Get a behind-the-scenes perspective on the latest phase of the efforts to restore the biological health of this oak woodland restoration funded by the Friends. Park along Wood Lane and meet at the Shady Lane trailhead. Leader: Adam Gundlach (220-3482, adam.gundlach@wisc.edu).

**October 14 Geologic History of the Preserve and Madison Lakes (Sunday, 1:00–3:00 p.m.)** As winter approaches, consider the glaciers that were here 25,000 years ago. Learn about geology on a walk from Raymer's Cove through Eagle Heights Woods. Meet at Raymer's Cove parking lot. Leader: David Mickelson (262-7863, davem@geology.wisc.edu).

**October 28—4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Bird and Nature Outing (Sunday, 1:30–3:00 p.m.)** Meet at UW parking lot 129 at entrance to Picnic Point. Leader; Chuck Henrikson

**November 10 Effigy Mounds in the Preserve (Saturday, 1:00–3:00 p.m.)** Take a hike to learn about effigy mounds and the people who created them on Picnic Point and nearby areas. We will learn about the rich cultural and natural history of the area, including the Native American presence. Meet at UW parking lot 129 at the Picnic Point entrance. Leader: Amy Rosebrough, (264-6494, amy.rosebrough@wisconsinhistory.org).

**November 25—4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Bird and Nature Outing (Sunday, 1:30–3:00 p.m.)** Meet at UW parking lot 129 at entrance to Picnic Point. Leader: Paul Noeldner

**December 1 Birding Madison Lakes (Saturday, 7:30–11:00 a.m.)** As winter sets in, smaller ponds and lakes in southcentral 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! Meet at the middle of UW parking lot 60. Dress warmly and bring a scope if you have one. Leader: Quentin Yoerger (255-2473, info@madisonaudubon.org).

**December 23—4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Bird and Nature Outing (Sunday, 1:30–3:00 p.m.)** Meet at UW parking lot 129 at entrance to Picnic Point. Leader: Paul Noeldner

**January 12 Animal Tracking in the Preserve (Saturday, 1:00–3:00 p.m.)** Join UW wildlife specialist and Professor David Drake as he shows how to track foxes, coyotes, and other denizens of the Lakeshore Nature Preserve. Meet at UW parking lot 129 at the entrance to Picnic Point. Leader: David Drake (890-0445, ddrake2@wisc.edu).

**January 27—4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Bird and Nature Outing (Sunday, 1:30–3:00 p.m.)** Meet at UW parking lot 129 at entrance to Picnic Point.

**February 17 Blue-Green Algae Blooms in Madison Lakes (Sunday, 1:30–3:00 p.m.)** UW Civil and Environmental Engineering Professor Trina McMahon presents a special "indoor field trip" to discuss the effects of algal blooms on the Madison lakes and their impact on the shores of the Lakeshore Nature Preserve. Meet at the UW Eagle Heights Community Center, 611 Eagle Heights Drive. Leader: Trina McMahon (890-2836, trina.mcmahon@wisc.edu).

**February 24—4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Bird and Nature Outing (Sunday, 1:30–3:00 p.m.)** Meet at UW parking lot 129 at entrance to Picnic Point.

**March 24—4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Bird and Nature Outing (Sunday, 1:30–3:00 p.m.)** Meet at UW parking lot 129 at entrance to Picnic Point.