Hunt Hill is a nature preserve and learning center, open to all, dedicated to fostering the understanding, appreciation, and protection of the environment.

Donated to National Audubon in 1954, it is now owned and managed locally by a group of volunteers known as Friends of Hunt Hill Audubon Sanctuary (FOHHAS). FOHHAS has been improving, maintaining and managing the property since 1989 with an emphasis on nature programming.

Hunt Hill offers a variety of programs for all ages, interests and abilities. In addition to scheduled programs, Hunt Hill can be rented out for retreats, weddings, reunions, educational programming and more.

Hunt Hill protects nearly 600 acres of pristine Northern Wisconsin land. The property is free and open to the public year-round during daylight hours. Visitors can explore over seven miles of hiking trails that meander through old growth forests, around clear glacial lakes, into a floral meadow and across a boardwalk bog.

To learn more about Hunt Hill’s trails, facilities, and programs, please visit www.hunthill.org.
2022 Programs
How to Register
Many programs require registration. There are multiple ways to register for a program.
Visit: www.hunthill.org
Call: 715-635-6543
Stop In: Hunt Hill Audubon Sanctuary, N2384 Hunt Hill Rd, Sarona, WI 54870
Office Hours: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm weekdays

COVID-19 Updates
Hunt Hill is continuing to keep your health and safety in mind as we prepare for 2022 programs. Please note that many programs will require registration this year so we can limit building occupancy. We will continue following the current CDC recommendations for masking based on the community transmission rate in our county. We look forward to seeing you at one of our upcoming programs!

January
Soup Lunch: Big Devil’s Lake to The Gulf of Mexico in a Canoe
Tuesday, January 11, 2022
Luke Yourzak will share his story of building his own canoe and going from Big Devil’s Lake, down the Brill River to Rice Lake, and all the way down the Mississippi to the Gulf of Mexico.
Location: Hunt Hill Audubon Sanctuary
Lunch: 12:00 pm; Program: 12:30 pm
Program Fee: Suggested donation of $7/person
Registration required. Limit: 60 people

Birds & Beer: Birds of Kenya
Wednesday, February 2, 2022
Steve Betchkal will share his experiences and photographs from his recent birding trip to Kenya.
Location: The Gateway in Sarona
Check-in: 5:30 pm; Program: 6:00 pm
Program Fee: $15/person
Registration required. Limit: 30 people

Soup Lunch: Solar Energy
Tuesday, February 8, 2022
Bird Gunn from Next Energy Solutions will share about the new solar panels installed at Hunt Hill and the environmental impact of installing just one single solar array can have on carbon emissions. Stay after the program for a question and answer session to learn more about how to use solar at your own home or business.
Location: Hunt Hill Audubon Sanctuary
Lunch: 12:00 pm; Program: 12:30 pm
Program Fee: Suggested donation of $7/person
Registration required. Limit: 60 people

Luminary Hikes: Friday & Saturday, February 11-12, 2022
Enjoy a self-guided walk along the serene trail illuminated by luminary candles in the meadow at Hunt Hill. About half-way, rest at the bonfire to warm up and enjoy some hot chocolate. Arrive any time between 6:00 pm and 8:30 pm to hike the trail and stay as long as you would like! Snowshoes are available to borrow for free if the snow is deep.
Location: Hunt Hill Audubon Sanctuary
Lunch: 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Program Fee: $8/person; $20/family
Hunt Hill Members: $5/person, $15/family
Registration not required.

February
Birds & Beer: Birds of Kenya
Wednesday, February 2, 2022
Steve Betchkal will share his experiences and photographs from his recent birding trip to Kenya.
Location: The Gateway in Sarona
Check-in: 5:30 pm; Program: 6:00 pm
Program Fee: $15/person
Registration required. Limit: 30 people

March
Birds & Beer: Back From The Brink
Wednesday, March 2, 2022
Chris Cold will share about the factors that led to the decline of eagles and osprey and how these birds have come back from the brink. He will show how these birds are species that are valued as living indicators of environmental health and vigor.
Location: Bloomer Brewing Company in Bloomer
Check-in: 5:30 pm; Program: 6:00 pm
Program Fee: $15/person
Registration required. Limit: 30 people

Winter Festival: Saturday, March 5, 2022
The Winter Festival fundraiser will include many winter activities that are fun for all ages including sledding, snow art, meeting sled dogs and snowshoeing. Additional activities will be available with the purchase of tickets. Use your tickets to bid in the raffle, buy lunch, create your own hot chocolate, build your own s’more, and more! All activities will take place outdoors.
Location: Hunt Hill Audubon Sanctuary
Time: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Admission Fee: $5/person, $15/family

Soup Lunch: Operation Pollination
Tuesday, March 8, 2022
Marty Harding will share about the Operation Pollination initiative the North woods & Waters of the St. Croix Heritage Area has taken and how others can take up an Operation Pollination pledge to help pollinators in their area.
Location: Hunt Hill Audubon Sanctuary
Lunch: 12:00 pm; Program: 12:30 pm
Program Fee: Suggested donation of $7/person
Registration required. Limit: 60 people

April
Birds & Beer: Forest Raptors of Wisconsin
Wednesday, April 6, 2022
Ryan Magana will share about the diversity of forest raptors, from the diminutive sharp-shinned hawk, the bold and assertive goshawk, to the majestic and familiar bald eagle. Learn identification, habitat preference and life history of these top avian predators.
Location: Paul’s Pizza Den in Birchwood
Check-in: 5:30 pm; Program: 6:00 pm
Program Fee: $15/person
Registration required. Limit: 30 people

Diamond Willow Walking Stick Workshop: Friday, April 8, 2022
Join Storme Nelson, retired Hunt Hill Executive Director, in harvesting diamond willow to make a beautifully twisted walking stick. Participants will learn about carving tools and easy techniques for carving their own walking sticks. Bring a bag lunch and your own carving tools if you have them. Tools will be provided, if you do not have any.
Location: Hunt Hill Audubon Sanctuary
Time: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Program Fee: $20/person;
Hunt Hill Members: $15/person
Registration required by April 6. Limit: 15 people

Frog Call Count: Wednesday, April 20, 2022
Learn how to identify different types of frog calls. Then go out to a nearby pond to count the number of different types of calls. By the end of this program, you will know how to conduct your own citizen science frog call survey on your own property.
Location: Hunt Hill Audubon Sanctuary
Time: 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Program Fee: $5/person; $15/family
Registration highly recommended. Limit: 20 people

Nordic Walking Workshop: Friday, April 22, 2022
Kristin Hanson from Out There in Rice Lake will introduce you to the basics of Nordic Walking and then lead you on a short hike of a loop to practice using hiking poles. Hiking poles provided.
Location: Hunt Hill Audubon Sanctuary
Time: 10:00 am - 11:30 am
Program Fee: $10/person
Hunt Hill Members: $5/person
Registration highly recommended. Limit: 20 people

Helping Hands: Saturday, April 30, 2022
Help Hunt Hill officially open camp for the summer season! Our volunteers are vital to our success and this is a key example of their dedication. Volunteers are needed to help clean, organize, wash, wipe and take-up camp. All ages and skill levels are invited. All volunteers are provided with a continental breakfast and treated to lunch.
Location: Hunt Hill Audubon Sanctuary
Time: Starting at 8:00 am
Program Fee: Free
Registration highly recommended.

Soup Lunch: Hiking the Ice Age Trail
Tuesday, April 12, 2022
Emily Ford, the first woman to thru-hike the entire Ice Age Trail in the winter, will share her experiences on the trail.
Location: Hunt Hill Audubon Sanctuary
Lunch: 12:00 pm; Program: 12:30 pm
Program Fee: Suggested donation of $7/person
Registration required. Limit: 60 people

Looking Ahead
Planning ahead for the summer? Save the dates for these popular upcoming events! The full summer program guide with all program dates will be released in April.

Adult Spanish Language & Culture Immersion Camp (details & registration online)
Sunday, July 24 – Friday, July 29, 2022

Birds & Beer
Socialize over snacks and beverages and enjoy an engaging presentation from a regional expert in a happy hour atmosphere.
Wednesday, May 4, 2022
Wednesday, June 1, 2022
Wednesday, July 6, 2022
Wednesday, August 3, 2022

Cakes at the Lake
An all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast followed by a nature presentation.
Saturday, June 11, 2022
Saturday, June 25, 2022
Saturday, July 9, 2022
Saturday, August 13, 2022
Saturday, August 27, 2022

Day Camp (full details & registration online)
Youth ages 5-12 are invited to these day-long camps which feature learning activities, games, swimming and crafts in small groups.
Monday, June 27 - Friday, July 1, 2022
Tuesday, July 5 - Friday, July 8, 2022
Monday, July 11 - Friday, July 15, 2022
Monday, August 1 - Friday, August 5, 2022

Master Naturalist Course:
Saturday, August 13 – Friday, August 19, 2022
Registration available at hunthill.org starting January 10. Limit: 18 participants