

HUNT HILL AUDUBON SANCTUARY'S

2020

Program Guide

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*It's where
I belong...*



Hunt Hill
Audubon Sanctuary

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

Welcome



The History

Hunt Hill is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) nature sanctuary supported by donations, memberships, program attendance and endowments. 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 programs and camps for all ages.

The Landscape

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 13 miles of hiking trails that meander through old growth forests, around clear glacial lakes, into a floral meadow and across a boardwalk bog. Along the way, listen to the loons, hear the prehistoric call of the sandhill crane and catch a glimpse of the rare golden-winged warbler.



to The Premier Northwoods Nature Destination

Hunt Hill is a nature sanctuary and learning center that is free and open to the public year-round. 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.

The Facilities

In addition to miles of hiking trails and varied habitats, Hunt Hill's main camp has much to offer. When visitors first drive into camp, they will discover the original farmstead with additional Audubon residential buildings. The main camp features the farmhouse office and the newly remodeled Richard Grand Recreation Hall, which are open year-round. During the summer, camp also utilizes the library, dormitory buildings, an outdoor amphitheater, and barn dining hall with loft. The dormitory buildings can house 70 people. A private waterfront is available for camps and rentals. Two historic cabins are available for guest rental.



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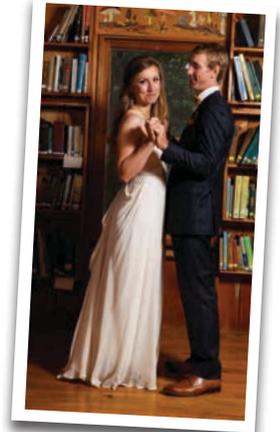
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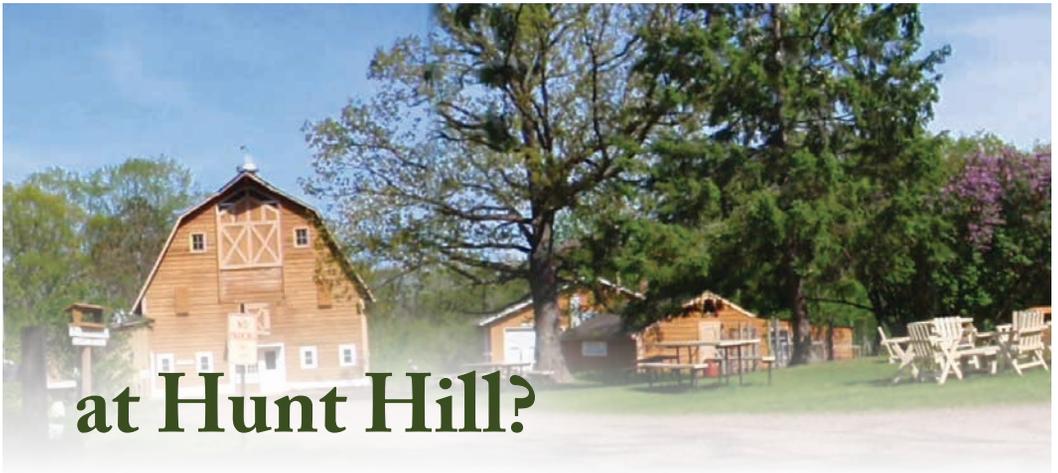
Hikes Hunt Hill is open to the public year-round, and the trails are always available to hike free of charge during daylight hours. Visitors can explore a wide range of habitats including forests, meadows, bogs and glacial lakes. Well-behaved dogs on leashes are welcome. Please pick up after your pets. Call 715-635-6543 if you would like to schedule a naturalist-led tour.



Education Trained environmental educators lead engaging, hands-on nature programs and hikes for school groups, 4-H clubs, scouts, youth groups and adults. Bring your group to Hunt Hill or have Hunt Hill come to your school, library, or business. Contact program@hunthill.org to schedule your group's visit.

Weddings Hunt Hill provides all the spaces you need for an intimate wedding. The Richard Grand Recreation Hall is available for both ceremonies and receptions year-round and features a kitchenette area, dance floor, and restrooms. From May to October, Hunt Hill offers both indoor and outdoor ceremony spaces, a dining hall, a barn loft for dancing and overnight accommodations. Contact program@hunthill.org to receive a Wedding Planning Packet and to book your special day.





at Hunt Hill?

Cabin Rentals Unplug and enjoy the outdoors at Hunt Hill's two historic cabins: the Log Cabin and Andrews Cabin. Built in the early 1900's, the cabins provide the rustic charm perfect for a quiet getaway. Both cabins sit on the hill that overlooks the forest and lakes. Book your getaway through [AirBnB.com](https://www.airbnb.com).



Retreats, Business Meetings & Reunions

The newly remodeled Richard Grand Recreation Hall is climate-controlled with space for up to 200 people, so you can have your event any time of the year. The Recreation Hall includes movable wall dividers for break-out sessions and meetings. The tables and chairs are movable for flexible seating arrangements for both large and small groups.

During the summer, Hunt Hill also offers a commercial kitchen and dining hall, indoor and outdoor meeting locations, and overnight accommodations.

Contact program@hunthill.org to reserve your space.

Volunteer We rely on the generous help of dedicated volunteers who can assist with many tasks around camp and at our programs. All ages and skills needed! Contact info@hunthill.org to volunteer.



What's new

The Richard Grand Recreation Hall In 2019, the Program Garage was remodeled into the Richard Grand Recreation Hall thanks to a generous donation by Marcia Grand.

The Recreation Hall features air conditioning and heating for year-round programs as well as year-round restrooms, a presentation hall with space for up to 200 guests, movable walls to create three classrooms/meeting rooms,

built-in projector, sound system, two porches, and a kitchenette. The downstairs, which was formerly the maintenance shop is now the craft room and lab space.



Safe & Accessible Spaces The driveway was re-routed to go around the main camp to the lower parking lot and make the paths safer for people in camp. New gates block off the walking path, which has been paved to make it more accessible for people with mobility restrictions. A new ramp was built for accessible access to the Library.

New Trail Signs Thanks to money raised through Washburn County Tourism's Taste of Washburn County, Hunt Hill has added new trail signs. In addition to the white blazes and symbols hanging on trees, there are now trailhead signs marking the beginning of each trail and indicating the distance to the next trail and the parking lot.



at Hunt Hill?

Hunt Hill is always improving! Many changes have been made in the past few years to improve the quality, accessibility, safety and sustainability of Hunt Hill's programs.

Discovery Trail The Barred Owl Trail will have a monthly theme. Post a picture on social media with one of the hidden items on the trail or turn in your map at the office for a chance to win a prize!

Nature Playscape

A nature playscape is a playground made out of natural materials. Hunt Hill's new Nature Playscape was built in the summer of 2018, and is behind the Farmhouse. It features a creek, sandbox, mud pit, fort, balancing logs and berm. Like the rest of Hunt Hill's property, it is free and open to the public year-round. If you haven't seen it yet, come check it out and play!



Bring Your Own Mug (BYOM) Program

The average American produces about 1,600 pounds of garbage per year, most of which is single-use plastic. Yikes! Hunt Hill is dedicated to sustainable practices, which is why this year Hunt Hill is encouraging guests to bring their own mugs (and utensils and bowls) to programs with a mug icon next to the description. By using your own supplies, you will be helping to cut down on single-use disposable items that fill up the landfills. For more tips and tricks for reducing the amount of waste you produce, visit the Waste-Free Wednesdays series featured on page 7!

Hunt Hill Signature Series

Soup Lunch



Second Tuesdays: Jan 14, Feb 11, Mar 10, Apr 14
Lunch: 12:00 pm; Program: 12:30 pm

Warm yourself with a bowl of soup while enjoying camaraderie and conversation. Each month will feature a guest speaker on a nature topic along with a delicious lunch of homemade soup, crackers and dessert. Consider bringing your own bowl, mug, and utensils to make this event more eco-friendly!

Please call us ahead of the date if you're interested in helping out with food.

Donations are appreciated and accepted.

Registration not required.



Waste-Free Wednesdays



Fourth Wednesdays: Jan 22, Feb 26, Mar 25, Apr 22
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

The average American produces about 1,600 pounds of garbage per year, which ends up in landfills, along roadways and in our water. Learn strategies for reducing the amount of waste that you and your household produce through this series. Guest speakers will share their strategies and local resources for reducing waste.

Program Fee: \$5/person

Registration not required.

Hunt Hill Hike Club



Second Mondays: Feb 10, Mar 9, Apr 13,
May 11, Jun 8, Jul 13, Aug 10, Sep 14,
Oct 12, Nov 9, Dec 14

Even numbered months (Feb, Apr, June, Aug, Oct, Dec) meet at 7:00 pm;

Odd numbered months (Mar, May, Jul, Sep, Nov) meet at 4:30 pm

Get out and enjoy nature with this monthly hike series sponsored by Mayo Clinic Health System! Each hike will feature a different theme and will familiarize you with the features of Hunt Hill's various trails and habitats. Attend the most hikes for a chance to win a prize!

Each hike will be followed by complimentary snacks and drinks that follow the monthly theme. Don't forget to bring your own mug!

Hikes are open to people of all ages, but may include steep and uneven terrain. Appropriate footwear is recommended. Hikes will be about one to three miles long. Please call ahead if you have concerns about the accessibility of the trails.

Program Fee: FREE, thanks to a sponsorship from Mayo Clinic Health System.

Registration not required.



Birds & Beer

First Thursdays: Feb 6, Mar 5, Apr 2, May 7,
Jun 4, Jul 2, Aug 6, Sep 3, Oct 1, Nov 5

Registration: 5:30 pm; Program: 6:00 pm

Socialize with other nature enthusiasts over snacks and beverages and enjoy an engaging presentation from a regional expert in a happy hour atmosphere. Each Birds & Beer program features a different presenter at a different location, so you're sure to learn something new each time! Your ticket provides you with access to the nature presentation along with a free drink (non-alcoholic included) and a snack.

Program Fee: \$15/person

Registration required by noon on the day of the event.



Full Moon Canoeing

Jun 3, Jul 1, Aug 2

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Enjoy a relaxing evening of floating on the lakes at Hunt Hill! Each event will begin with a brief refresher on how to canoe followed by nature presentation on the lake. Spend the last half hour exploring or just relaxing in your canoe as the sun sets and the moon rises. After each event, stick around for snacks and drinks. Don't forget your mug!

Canoe events are open to people of all ages and canoeing abilities. However, canoe programs take place at the Hunt Hill waterfront, which is at the bottom of a set of 60 stairs built into the hillside. If you have any concerns about your ability to go down and up the stairs, please call in advance.

Program Fee: \$8/person; \$20/family

Hunt Hill Members: \$6/person; \$15/family

Advance registration strongly suggested because space is limited.

Cakes at the Lake

Saturdays: Jun 13, Jun 27, Jul 11, Aug 8, Aug 22

Breakfast: 8:00 am - 9:45 am; Presentation: 10:00 am-11:00 am

Cakes at the Lake is an all-you-care-to-eat pancake breakfast that features pancakes, sausage, fresh fruit and beverages in the Barn Dining Hall. Following the breakfast, stay for the free environmental program sponsored by the Long Lake Preservation Association (lpalonglake.org) in the Richard Grand Recreation Hall.

Breakfast: Adults \$7; Kids 5-12 \$3; Kids 4 and under FREE

Program Fee: FREE, thanks to a sponsorship from the Long Lake Preservation Association

Registration not required.



How to Register

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or register online at www.hunthill.org

Youth Day Camps and Overnights

June, July and August

Registration: 8:00 am - 8:30 am

Day Camp: 8:30 am - 4:00 pm

After Camp: 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm

Youth ages 5-12 are invited to these day-long programs which feature nature learning activities, games, swimming and crafts in small age-appropriate groups. Each day of camp has a different theme and is led by a team of trained and enthusiastic educators.



For more information about Day Camps, please read the Day Camp packet available online at www.hunthill.org or request a Day Camp packet from the office.

Program Fee: \$40/camper/day

Hunt Hill Members: \$35/camper/day

Discounts (can be combined)

- Early registration (by June 15): - \$5/camper/day
- 5 or more camps per family: - \$5/camper/day
- Whole summer registration: - \$5/camper/day

After - Camp Camp 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm
\$5/camper/day

This optional addition to camp allows campers to stay later in the day.

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Youth Day Camp Dates & Topics

June 29 - Frogs & Salamanders: Join Hunt Hill to search the woods and the water for our amphibian friends! Spot a blue-spotted salamander, catch a leopard frog, and net a tadpole all at one camp.

June 30 - Cute Animals: June is the perfect time to find cute baby animals at Hunt Hill! Visit the baby birds in their nests, catch tadpoles swimming in the lake, and spot baby bunnies out in the yard!

July 1 - Space Camp: Spend the day as an astronaut exploring the planets in our solar system! You will get to launch a model rocket, investigate space rocks, and feel what it's like to walk on another planet.

July 2 - Splash!: Need a cool down on a hot summer day? Enjoy a day sliding on a slip and slide, snorkeling in the lake, and tossing wet sponges!

July 3 - Lost in the Woods: What would you do if you got lost in the woods? At this camp, you will learn how to find your way around and the skills to help you stay safe while out enjoying nature!

July 6 - Yuck!: At this camp, you will learn about the things that make us say "Yuck!" Catch bugs, play with slime, and identify different animal scat!

July 7 - Rockin' Reptiles: Interested in turtles and snakes? Meet the Hunt Hill educational turtles, slither like a snake and learn what makes reptiles so awesome!

July 8 - Going Fishing: Learn how to bait, cast, and release your own fish. Then try out your new skills at the Hunt Hill lakes. Maybe you'll catch a big one!

July 9 - 10 - Kids Campout: Enjoy a classic campout at Hunt Hill! Roast marshmallows, sing songs around the campfire, and sleep in tents under the stars. See the full description on page 21.

July 13 - Mad Scientists: Are you a mad scientist? Try out some experiments that are colorful, bubbly, slimey, and sticky!

July 14 - Digging Dinos: Spend the day as a paleontologist digging up replica dinosaur bones, finding fossils, and playing dinosaur-related games.

July 15 - Survival: Do you have the skills to survive? Learn how to build a shelter, find clean water, identify wild edibles, and light a one-match fire!

July 16 - Wet & Wild: Get wild! Run through the sprinkler, splash into the lake and slip and slide on the lawn!

July 17 - Nature Art: Inspiration is everywhere! In this camp, you'll get to make art out of natural materials like leaves, sticks, rocks, seeds, and sand!

August 3 - Fix It! Engineering Camp: Are you a creative thinker? Come solve some engineering challenges using recycled materials!

August 4 - Storm Chasers: Do some wacky weather experiments including capturing a cloud in a cup, creating a tornado in a bottle, and putting a rainbow on a wall!

August 5 - Canoe Camp: Learn how to paddle a canoe, then test out your skills on Hunt Hill's lakes! Once you get the hang of it, we'll play canoe games and have a race!

August 6 - 7 - Survival Campout: Test out your survival skills at the Survival Campout! Campers will build their own fire for cooking meals and tent out in the woods. Please see the full description on page 23.

August 10 - STEM Day: Enjoy nature STEM challenges such as building the silliest spider web, best beaver dam, and the biggest bird's nest!

August 11 - Wildlife Detectives: Spot some clues around camp and learn how to track down an animal. If you're lucky, you might even solve a Hunt Hill mystery!

August 12 - Feathered Friends: Borrow some of Hunt Hill's binoculars to spot some birds! Learn some common bird songs and identify nests!

August 13 - Pirate Camp: Arg! There's a legend that pirates buried some treasure here at Hunt Hill! Use your skills to decipher the nature clues to track down the treasure!

August 14 - Someday!: We said we'd do it "someday." Today is Someday! We will do all the wacky, silly ideas that we had over the summer. Who knows... maybe we'll even break out the bouncy castle!

January

Soup Lunch - Tuesday, January 14

Wildlife Winter Survival by Gary Dunsmoor

Lunch: 12:00 pm; Program: 12:30 pm

When there's two feet of snow and it's 20 below, how do the animals in our area survive? Without heated homes like ours, what are their strategies to make it through our northern Wisconsin winters? Join us for a warm bowl of soup (unavailable to wildlife) and learn about the many ways local species have adapted to our often long, harsh, snowy, cold winters that we just can't wait to see come to an end.

Donations are appreciated and accepted.

Registration not required.

See page 7 for Soup Lunch description.



Waste-Free Wednesdays - Wednesday, January 22

**How to Refuse and Reduce Waste by April Hepokoski,
Zero Waste Duluth**

Program: 6:00 pm

Want to learn how to reduce the amount of waste you produce? April will explain how her household and preschool have dramatically reduced the amount of waste they produce and share easy strategies for reducing waste in your own life.

Program Fee: \$5/person

Registration not required.

See page 7 for Waste-Free Wednesdays description.



February

Birds & Beer - Thursday, February 6 Sharp-Tailed Grouse by Nancy Christel, DNR At Perlick Distillery in Sarona

Registration: 5:30 pm; Program: 6:00 pm

Learn about the sharp-tailed grouse and the other animals that live in Namekagon Barrens Wildlife Area. Witness the fascinating dance that the flashy, male sharp-tailed grouse does to attract a mate!

Program Fee: \$15/person

Registration required by noon on Thursday, February 6.

See page 7 for Birds & Beer description.



February Continued...

Hunt Hill Hike Club - Monday, February 10

Luminary Hike

7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

It's not Valentine's Day yet, but it's time to break out the candles! Enjoy a peaceful, illuminated walk through nature. You'll be amazed by the stillness and serenity of Hunt Hill at night, and be dazzled by the bright stars above!

Program Fee: FREE, thanks to a sponsorship from Mayo Clinic Health System.

Registration not required.

See page 7 for Hunt Hill Hike Club description.



Soup Lunch - Tuesday, February 11

The Bear Necessities by Nancy Christel

Lunch: 12:00 pm; Program: 12:30 pm

Bears are big, black and beautiful. They are arguably one of our most interesting wild mammals. They look cuddly, but are they? They can be a nuisance, but why? Enjoy some stories and explore what it is like to be a black bear in Wisconsin. Bring your sense of humor and be ready to laugh while you learn.

Donations are appreciated and accepted.

Registration not required.

See page 7 for Soup Lunch description.

Wild Rice Push Pole & Knocking Stick Making -

Monday, February 24 - Wednesday, February 26

Instructors: John Haack & Gary Dunsmoor

At the Wisconsin Canoe Heritage Museum in Spooner

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm, daily

Want to make your own tools for wild ricing? In this three-evening class, you will make a tamarack and maple push pole and a set of white cedar knocking sticks to use for wild ricing, using traditional and modern tools and techniques. You may work individually or bring a partner for the same price. All tools and materials will be provided. Snacks and beverages will be provided.

Program Fee: \$30/pair of knocking sticks & push pole

Registration required by Monday, February 24; space is limited to 10 participants.

How to Register

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or register online at **www.hunthill.org**

February Continued...

Waste-Free Wednesdays - Wednesday, February 26



How to Repair and Reuse Clothing & Household Items

Program: 6:00 pm

Have household items that you no longer use or are broken? Several guest speakers from the local area will share resources for repairing and reusing those items without having to throw them in the dumpster! Bring in your old, unwanted t-shirts and socks to make your own quick and easy tote bags and pet toys.

Program Fee: \$5/person

Registration not required.

See page 7 for Waste-Free Wednesdays description.



March

Birds & Beer - Thursday, March 5

The Most Beautiful Birds by Steve Betchkal At Bird's Place in Ridgeland

Registration: 5:30 pm; Program: 6:00 pm

Enjoy the brilliant blues, robust reds, and irresistible iridescents of the most beautiful birds! Steve will share about the amazing birds that live in and pass through Wisconsin and why they look the way they do.

Program Fee: \$15/person

Registration required by noon on Thursday, March 5.

See page 7 for Birds & Beer description.



Hunt Hill Hike Club - Monday, March 9



Animal Tracking

4:30 pm - 6:00 pm

Whether there's snow or mud, March is the best time to do some animal tracking. With the warmer days and cold nights, tracks and scat get frozen into the landscape. Explore the trails to learn a little more about the signs animals leave behind!

Program Fee: FREE, thanks to a sponsorship by Mayo Clinic Health System

Registration not required.

See page 7 for Hunt Hill Hike Club description.

Soup Lunch - Tuesday, March 10



Attracting Wildlife to your Backyard by Jamie Nack, UW Extension

Lunch: 12:00 pm; Program: 12:30 pm

Interested in making your backyard a haven for wildlife? Jamie will share strategies for making your backyard (or other space) a habitat for birds, butterflies, bees, bats and other beneficial animals.

March (Soup Lunch) Continued...

Donations are appreciated and accepted.

Registration not required.

See page 7 for Soup Lunch description.

Engaging the Next Generation in the Outdoors - Tuesday, March 10

**Presentation by Jamie Nack, UW Extension
At the Spooner Memorial Library in Spooner**

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Learn about the many health benefits of getting kids outdoors and some strategies for getting youth out in nature! Jamie will share activities, games, and books that will engage youth with wildlife and the outdoors.

Program Fee: FREE

Registration not required.



Vernal Equinox Hike- Thursday, March 19

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Vernal Equinox is when the length of day and night are nearly equal. It marks the beginning of Spring, and the beginning of longer days and shorter nights. Join Hunt Hill to celebrate the Vernal Equinox with a night hike through the dark meadow. The hike will be followed by a bonfire to warm up and roast marshmallows.

Program Fee: \$8/person or \$20/family

Hunt Hill Members: \$6/person or \$15/family

Registration not required.

Diamond Willow Walking Stick Workshop - **Saturday, March 21**

9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Join Storme Nelson, retired Hunt Hill Executive Director, in harvesting diamond willow to make beautifully twisted walking sticks. 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.

Program Fee: \$20/person

Hunt Hill Members: \$15/person

Registration required by Wednesday, March 18.

How to Register

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or register online at **www.hunthill.org**

March Continued...

Waste-Free Wednesdays - Wednesday, March 25



Recycling by Jennifer Barton, NW Regional Planning

Program: 6:00 pm

Flummoxed by the ever-changing rules of what you can and cannot recycle? Jennifer will explain our local recycling system, how it works, where it goes, and what happens to your recycling at the end. Bring in your old household batteries and plastic grocery bags, and Hunt Hill will make sure they get sent to the correct recycling facilities.

Program Fee: \$5/person

Registration not required.

See page 7 for Waste-Free Wednesdays description.

April

Birds & Beer - Thursday, April 2

The Forest Raptors of Wisconsin, From Great to Small

by Ryan Magana, DNR

At Voyager Village in Danbury

Registration: 5:30 pm; Program: 6:00 pm

Wisconsin's woodlands contain a diversity of forest raptors, from the diminutive sharp-shinned hawk, the bold and assertive goshawk, to the majestic and familiar bald eagle. Forest raptors are arguably the most striking and charismatic group of species among our native fauna. Several of them have been well-studied and provide a wealth of natural history information. Learn identification, habitat preference and life history of these top avian predators.

Program Fee: \$15/person

Registration required by noon on Thursday, April 2.

See page 7 for Birds & Beer description.

Hunt Hill Hike Club - Monday, April 13



Fools Hike

7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

April Fools! Learn about all of the clever ways that nature fools us, and then learn some tricks of your own to spot some animals along the hike.

Program Fee: FREE, thanks to a sponsorship by Mayo Clinic Health System

Registration not required.

See page 7 for Hunt Hill Hike Club description.



April Continued...

Soup Lunch - Tuesday, April 14

Cougars in Wisconsin
by Jane Wiedenhoef, DNR

Lunch: 12:00 pm; Program: 12:30 pm

After a century of being extirpated from the state, cougars are returning to Wisconsin again. The first cougar in recent history was confirmed in southern Wisconsin in 2008. Cougars have been verified in Wisconsin every year except one since then. Learn what Wisconsin DNR is doing to monitor this apex predator and what the prospects are for once again having a cougar population in Wisconsin.

Donations are appreciated and accepted.

Registration not required.

See page 7 for Soup Lunch description.

Waste-Free Wednesdays - Wednesday, April 22

How to Compost Organic Waste

Program: 6:00 pm

Celebrate the 50th anniversary of Earth Day by learning about composting! Learn the basics of composting food scraps, yard trimmings, and other organic waste and see various methods of composting. Bring in and decorate your own sealable bucket (such as an ice cream bucket or five gallon bucket) to collect scraps from your kitchen!

See page 7 for Waste-Free Wednesdays description.

Helping Hands - Saturday, April 25

Beginning at 8:00 am

Help Hunt Hill officially open camp for the summer season! Volunteers are needed to help clean, organize, wash, wipe and rake-up camp. All ages and skill levels are invited. All volunteers are provided with a continental breakfast and treated to lunch.

Program Fee: FREE

Registration not required.



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May

Birds & Beer - Thursday, May 7 **Wisconsin Owls by Chris Cold, DNR** **At The Pickled Gill in Ladysmith**

Registration: 5:30 pm; Program: 6:00 pm

Learn about the life histories of the twelve species of owls which reside in the Great Lakes region. Chris will discuss owl evolution, biology, ecology and management of these birds. Then, he will display a live, educational owl!

Program Fee: \$15/person

Registration required by noon on Thursday, May 7.

See page 7 for Birds & Beer description.



Hunt Hill Hike Club - Monday, May 11

Mother Nature

4:30 pm - 6:00 pm

This hike is a celebration of the many mothers in nature. Along the hike, learn about the birds who are migrating back to the area to build their nests, the mother bears who are bringing their cubs out of their dens for the first time, the deer who are hiding their fawns in the woods, and many more mothers in nature.

Program Fee: FREE, thanks to a sponsorship by Mayo Clinic Health System

Registration not required.

See page 7 for Hunt Hill Hike Club description.

Prairie Fling Festival - Saturday, May 16

10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Celebrate spring, nature and community at Hunt Hill's 9th annual Prairie Fling Festival! Visitors will enjoy hayrides, music, food, community booths, educational programs, a kids area and so much more. The festival will happen rain or shine!

Featuring:

- Horse-drawn wagon & tractor rides
- Nature programs for all ages
- Live entertainment
- Kids activity area
- Tasty food available for purchase
- Community Groups
- And much more!

Admission: \$5/person; \$20/family

Hunt Hill Members: FREE!

Registration not required.



May Continued...

Hit for the Hill - Friday, May 29

Golf Scramble Fundraiser

At Butternut Hills Golf Course in Sarona

Registration: 11:30 am; Shotgun: 1:00 pm

Support Hunt Hill and enjoy 18 holes of golf with our Hit for the Hill Golf Scramble! The scramble is limited to the first 20 teams and is a 4-person scramble format. This FUNdraiser will take place rain or shine and cash prizes will be awarded. Following the scramble will be a dinner and silent auction.

Program Fee: \$110

Butternut Members: \$90

Registration required by Friday, May 22.



June

Full Moon Canoe - Wednesday, June 3

Beyond The Bog

Meet: 7:00 pm

Have you seen the bog from the lake side? You'll paddle right up to the bog to get a closer look at this floating mat that's able to support a wide variety of fascinating plants like tamarack trees and carnivorous plants!

Program Fee: \$8/person; \$20/family

Hunt Hill Members: \$6/person; \$15/family

Advance registration strongly suggested because space is limited.

See page 7 for Full Moon Canoe description.

Birds & Beer - Thursday, June 4

Saw-Whet Owl Banding by Jeanette Kelly, Beaver Creek Reserve

At Tracks Bar & Grill in Spooner

Registration: 5:30 pm; Program: 6:00 pm

Learn about Saw-whet Owl banding and other bird banding projects happening at Beaver Creek Reserve. Jeanette will share about the history of bird banding, why it is done, how it is done and what has been learned.

Program Fee: \$15/person

Registration required by noon on Thursday, June 4.

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June Continued...

Hunt Hill Hike Club - Monday, June 8



Fireflies

7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Do you remember catching fireflies in a jar as a kid? Experience that wonder again as you watch these bioluminescent beetles light your way through the meadow as the sun begins to set. You will get a chance to sit and enjoy snacks out at the Prairie Platform as the sun sets and watch the evening light up!

Program Fee: FREE, thanks to a sponsorship by Mayo Clinic Health System

Registration not required.

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Cakes at the Lake - Saturday, June 13

Loons by Gavin Fountaine, LoonWatch

Breakfast: 8:00 am - 9:45 am

Program: 10:00 am - 11:00 am

Learn about common loons and their habitats here in Wisconsin! Gavin will share about the threats to loons and their habitats, and the monitoring, research, and conservation efforts being made for loons. By the end of the program, you'll know ways to help protect the loons in your local lakes.

Breakfast: Adults \$7; Kids 5-12 \$3; Kids 4 and under FREE

Program Fee: FREE, thanks to a sponsorship from the Long Lake Preservation Association

Registration not required.

See page 7 for Cakes at the Lake description.



Summer Solstice Canoe - Sunday, June 21

7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Enjoy paddling on Hunt Hill's Twin Lakes on the longest day of the year. All equipment and a lifeguard are provided. No prior canoe experience required. Families, beginners and experienced canoers are all welcome!

Program Fee: \$8/person or \$20/family

Hunt Hill Members: \$6/person or \$15/family

Registration required by Saturday, June 20.

American Red Cross Lifeguard Training - Monday, June 22 to Friday, June 26

9:00 am - 6:00 pm, daily

Upon successful completion of this five-day intensive program, you will receive Lifeguarding, First Aid, CPR, AED, Blood Borne Pathogens, and Anaphylaxis Certifications. Participants must be able to pass the Lifeguard prerequisite test described on the American Red Cross website. Open to ages 16 and older. Meals and overnight accommodations are available at an additional cost.

Program Fee: \$125/person

Registration required by Monday, June 15.



June Continued...

Cakes at the Lake - Saturday, June 27 **Native Bees by PJ Liesch, UW Extension**

Breakfast: 8:00 am - 9:45 am

Program: 10:00 am - 11:00 am

What's the buzz? Learn about the wide variety of native bees of Wisconsin such as bumble bees, honey bees, small carpenter bees, leafcutter bees, and many more with entomologist PJ Liesch.

Breakfast: Adults \$7; Kids 5-12 \$3; Kids 4 and under FREE

Program Fee: FREE, thanks to a sponsorship from the Long Lake Preservation Association

Registration not required.

See page 7 for Cakes at the Lake description.



Best-Kept Secrets of Hunt Hill - Sunday, June 28



1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Have you ever wondered what's up the private drive on top of the hill? Ever wanted a naturalist to point out the rare flowers that live at Hunt Hill? Curious about where that unmarked trail leads? Here's your chance to learn about Hunt Hill's secrets and mysteries! You'll get to choose from several different tours led by Hunt Hill representatives featuring special, little-known facts about Hunt Hill.

Snacks and drinks provided. Don't forget to bring your mug!

Program Fee: \$5/person

Hunt Hill Members: FREE

Registration not required.



Day Camps Begin - **Monday-Friday, June 29 - July 3**

Our summer day camp program is one of our most popular activities here at Hunt Hill. Register your child early to ensure a spot!

See pages 9-10 for Day Camp dates, topics and rates.



How to Register

Call us at **715-635-6543** • Email us at **info@hunthill.org**
or register online at **www.hunthill.org**

July

Full Moon Canoe - Wednesday, July 1

Birds by the Lake

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Go birding on the lake! You'll likely hear the "conk-la-ree" of a red-winged blackbird, the rattling call of a sandhill crane and the eerie wail of a loon. Binoculars will be provided.

Program Fee: \$8/person; \$20/family

Hunt Hill Members: \$6/person; \$15/family

Advance registration strongly suggested because space is limited.

See page 7 for Full Moon Canoe description.

Birds & Beer - Thursday, July 2

How Climate Change Affects Birds by Jeremy Cohen,

Dept. of Forest & Wildlife Ecology

At Cedar Lake Grill in Mikana

Registration: 5:30 pm; Program: 6:00 pm

Changing climate threatens to affect everything from melting glaciers to increasing the frequency of snowstorms. Jeremy Cohen will share how climate change may affect the birds that live here in Wisconsin.

Program Fee: \$15/person

Registration required by noon on Thursday, July 2.

See page 7 for Birds & Beer description.

Day Camps Continue -

Monday - Friday, July 6 - 8, 13 - 17

See pages 9-10 for Day Camp dates, topics and rates.

Kids Campout - Thursday, July 9 - Friday, July 10

Registration: Thursday, 8:00 am - 8:30 am

Camp: Thursday, 8:30 am - Friday, 4:00 pm

After-Camp Camp: Friday, 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm

Kids Campout is a classic two-day camp where campers ages 5-12 years-old spend the day doing hands-on educational activities, games, crafts, and swim time. In the evening, campers roast marshmallows over the fire, sing camp songs, and sleep in tents (weather permitting). In the morning, the fun continues with more outdoor activities and games! Two lunches, two snacks, dinner and breakfast are included. For more information and a packing list, please see the Kids Campout Packet at www.hunthill.org.

Program Fee: \$90/camper

Hunt Hill Members: \$85/camper

Register by June 25 and save \$5!

Registration required by Friday, July 3.



July Continued...

Cakes at the Lake - Saturday, July 11 Getting to Know Wisconsin Wolves by The Timberwolf Information Network

Breakfast: 8:00 am - 9:45 am

Program: 10:00 am - 11:00 am

Join the Timberwolf Information Network to learn about wolves - their biology, pack structure and behavior as well as how their populations are monitored in Wisconsin.

Breakfast: Adults \$7; Kids 5-12 \$3; Kids 4 and under FREE

Program Fee: FREE, thanks to a sponsorship from the Long Lake Preservation Association

Registration not required.

See page 7 for Cakes at the Lake description.



Hunt Hill Hike Club - Monday, July 13

Summer Birds

4:30 pm - 6:00 pm

Appreciate the variety of birds that live here at Hunt Hill! The property is even home to rare birds and birds of special concern such as the golden-winged warbler, red-headed woodpecker, and the brown thrasher. See if you can spot one!

Program Fee: FREE, thanks to a sponsorship by Mayo Clinic Health System

Registration not required.

See page 7 for Hunt Hill Hike Club description.

Adult Spanish Language & Culture Camp - Sunday, July 26 to Friday, July 31

Hunt Hill's Spanish Camp fuses education, native speaking instructors and a beautiful setting into a wonderful week of learning, culture and fun! Camp includes all meals, overnight accommodations, experienced educational staff and optional environmental activities. For more information and a packing list, please see the Spanish Camp packet at www.hunthill.org.

Program Fee: \$650

Hunt Hill Members: \$620

Sign up by April 19 and save \$25!

Registration required by Friday, July 17.



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August

Full Moon Canoe - Sunday, August 2

Living with Beavers

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

While floating in canoes, learn about the fascinating adaptations of beavers and then paddle right up to two great creations of the beavers: the lodge and the dam. Then, learn how Hunt Hill deals with the challenges that beavers create for the land, the lakes and the people.

Program Fee: \$8/person; \$20/family

Hunt Hill Members: \$6/person; \$15/family

Advance registration strongly suggested because space is limited.

See page 7 for Full Moon Canoe description.



Day Camps Continue - August 3 - 5, 10 - 14

See pages 9-10 for Day Camp dates, topics and rates.

Kids Survival Campout - Thursday-Friday, August 6 - 7

Registration: Thursday, 8:00 am - 8:30 am

Camp: Thursday, 8:30 am - Friday, 4:00 pm

After-Camp Camp: Friday, 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm

Kids Survival Campout is a chance for campers ages 7-14 years-old to learn and test out their survival skills. Campers will spend the first day learning survival skills, doing crafts and swimming. In the afternoon, campers will pack up everything they need for an overnight in the woods. With the help of the Environmental Educators, campers will set up their campsite in the woods and light the fire to cook their dinner. In the morning, the campers will clean up their campsite using Leave No Trace Skills. All activities will be led and supervised by experienced educators trained in first aid. Two lunches, two snacks, dinner and breakfast are included. For more information and a packing list, please see the Kids Survival Campout Packet at www.hunthill.org.

Program Fee: \$95/camper

Hunt Hill Members: \$85/camper

Registration required by Friday, July 31.

Birds & Beer - Thursday, August 6 Loons at Night by Lauren Wentz, UWEC-BC At The Potter's Shed in Shell Lake

Registration: 5:30 pm; Program: 6:00 pm

Have you heard the haunting, mysterious calls of the loon? The tremolo? The hoot? The yodel? Lauren will explain what these vocalizations mean and why loons make these sounds at night!

Program Fee: \$15/person

Registration required by noon on Thursday, August 6.

See page 7 for Birds & Beer description.



August Continued...

Cakes at the Lake - Saturday, August 8

Crane Conservation by Ben Lam, International Crane Foundation

Breakfast: 8:00 am - 9:45 am

Program: 10:00 am - 11:00 am

The International Crane Foundation works worldwide to conserve cranes and the ecosystems, watersheds, and flyways on which they depend. Hear about some of the conservation work that is being done with the two North American crane species; the Sandhill Cranes and Whooping Cranes.

Breakfast: Adults \$7; Kids 5-12 \$3; Kids 4 and under FREE

Program Fee: FREE, thanks to a sponsorship from the Long Lake Preservation Association

Registration not required.

See page 7 for Cakes at the Lake description.



Hunt Hill Hike Club - Monday, August 10



Sunset Hike

7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Enjoy hiking Hunt Hill's longest trail: the Bear Trail. Near the end of your nearly three mile hike, you'll get a chance to rest at the Nordskog Bridge to enjoy a summer sunset over Big Devil's Lake. Perhaps you will catch the green herons flying over as the sun disappears into the trees!

Program Fee: FREE, thanks to a sponsorship by Mayo Clinic Health System

Registration not required.

See page 7 for Hunt Hill Hike Club description.

Cakes at the Lake - Saturday, August 22

Wildflowers by Linda Anderson, Master Gardener

Breakfast: 8:00 am - 9:45 am

Program: 10:00 am - 11:00 am

Wild about wildflowers? Learn about the variety of native wildflowers that grow in our area and how to grow them around your homes in your lawn and gardens.

Breakfast: Adults \$7; Kids 5-12 \$3; Kids 4 and under FREE

Program Fee: FREE, thanks to a sponsorship from the Long Lake Preservation Association

Registration not required.

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August Continued...

Ladies Night Out - Friday, August 28

4:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Ladies, get away for an evening of fun, wine and fine dining at Hunt Hill's annual Ladies Night Out FUNdraiser. Bid on amazing baskets to give or keep for yourself. Enjoy the cozy, natural environment of Hunt Hill and let yourself be pampered! All proceeds support Hunt Hill.

Program Fee: \$35

Registration required by Mon, Aug 24.



September

Birds & Beer - Thursday, September 3

From Point A to Point B: The Basics of Bird Migration

by Steve Betchkal, Author

At Lehman's Supper Club in Rice Lake

Registration: 5:30 pm; Program: 6:00 pm

Learn about the remarkable migrations that our flying friends make twice every year. Steve will share where the birds go, how far they go, how they do it and why they do it!

Program Fee: \$15/person

Registration required by noon on Thursday, September 3.

See page 7 for Birds & Beer description.

Hunt Hill Hike Club - Monday, September 14

Wild Edibles

4:30 pm - 6:00 pm

It's time for harvest! Learn about the many edibles that live in your own backyard. Build your own mini-salad made exclusively from edibles you harvested along the way.

Program Fee: FREE, thanks to a sponsorship by Mayo Clinic Health System

Registration not required.

See page 7 for Hunt Hill Hike Club description.



Hop for the Hill - Saturday, September 19

2:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Al and Barb Bouma along with Bees and Trees will sponsor the 3rd annual Hop for the Hill FUNdraiser! The very popular TC Cats will be entertaining the all-age crowd with the best 50's and 60's Rock and Roll. Put on your dancing shoes and bring your family and friends! Food will be available for purchase. All proceeds benefit Hunt Hill.

Program Fee: \$10/person; \$20/family; kids under 5 FREE

Registration not required.



September Continued...

Autumnal Equinox Hike - Tuesday, September 22

7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

The Autumnal Equinox is when the length of the day and the night are nearly even. This marks the beginning of fall. Celebrate the coming of fall with an evening hike through the woods as the sun sets. You'll let your eyes adjust to the dark and get to experience the hike with awakened senses! Afterwards, enjoy some hot apple cider by the fire. Don't forget your mug!

Program Fee: \$8/person, \$20/family

Hunt Hill Members: \$6/person, \$15/family

Registration not required.



October

Birds & Beer - Thursday, October 1 Waterfowl Management by Lauren Finch At Brickfield Brewing Company in Grantsburg

Registration: 5:30 pm; Program: 6:00 pm

Dive into the management of wetlands and waterfowl at Crex Meadows State Wildlife Area! Learn how staff and volunteers at Crex band birds, why they do it and the fascinating insights gained through banding.

Program Fee: \$15/person

Registration required by noon on Thursday, October 1.

See page 7 for Birds & Beer description.

Hunt Hill Hike Club - Monday, October 12 Nocturnal Creatures

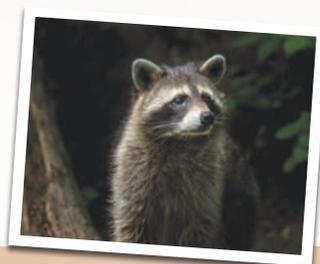
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Whooh's out there? Turn on all of your senses to notice the creatures who are active at night. Learn their tricks to navigate the darkness.

Program Fee: FREE, thanks to a sponsorship by Mayo Clinic Health System

Registration not required.

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November

Birds & Beer - Thursday, November 5 **Critter Condos: Managing Dead Wood for Wildlife** by Kevin Morgan, DNR At The Creamery in Haugen

Registration: 5:30 pm; Program: 6:00 pm

Snags are used for feeding, nesting, perching, and displaying, especially by birds! Learn about tree snags and cavities and the various wildlife that they support.

Program Fee: \$15/person

Registration required by noon on Thursday, November 5.

See page 7 for Birds & Beer description.



Hunt Hill Hike Club - Monday, November 9 **Gnome-vementer**



4:30 pm - 6:00 pm

Legend says that tiny gnomes hide along the Hunt Hill trails, but only in the month of November. See if you can spot all of the gnomes for a prize!

Program Fee: FREE, thanks to a sponsorship by Mayo Clinic Health System

Registration not required.

See page 7 for Hunt Hill Hike Club description.



December

Annual Meeting - Monday, December 14

Celebrate Hunt Hill's successes of 2020! Everyone is welcome to attend the Annual Meeting for an evening of appetizers and drinks as Hunt Hill recognizes the support and hard work of the members, volunteers, board, and staff! More details to be announced in December. Please call for more information.

Program Fee: \$10/person

Registration required by Monday, December 7.



December Continued...

Hunt Hill Hike Club - Monday, December 14



Winter Wonderland

7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Isn't winter wonderful? Enjoy the serenity of Hunt Hill in the winter while hiking through the bare trees. We will take a special adventure to a spot you otherwise could not go.

Program Fee: FREE, thanks to a sponsorship by Mayo Clinic Health System

Registration not required.

See page 7 for Hunt Hill Hike Club description.

Christmas Bird Count - Sunday, December 20

Meet at 7:00 am

Participate in the National Audubon Society's 121st Christmas Bird Count (CBC)! The count is the longest running citizen science program in the world and involves volunteers traveling assigned routes to count birds. Volunteers will meet at Hunt Hill for a brief training and to determine routes. The CBC is open to all levels of birding experience and ability. For more information about CBC, visit christmasbirdcount.org.

Program Fee: FREE

Registration required by Friday, December 18.

Winter Solstice Snowshoe Hike -



Monday, December 21

7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Enjoy a winter hike by foot or snowshoe on the longest night of the year. Then warm up with some hot chocolate and s'mores by the fire.

Program Fee: \$8/person, \$20/family

Hunt Hill Members: \$6/person, \$15/family

Registration not required.



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Support Hunt Hill

Membership

Hunt Hill Audubon Sanctuary is a nonprofit nature center that depends on the support of our members. Membership helps preserve the grounds, covers the ongoing costs that are vital to our operations and keeps program fees affordable for all to enjoy.

Benefits

Members receive discounted cabin rentals, program discounts and 10% off nature store purchases.

2020 Membership Fees

- **Senior/Student: \$20**
- **Individual: \$30**
- **Family*: \$60**

** Family includes immediate family, defined as parents and children under 18. Grandparents may include grandchildren under 18 in place of grown children.*

To Become a Member

Call 715-635-6543

Email info@hunthill.org

or pay online at www.hunthill.org.



Volunteer

Volunteers are an essential part of Hunt Hill Audubon Sanctuary! People of all skills and backgrounds are welcome. Here are just a few examples:

- *Environmental Educator*: Share your passion for nature by teaching the next generation about the environment.
- *Baker*: Make cookies, bars, and sweets for programs.
- *Gardener*: Maintain the flower gardens around camp.
- *Bulk Mailer*: Help seal and label the Program Guides and mailings.
- *Historian*: Organize, scan, and display Hunt Hill's photos, historical documents, and newspaper clippings.
- *Librarian*: Shelve and organize Hunt Hill's books and resources.
- *Trail Guardian*: Keep trails clear and walkable by clipping unruly shrubs and let us know about fallen trees.
- *Junior Counselor (ages 12-17)*: Assist the Day Camp Educators with games, crafts, and leading the campers.

Please contact info@hunthill.org if you are interested in volunteering for Hunt Hill.





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