

Spring/summer field trips

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April

- 5 Science Expeditions at the Lakeshore Nature Preserve** (Sunday, 2:00–3:30 p.m.). Meet the geology, trees and birds of Picnic Point at the Friends of the Lakeshore Nature Preserve's three exploration stations. Explore the dramatic rock wall, identify trees without leaves and view the early birds on University Bay with binoculars and spotting scopes. Meet at the Picnic Point kiosk, across from UW Lot 130 (2003 University Bay Drive). Coordinator: Doris Dubielzig (608-239-4196, dbdubielzig@gmail.com).
- 15 Beyond Backyard Birding** (Wednesday, 7:30–9:30 a.m.; Rain/snow date, Friday, April 17). Grow your backyard birding skills with leaders who can bird by ear, and learn to identify those little streaky-brown birds and other early spring migrants. We'll have binoculars for loan and traverse even trails at a leisurely pace. Trip limited to 20 people. Please register with Brenna (608-255-2473, bmarsicck@madisonaudubon.org). Meet at the Picnic Point kiosk, across from UW Lot 130 (2003 University Bay Drive). Leaders: Ashley Olah and Kristin Brunk (317-997-2806, kbrunk@wisc.edu).
- 26 Bird and Nature Outing: Woodland Wildflowers** (Sunday, 1:30–3:00 p.m.). With botanist Susan Will-Wolf, look for spring ephemerals, including wood phlox, violet, bloodroot, and Jacob's ladder in Bill's Woods, the Friends' first project in 2001. Leader: Susan Will-Wolf (215-1649, swwolf@wisc.edu). See center box.

May

- 9 Spring Wildflower Blooms and Research** (Saturday, 1:30–3:00 p.m.). The spring ephemerals are prized because of their beauty and their fleeting flowering cycle. Olympia Mathiapanam, 2018 UW graduate, will lead you through the wooded areas of Fruitschi Point to the Biocore Prairie, where her research on first flowering dates produced some surprising results. Meet at the Fruitschi Point parking lot, 2662 Lake Mendota Drive. Leader: Olympia Mathiapanam (omathiapanam@wisc.edu).
- 13 Warblers of Fruitschi Point** (Wednesday, 7:30–9:30 a.m.). Join the author of the Preserve's Breeding Bird Study to see warblers and other spring migrants through the foliage of this Important Birding Area. Bring binoculars and a field guide, if you have

one. Meet at the Fruitschi Point parking lot, 2662 Lake Mendota Drive. Leader: Roma Lenehan (238-5406, rlenehan@charter.net).

- 23 Groundswell Conservancy: Annual Founders' Bird Walk** (Saturday, 8:30–10:30 a.m.). This trip commemorates Groundswell's origin story, how a group of citizens tapped community support to save the 3.4-acre Wally Bauman Woods from development. We'll look for warblers and other neotropical migrants on Picnic Point with birder Marty Evanson. The free public event requires registration. Register at <https://groundswellwisconsin.org/page.asp?page=2020BirdWalk>. Meet at the Picnic Point kiosk, across from UW Lot 130 (2003 University Bay Drive). Leader: Marty Evanson.
- 24 Bird and Nature Outing: Warbler Walk** (Sunday, 1:30–3:00 p.m.). Search for our resident warblers with Dane Gallagher. Leader: Dane Gallagher. See center box.

June

- 6 Bluebird Trail** (Saturday, 8:00–9:30 a.m.). Take an easy walk to the Biocore Prairie and tour our Bluebird Trail with monitor Jeff Koziol. Learn about Bluebirds and what monitoring the boxes entails during this busy month of rearing nestlings. Meet at the Picnic Point kiosk, across from UW Lot 130 (2003 University Bay Drive). Leader: Jeff Koziol (847-331-2430, jeff.koziol@gmail.com).
- 13 Mound Makers on Picnic Point** (Saturday, 1:30–3:00 p.m.). Prof. Sissel Schroeder's field work has included investigations into the ecology and household archeology of the mound builders. She also studies the history of archeology from 100 years ago when local residents mapped and

4th SUNDAYS BIRD AND NATURE OUTINGS



4th Sunday of the month, 1:30–3:00 p.m.—The Friends co-sponsor bird and nature outings in the Preserve with the Friends of Urban Nature and Madison Audubon Society on the 4th Sunday of the month, 1:30–3:00 p.m. (visit <https://www.friendslakeshorepreserve.com/> for details). Meet at the Picnic Point kiosk, across from UW Lot 130 (2003 University Bay Drive). Contact: Paul Noeldner (608-698-0104, paul_noeldner@hotmail.com).

explored these ancient mounds. Prof. Schroeder will describe what we know of these mounds and the people who made them. Meet at the Picnic Point kiosk, across from UW Lot 130 (2003 University Bay Drive). Leader: Sissel Schroeder (262-0317, sissel.schroeder@wisc.edu).

17 Lake Mendota Boat Trip
(Wednesday, 9:00–11:30 a.m.; weather date, Friday, June 19). Experience Lake Mendota and the shoreline of the Preserve from aboard LIMNOS2, the UW Center for Limnology's vessel for teaching, research and outreach. Meet at Hasler Limnology Laboratory, one block west of Memorial Union. Group size is limited to 12; register early with leader Prof. John Magnuson (john.magnuson@wisc.edu).

28 Bird and Nature Outing: Birding the Preserve
(Sunday, 1:30–3:00 p.m.). See the many birds that make their homes in the Preserve's varied habitats of lake, marsh, woods and prairie. Leader: Dane Gallagher. See box on previous page.

July

12 Interpreting Nature as Aldo Leopold Did
(Sunday, 1:30–3:00 p.m.). View the Preserve through the eyes of Aldo Leopold with Professor Emeritus Stan Temple. Consider connecting with nature in the ways that Leopold described in his writings and practice. Learn how the Preserve advances restoration with a Leopold-inspired land ethic. Meet at the Picnic Point kiosk, across from UW Lot 130 (2003 University Bay Drive). Leader: Stan Temple (576-8536, satemple@wisc.edu).

19 Bee Busyness
(Sunday, 9:00–11:00 a.m.). Susan Carpenter, UW-Arboretum native plant gardener and bumble bee expert, will lead us in searching for and identifying bees and other pollinators during their active foraging hours. She will explain

their diversity, behaviors and importance. Meet at the Picnic Point kiosk, across from UW Lot 130 (2003 University Bay Drive). Leader: Susan Carpenter (886-7504, susan.carpenter@wisc.edu).

26 Bird and Nature Outing: John Magnuson at the Class of 1918 Marsh
(Sunday, 1:30–3:00 p.m.). Walk around the Class of 1918 Marsh with researcher and teacher John Magnuson. This tour will reflect on the past, present and future of the marsh and discuss its nature, importance and challenges. Leader: Prof. John Magnuson (john.magnuson@wisc.edu) See box on previous page.

August

1 The Amazing Soil Beneath Our Feet (Saturday, 1:30–3:00 p.m.). Poet William Blake suggested that we could "see the world in a grain of sand." Visit the historic soil pits in Bill's Woods and on Picnic Point with UW-Madison scientist and educator Dr. Nick Balster, who studies the "communication" between plants and soil in different ecosystems. Meet at the Picnic Point kiosk, across from UW Lot 130 (2003 University Bay Drive). Leader: Nick Balster (263-5719, njbalster@wisc.edu).

8 Bird Banding
(Saturday, 7:00–10:00 a.m.). Join Jackie Sandberg, Wildlife Training Supervisor for the Dane County Humane Society, and her team of banders to learn about bird banding. See how it helps expand our knowledge of bird movement and our efforts towards conservation. Stop by any time during the banding hours. From the Picnic Point entrance, walk up to the Biocore Prairie and follow the signs to the picnic table. Leader: Jackie Sandberg (838-0413, jedmunds@uwalumni.com).

23 Bird and Nature Outing: Natural and Cultural History of Lake Mendota

(Sunday, 1:30–3:00 p.m.).

UW-Whitewater Prof. Marj Rhine has been on sabbatical this year to write her book on the natural and cultural history of Lake Mendota. Learn what Rhine has discovered in her "meanderings" through the history and nature of the Preserve. Leader: Marjorie Rhine (rhinem@uww.edu). See box on previous page.



GARLIC MUSTARD PULL Sunday, May 3, 1–4 p.m.

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

SPRING PLANTING

Saturday, May 16
9:00 a.m.–noon

Meet at Frautschi
Point parking lot

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

Questions? Contact
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