

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 center donated by Frances Andrews to the National Audubon Society in 1954. It is now locally owned and operated by Friends of Hunt Hill Audubon Sanctuary (FOHHAS). Ms. Andrews was also instrumental in helping consolidate ownership of what would become the Boundary Waters Canoe Area – the most popular wilderness in the U.S. Hunt Hill is named after Ms. Andrews’ mother’s maiden name (Hunt) and the hill atop which the family’s cabins are still perched. Hunt Hill is a sanctuary, which means all living things are given the opportunity to live their natural lives. Hunt Hill is open to the public and trails are free to be explored and enjoyed 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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2024 *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 seven 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. Eight to 14 themed items are hidden along a short, family-friendly trail. Similar to an 'I Spy' game, 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, 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. Arrange to 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 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 17, March 16, April 13, May 18, June 22, July 27, August 17, September 7, October 19 & November 9
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. Youth day camps are open to 7-12 year olds, with 30 camper spots available each day of camp. There are 20 days of individual day camps over five weeks in the summer. Day camps are Monday through Thursday from 9:00am to 4:00pm, with camper drop-off starting at 8:30am.

Please visit our website for more information regarding 2024 Youth Day Camps. Day Camp registration will open in March 2024 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 of 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!



Exotic Pet Surrender Event

Saturday, February 24 • 12:00pm–3:00pm

Program Fee: Free

Do you have an exotic pet that you are no longer able to care for? J&R Aquatic Animal Rescue will be accepting fish, invertebrates, reptiles, pet birds, small mammals, and plants—no questions asked. There will be animal ambassadors you can meet and learn about, and a photo booth where you can take your picture with a rescued pet! *Registration is not required.*

Helping Hands

Saturday, April 27 • 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 not required.*



Citizen Science Programs

Participate in a Citizen Science project at Hunt Hill! Citizen Science empowers the curious and concerned 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
Thursday, April 25; 7:30pm–9:00pm

Bat Roost Count
Saturday, June 1; 8:00pm–9:30pm

Bat Roost Count
Friday, July 12, 8:00pm–9:30pm

Christmas Bird Count*
Saturday, December 14
Meet at 7:00am
*Registration is required
by December 12.

Public Programs

Adult Field Trip: Namekagon Barrens

Tuesday, May 14 • 10:00am–2:00pm

Program Fee: \$8/person

The pine barrens is a unique ecosystem that once covered a large part of Wisconsin. Now only 1-2% of the original ecosystem remains. Join Hunt Hill on an Adult Field Trip to learn about the history of the Namekagon Barrens and what makes this globally rare habitat so special!

Registration required by May 13. Space is limited.

Spring Ecology: Reproductive Strategies

WI Master Naturalist Advanced Training
(Open to all adults)

Saturday, June 8–Sunday, June 9

Program Fee: \$175

Includes meals & lodging.

Explore the varied strategies used by insects, reptiles, amphibians, and mammals to live and reproduce. This course includes lecture and fieldwork.

See hunthill.org for details.

Registration is required by May 31. Space is limited.



To learn more about our WI Master Naturalist Advanced Trainings, scan the QR code with your phone's camera!



American Red Cross CPR & Lifeguard Training

June 3–7 & June 10–14 • 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 27.

Summer Solstice Paddle

Friday, 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.



Habitat Restoration & Wildlife Management

WI Master Naturalist Advanced Training

(Open to all adults)

Saturday, September 21–Sunday, September 22

Program Fee: \$175

Includes meals & lodging.

Field tour of 225+ acre property with managed prairie, savanna, wetland, and forest habitats. Presentations on attracting wildlife, forest management, controlling invasives, and developing a wildlife plan.

See hunthill.org for details.

Registration is required by September 13. Space is limited.

Autumn Equinox Paddle

Sunday, September 22 • 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 20. Space is limited.



Adult Field Trip:

Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum

Friday, September 27 • 11:30am–1:00pm

Program Fee: \$15/person

Join Hunt Hill as we go to the Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum in Wausau and tour the 2024 Birds in Art exhibit! This award-winning museum has been an annual destination for many nature lovers across Wisconsin. A guided tour will reveal inspiration, intention, and overall information about the pieces. Travel time not included.

Registration is required by September 25.

Space is limited.

Snowshoe Making Workshop

Tuesdays, December 3 & 10

Program Fee: \$TBD

Hunt Hill Members: \$TBD

Weave your own pair of snowshoes during this two-day workshop taught by Storme Nelson, retired Hunt Hill Executive Director. Students will receive a pre-made frame and will weave lacing to complete their own pair of durable, Ojibwa-style snowshoes.

Registration is required by November 4, so supplies can be ordered. Space is limited.



Winter Solstice Luminary Hike

Saturday, 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.



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 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.

The Power of Bird-friendly Design

Tuesday, January 16

Snapshot Wisconsin

Tuesday, February 20

Decoding the Driftless

Tuesday, March 19

Wisconsin's Favorite Flying Mammal

Tuesday, April 16



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 (longlakellpa.org).

Registration is not required, but strongly encouraged.



Wisconsin Dragonflies

Saturday, June 29

Our Ancient Ancestors

Saturday, August 10

The Dinosaur of Fresh Waters

Saturday, July 20

Moose Mania

Saturday, August 24

Weeklong Adult Programs

Spanish Language and Culture Camp

July 28–August 2

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 2024 with early access to Hunt Hill Members. Registration is required. Space is limited.

Wisconsin Master Naturalist Volunteer Training

August 10–16

Wisconsin Master Naturalist training is a stimulating week of classroom and fieldwork for people interested in life-long learning, nature, ecology, and conservation issues. Once you have secured registration through the WIMN site, an on-site room and meal plan can be arranged through Hunt Hill's website. This is highly encouraged for ALL participants.

Registration will open on January 8 at 9:00am through wimasternaturalist.org. Space is limited and fills FAST.



FUNDraisers

Hit for the Hill Golf Scramble

Friday, May 31

Delight in a day of golf while supporting Hunt Hill!
Registration is required by May 20.

Ladies Night Out

Thursday, September TBD

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.



Special Events

Earth Day Celebration

Saturday, April 20 • 10:00am

Program Fee: Free

Celebrate Hunt Hill's 2nd Annual Earth Day event with hands-on nature activities and environmentally focused guest speakers.
Registration is not required, but strongly encouraged.

Jazz Night

Friday, August 23 • 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 not required, but strongly encouraged.

Pints on the Prairie

Saturday, September 14 • 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 not required, but strongly encouraged.



Glow Party & Hike

Saturday, October TBD

6:00pm–8:30pm

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

Join Hunt Hill for our annual Glow Event! 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.



Beasts & Beer

Happy Hour: 5:30pm–6:00pm

Program: 6:00pm–7:00pm

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

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.



Ursus Unleashed

At Mary's Bluegill Bar in Birchwood

Wednesday, February 7

Feathered Perspectives

At Christie Mountain in Bruce

Wednesday, March 6

Forest Fungal Secrets

At Washburn County Wellness Center in Spooner

Wednesday, April 3

Courting Feathers

At Badger Brew Coffee in Rice Lake

Wednesday, May 1

Creating a Backyard Buffet

At Perlick Distillery in Saronia

Wednesday, June 5

Into the Vernal Pool

At Buck 'n Beams in Cameron

Wednesday, July 10

History of Frances Andrews

At Hunt Hill Audubon Sanctuary

Wednesday, August 7

Wisconsin Whitetails

At Fire Away Roadhouse & Rest Camp in Cameron

Wednesday, September 4

TBD

At TBD

Wednesday, October 2

Wolves in the Wilderness

At Round Man Brewing Co. in Spooner

Wednesday, November 6



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