

Welcome

to The Premier Northwoods Nature Destination

Hunt Hill provides the opportunity for people of all ages, interests, and abilities to connect with the natural world around them. These opportunities are kept affordable through the support of memberships, endowments, program participation, and donations.

The History Hunt Hill is a nonprofit 501(c)(3), 600 acre nature sanctuary supported by donations, memberships, endowments, volunteers, and program attendance. Originally donated to National Audubon in the 1950's, Hunt Hill is now locally owned and operated by Friends of Hunt Hill Audubon Sanctuary (FOHHAS). Hunt Hill is named after the donor's mother's maiden name (Hunt) and the family cabins that are perched atop a hill on the property. Hunt Hill is a sanctuary, which means that all living things are given the opportunity to live their full, natural lives. Hunt Hill is open to the public and trails are free to explore and enjoy during daylight hours.

Learn more about Hunt Hill
Memberships by scanning the QR Code
with your phone's camera!



How you can support Hunt Hill

- **Volunteer**
 - Help at events, or share your interests and talents on our committees or special projects. Great for all ages!
- **Become a Member**
 - 100% of the money from membership stays at Hunt Hill.
 - Member levels range from \$20 to \$60.
 - Members enjoy early access to programs and discounts.
- **Donate**
 - Financial contributions help us offer low and no cost programs and activities, preserve our wild and diverse property, and keep our trails open and free to the public.
- **Bring a friend and join us for these great programs!**

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2023 Program Guide HUNT HILL AUDUBON SANCTUARY



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

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Open to the public

What else can you do at Hunt Hill?

Hike the Trails Visitors can explore 7 miles of trails that meander through old growth forests, around clear glacial lakes, through a restored meadow and into a bog. The trails are open to the public year-round from sunrise to sunset. Grab a trail map from parking lot kiosks, stop into the office, or find our trail map online. Leashed pets are welcome on the trails.

'I Spy' on the Discovery Trail

The Discovery Trail, found along the Barred Owl Trail, features a new theme each month. 8 to 15 themed items are hidden along a short, family-friendly trail. Similar to an 'I Spy,' families are encouraged to hike the trail to see how many of the items they can find!

Play at the Nature Playground

Located behind the Farmhouse Office, the playground features a mud pit, water play area, sand pit, dirt hill, and more. All elements are made from materials collected from nature. The area is great for children of all ages to let out energy and engage with nature.

Learn about Nature 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 for a customized field trip or have Hunt Hill come to your school, library, organization or business to present a program.

Visit www.hunthill.org for more information about trails, facility rentals, and our cabins!

Rent Our Facilities Looking for a location for your family reunion, birthday party, staff retreat, overnight camp or business meeting? Hunt Hill's Recreation Hall has year-round space for groups both large and small. We also offer additional activities including swimming, hiking, canoeing, crafts, games, bonfires and environmental education activities. The dormitories can accommodate up to 70 people. Meals can be provided out of our Barn Dining Hall.

Get Married at Hunt Hill

Hunt Hill provides all the spaces you need for an intimate wedding surrounded by the beauty of nature. From May to October, Hunt Hill also offers both indoor and outdoor ceremony spaces, a dining hall, overnight accommodations, and a barn loft for dancing. Additionally, the Recreation Hall is available year-round for both ceremonies and receptions.

Rent Our Cabins Guests can rent our two historic cabins - the Log Cabin and the Frances Andrews Cabin - which sit atop a hill overlooking the forest and lakes. Reservations are made directly through AirBnB.



Youth Programs

Little Explorers

Saturday, February 11th, March 11th, & April 8th • 10:00am–11:30am

Program Fee: Free, but donations are appreciated.

Join Hunt Hill for a fun morning of stories, crafts, songs, and nature activities geared towards 3–6-year-olds; but all are welcome! Guardians must stay for the duration of the program, and each program will feature a different nature theme.

Registration is not required, but strongly encouraged.

Summer Day Camp

Youth summer day camps have been a long standing tradition at Hunt Hill! Our day camps typically feature environmental-themed learning activities, games, swimming, and crafts in small, age-appropriate groups. Due to day camp licensing requirements, a limited staffing market and increased costs, Hunt Hill will be reevaluating and restructuring our youth day camps in 2023. Final details of camp will be made available online, no later than the end of March 2023.

Please visit our website for more information regarding 2023 Youth Day Camps and/or to sign up to receive notifications regarding 2023 Day Camp updates. Day Camp registration will open in April 2023 with early access to Hunt Hill Family and Student Members. Registration is required, and space is limited.



Learn more information about the Youth Day Camp by scanning the QR Code with your phone's camera!



School Programs

Day Field Trips

Hunt Hill offers a variety of fun, engaging school programs for kindergarten through high school. Programs are aligned to meet grade-level Wisconsin state standards in science, environmental literacy, ELA, social studies, and physical education. Hunt Hill can accommodate groups from 8 to 100 students!

Overnight Field Trips

Hunt Hill can also lead overnight programming from May through early October for schools and organizations such as 4-H groups, scout troops, youth groups, and more! Hunt Hill is a licensed Recreational Educational Camp and will provide the facilities, equipment, and support necessary to lead a fun and safe camp experience!



Scan with your phone's camera to find out more about our school programs!



Soup Lunch

Lunch: 12:00pm–12:30pm

Presentation: 12:30pm–1:30pm

Program Fee: \$10/person; Hunt Hill Members: \$7/member

Soup Lunch takes place the THIRD Tuesday of each month from January to April. Each month features a different guest speaker, along with a delicious lunch of homemade soup, crackers, cheese, and dessert provided by Hunt Hill. We strongly encourage participants to bring their own bowl, mug, and cutlery to reduce waste.

Registration is not required, but strongly encouraged.

Adventures of Dog Sledding

Tuesday, January 17

Community Sustainable Agriculture (CSA) with North Star Homestead Farm

Tuesday, February 21

Night Sky with Chippewa Valley Astronomical Society

Tuesday, March 21

Van Life Adventures

Tuesday, April 18



Cakes at the Lake

Breakfast: 8:00am–9:45am

Program: 10:00am–11:00am

Adults: \$8 • Children (4–12 years): \$5 • 3 & under: Free

Cakes at the Lake is an all-you-care-to-eat breakfast which features buttermilk and specialty pancakes, sausage, fresh fruit, and beverages. Following the breakfast, guests are encouraged to stay for the free nature program sponsored by Long Lake Preservation Association (www.longlakellpa.org).

Registration is not required, but strongly encouraged.



TBD

Saturday, June 10

Lovely Loons

Saturday, June 24

Nature's Calendar

Saturday, July 8

Treasures of the Secret Fen

Saturday, August 12

Raptors of the Great Lakes Region

Saturday, August 26

Public Programs

Nordic Snowshoe Hike

January 12, February 16, & December 15 • 9:30am–11:00am

Program Fee: Free, but donations are appreciated.

Time to get Out There and explore Hunt Hill by snowshoeing with Out There Nordic! If you need to borrow snowshoes and poles, please call ahead to reserve those for no extra cost. If there is not sufficient snow coverage, we will practice Nordic Hiking with poles.

Registration is not required, but strongly encouraged.

Nordic Ski Basics

January 24, February 28,
& December 19 • 10:00am–11:30am

*Program Fee: Free, but donations
are appreciated.*

Let's get Out There for a ski at Hunt Hill! Kris Hanson, from Out There Nordic, will teach the basics of cross country skiing on ungroomed trails and will then lead an adventure on skis on Hunt Hill trails. Skiing equipment will NOT be provided. See our website for ski equipment recommendations.

Registration is not required, but strongly encouraged.

Maple Syrup Program

Saturday, March 25 • 9:30am–12:00pm

Program Fee: \$5/person; \$15/family

Join Hunt Hill in visiting a local sugar shack and see the maple syrup process from the tree to the maple syrup on your pancakes! Also, stick around after for a delicious treat with fresh maple syrup.

Registration is required by March 24. Space is limited.

Diamond Willow Walking Stick Workshop

Thursday, April 27 • 9:00am–2:00pm

*Program Fee: \$20/person
Hunt Hill Members: \$15/member*

Learn how to carve your own beautifully twisted walking stick out of Diamond Willow. Bring a bag lunch and your own carving tools, if you have them. Limited tools will be provided.

*Registration is required by April 26.
Space is limited.*



Helping Hands

Saturday, April 29

8:00am–2:00pm

Program Fee: Free

Summer is almost here and we need help to officially open camp! Volunteers are needed to help clean, organize, wash, wipe, and rake-up camp. All ages and skill levels are invited. Volunteers are treated to a continental breakfast and lunch.

Registration is encouraged.

Two-Day Advanced Training: Spring Ecology

Saturday, May 20–Sunday, May 21

Program Fee: \$TBD

Spring showers bring May flowers! Join Hunt Hill in taking an in-depth look at the spring ecology of Northwest Wisconsin. This course qualifies for Master Naturalist credit, but any adult learners are welcome to join!

Registration is required by May 12. Space is limited.

Citizen Science Programs

Participate in a Citizen Science project at Hunt Hill! Citizen Science empowers ordinary people and volunteers to collect valuable data that contributes to specific scientific research. No prior experience is needed. Registration is strongly encouraged, unless noted otherwise*.

There is no cost to these programs.



Frog Call Count

Friday, April 21; 7:30pm–9:00pm

Bat Roost Count

Saturday, June 3; 8:00pm–9:30pm

Bumble Bee Brigade with WI DNR*

Wednesday, July 5; 10:00am–2:00pm

**Registration is required by July 3.*

Bat Roost Count

Friday, July 14, 8:00pm–9:30 pm

Christmas Bird Count*

Sunday, December 17

Meet at 7:00am

**Registration is required
by December 15.*



(Continued below)

Beasts & Beer

Happy Hour: 5:30pm–6:00pm

Program: 6:00pm–7:00pm

*Program Fee: \$15, includes a drink
ticket, snacks, and nature presentation.*

Beasts & Beer (formerly known as Birds & Beer) takes place on the FIRST Wednesday of each month, except for January and December. Socialize with other nature enthusiasts over snacks and beverages and enjoy an engaging presentation from a local expert.

Registration is required at least 2 days prior to the event.

Cats & Coffee*: Wild Cats

At Alley Cats Coffee in Spooner

**Only non-alcoholic drinks will be available.*

Wednesday, February 1

Magnificent Monarchs with Beaver Creek Reserve

At Heart of the North Brewing Co. in Ladysmith

Wednesday, March 1

Awakening Amphibians

At Bloomer Brewing Co. in Bloomer

Wednesday, April 5

Snake Discovery

At Perlick Distillery in Sarona

Wednesday, May 3

Ruby-throated Hummingbird

At Buck n' Beams in Cameron

Wednesday, June 7

Bald Eagles

At Fire Away Roadhouse & Rest Camp in Cameron

Wednesday, July 5

Nature Photography

At TBD

Wednesday, August 2

Wisconsin Elk

At The Still Bar & Grill
in Spooner

Wednesday, September 6

Scat & Tracks

At Round Man Brewing Co. in Spooner

Wednesday, October 4

Red-headed Woodpecker Recovery Project

At TBD

Wednesday, November 1



Weeklong Adult Programs

Spanish Language and Culture Camp

July 30–August 4

Program Fee: \$700/person/week

Hunt Hill Members: \$675/member/week

Hunt Hill's Adult Spanish Camp offers participants a true language and culture experience while enjoying a retreat in Northwest Wisconsin. Each day features language lessons with native-Spanish-speaking instructors, authentic Hispanic meals, nature activities, and more.

Registration will open in February 2023 with early access to Hunt Hill Members. Registration is required. Space is limited.

Wisconsin Master Naturalist Training

August 12–18

Wisconsin Master Naturalist training is a stimulating week of classroom and fieldwork with people interested in life-long learning, nature, ecology, and conservation issues. On-site overnight accommodations are available for participants through Hunt Hill's website.

Registration will open on January 9 through www.wimasternaturalist.org. Space is limited and fills FAST.



FUNdraisers

Hit for the Hill Golf Scramble

Friday, June 2

Delight in a day of golf while supporting a great cause! Registration is required by May 22.

Ladies Night Out

Thursday, September 14

Come together for an evening of gourmet delights, wine, and great conversations. This event features a silent auction of themed baskets. All food and beverages are included. Registration is required by September 7.



Public Programs (cont.)

Adult Field Trip: Dory's Bog

Friday, June 30 & Saturday, July 8 • 1:00pm–2:30pm

Program Fee: \$8/person; Hunt Hill Member: \$5/member

What lives in the bogs of Hunt Hill? Join Hunt Hill on an Adult Field Trip to explore Dory's Bog, a unique ecosystem that is home to beautiful orchids and carnivorous plants.

Registration is required 2 days prior to the event. Space is limited.

American Red Cross CPR & Lifeguard Training

June 5–9 & June 12–16 • 1:00pm–5:00pm

Program Fee: \$120/person, includes course & materials.

Interested in becoming a certified lifeguard? Join Hunt Hill's two-week American Red Cross lifeguard training that includes CPR/AED for the Professional Rescuer, First Aid, and all water rescue skills. Must be 16 or older.

Registration is required by May 29.

Summer Solstice Paddle

Wednesday, June 21

7:30pm–9:00pm

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

Hunt Hill Members: \$5/member; \$15/family

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

Registration is required by June 20. Space is limited.

Nature Wellness Retreat

Saturday, August 19 • 9:00am–2:00pm

Program Fee: \$50/person; Hunt Hill Members: \$40/member

Rejuvenate your body and mind while immersing yourself in nature at Hunt Hill with Yoga, Tai Chi, and teachings that explore nature-focused journaling and mindfulness. A vegetarian lunch is included.

Registration is required by August 11.



Two-Day Advanced Training: Aquatic Ecology

Saturday, September 16–Sunday, September 17

Program Fee: \$TBD

Dive into learning about the aquatic ecology of Northern Wisconsin's lakes and rivers with Hunt Hill. This course qualifies for Master Naturalist credit, but any adult learners are welcome to join.

Registration is required by September 8. Space is limited.

Autumn Equinox Paddle

Saturday, September 23

1:30pm–3:00pm

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

Hunt Hill Members: \$5/member; \$15/family

Celebrate the first day of autumn by paddling around Hunt Hill's Twin Lakes. All equipment is provided. No prior canoe experience required. Families, beginners and experienced canoers are welcome.

Registration is required by September 22. Space is limited.



Adult Field Trip: Spooner Fish Hatchery

Tuesday, October 10 • 9:00am–10:30am

Meet at State Fish Hatchery in Spooner, WI

Program Fee: \$8/person; Hunt Hill Member: \$5/member

Take a special tour of the largest cool water facility & musky hatchery in Wisconsin and witness the fall pond harvest.

Registration is required by October 9. Space is limited.

Winter Solstice Luminary Hike

Thursday, December 21

5:30pm–8:00pm

Program Fee: \$8/person

Hunt Hill Members: \$5/member

Hike along a Hunt Hill trail illuminated by candlelight on the longest night of the year. Then, warm up with hot cocoa and s'mores by the fire. Participants may walk the trail using snowshoes or boots. Snowshoes will be available to borrow at no extra charge.

Registration is not required, but strongly encouraged.



Special Events

Earth Day Celebration

Saturday, April 22 • 10:00am

Program Fee: Free

Celebrate Hunt Hill's inaugural Earth Day event with hands-on nature activities and environmentally focused guest speakers.

Registration is not required, but strongly encouraged.



Jazz Night

Friday, August 25 • 6:00pm–8:00pm

Program Fee: \$20/person

Join us for a blissful night of jazz music at Hunt Hill Audubon Sanctuary! This live jazz concert will feature professional jazz musicians with local connections to this neck of the woods.

Registration is required by August 18.

Pints on the Prairie

Saturday, September 9 • 2:00pm–5:00pm

Admission: \$30/ 'Drinker'; \$15/ 'Nondrinker'

Join us for a laid back afternoon of live music, outdoor yard games, refreshing local brews, and delicious food! Must be at least 21 years old to attend.

Registration is required by September 1.

Glow Hike

Saturday, October 21

6:00pm–8:30pm

Program Fee: \$5/person; \$20/family

Join Hunt Hill for our annual Glow Hike! Each participant will receive glow-in-the-dark items to enhance your evening under the stars. Follow colorful luminaries along a trail through the woods and enjoy fun lights, great music and entertainment with a family-friendly dance party.

Registration is not required, but strongly encouraged.



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