

Friends Field Trips FALL 2021

NOTE: At this time, field trips are being scheduled as in-person. However, UW policy may change. The Lakeshore Nature Preserve follows UW mandates, and these may require registration to limit numbers, masking, or even rescheduling due to policy decisions. PLEASE CHECK the Friends website for up-to-date information about a field trip you may be interested in. For up-to-date changes in the following guidelines, see <https://lakeshorepreserve.wisc.edu/>.

August

Walking Tour in the Biocore Prairie: Martins & Bluebirds (Self-guided bird and nature adventure)

Self-guided activity any day in August at the hilltop Biocore Prairie. See the online info by **Richard Ness** and **Jeff Koziol**. At University Bay Drive, Picnic Point entrance, follow the access road up the hill, go right and then left to the Biocore Prairie area. Take a healthy nature walk any day in August to learn about the Friends of Lakeshore Nature Preserve PUMA (purple martin) House and Biocore Prairie Bluebird Trail projects.

September

Sept 12. Fall Bird Migration (Sunday, 1:30–3:00 p.m.)

Join **Dane Gallagher**, Friends board member and veterinary student, to discover the magic of migration! Meet at the Picnic Point entrance to welcome waterfowl and songbirds back to their winter homes. Free, family-friendly, no pets. Wear comfortable hiking shoes and clothing appropriate for the weather. Bring binoculars and/ or cameras if you have them. Meet at the entrance to Picnic Point, 2002 University Bay Drive. Leader: Dane Gallagher (dgallagher2@wisc.edu). Board host: Will Vuyk

Sept. 26. Fungi in the Preserve (Sunday, 1:30–3:00 p.m.)

Join UW botanist **Marie Trest** for a guided outing to learn about the amazing variety of colorful and fascinating fungi existing in the Preserve and some common species that you might see. September Bird and Nature Adventure at UW Lakeshore Nature Preserve. Meet at the entrance to Picnic Point, 2002 University Bay Drive. Leader: Marie Trest (marie.trest@wisc.edu). Board host: Kelly Kearns.

October

Oct. 10. Trees in the Lakeshore Nature Preserve (Sunday, 1:30–3:00 p.m.)

Join Paul Quinlan, Conservation Resources Supervisor, and learn about identification and ecological roles of many 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! Meet near the kiosk at the start of Picnic Point Trail, 2002 University Bay Drive. Leader: Paul Quinlan (pquinlan@cityofmadison.com). Board Host: Will Vuyk.

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

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!

Board Host: Seth McGee

Oct. 24. Student Gardens at Eagle Heights (Sunday, 1:30–3:00 p.m.)

Nelson Institute PhD **Tom Bryan** will guide a tour of the student-led gardens and their research into sustainable agriculture at the FH King Gardens and CALS lands within the Lakeshore Nature Preserve. Meet at the white shed at the entrance to the Eagle Heights Community Garden. The land on this tour will be directly adjacent to the FH King Students for Sustainable Agriculture and the Eagle Heights Community Garden. Leader: Tom Bryan (608- 738-5733, tbryan@wisc.edu).

November

28 Nov. Fun Fall Birding. (Sunday, 1:30–3:00 p.m.)

Join Master Naturalist Paul Noeldner and other avid and beginning birders for a free family friendly, guided bird outing or take a self-guided birding walk on your own any day in November. 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. Look for large white Tundra Swans, beautiful Buffleheads, comical looking chattering Coots and diving Grebes and Merganzers and listen for the wild calls of Common Loons. The UW Lakeshore Nature Preserve is also a great place to look for year-round resident birds like friendly Black-Capped Chickadees and Barred Owls, and early winter arrivals like Tree Sparrows that come ‘down south’ to Wisconsin for the winter. See the Friends of Lakeshore Nature preserve website [here](#) for a map and fun facts about the Preserve. Contact Paul Noeldner (608-698-0104).

December

26 Dec. “Friends’ Favorite Places” December Bird and Nature Adventure at UW Lakeshore Nature Preserve. 1:30 pm

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 place they love in the preserve, and the nature recreation, nature education, and nature restoration activities that you can enjoy and get involved with if interested. See the preserve for yourself and explore the places that you have learned about. Contact Paul Noeldner (608-698-0104).

January

Jan. 16. Urban Canid Project (Sunday, 1:30–3:00 p.m.)

Have you seen foxes or coyotes in Madison? In the Preserve? Do you wonder where they travel in our area? Learn about the Urban Canid Project which is monitoring these critters; also learn how to track animals in winter. Join Prof. **David Drake** for a tour at the entrance to Picnic Point, 2002 University Drive. Dress warmly! Leader: Dr. David Drake (ddrake2@wisc.edu). Board host: Paul Quinlan.