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Subject: Thank You for helping support Madison FUN Friends of Urban Nature, the annual Madison FUN Master Naturalist Class, and Saving our new Conservation Nature Park including the old Tree Lines! Vote Yes on 15 and No on 16.

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1 - THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING MADISON FUN FRIENDS OF URBAN NATURE TO OFFER YEAR ROUND EQUITABLE NATURE RECREATION, NATURE EDUCATION AND NATURAL HEALTH OPPORTUNITIES IN MADISON URBAN PARKS AND NATURAL AREAS!

As the volunteer lead coordinator for "Ambassador of FUN" Friends of Urban Nature I help Parks, Environmental and Friends of Parks groups and dozens of Naturalist volunteers co-sponsor free regularly scheduled equitable diverse welcoming nature activities. Together we offer over 100 year round weekly Bird and Nature Adventures and other Nature Recreation and Nature Education outings and events in Madison urban parks and natural areas. Our shared mission is to help Connect Communities and Kids with Nearby Nature. Our Parks supported successful FUN Nature Recreation and Nature Education program is now entering its 10th year and continues to regularly welcome a diversity of participants including lots of families and kids.

I am asking Madison Parks to continue to work with neighborhoods and partner groups to help preserve and restore Urban Natural Areas in all of our Madison parks, greenways and yards to help sustain and support the many benefits of daily Nature Recreation, Nature Education and Natural Health opportunities in every neighborhood and near every school for our growing population and especially for kids. Doing this is a win-win that also helps Madison meet high priority green space, water quality, environmental sustainability, and climate goals. Fewer impermeable streets and mowed lawns with no environmental or nature recreation value, and keeping old tree lines and unmowed borders in all of our parks and greenways, are key parts of meeting those goals. Every old tree area provides a thicket for birds and wildlife and every unmowed border that preserves or can be planted with native wildflowers provides a rain garden or pollinator garden. People love seeing life in their parks.

2 - THANK YOU FOR SAVING HARTMEYER NATURAL AREA INCLUDING OLD TREE LINES!

As Chair of Friends of Hartmeyer Natural Area I helped communicate the strongly expressed desire of many environmentalists, northside and east side residents and surrounding businesses to preserve as many acres of the Hartmeyer Natural Area as possible including the existing old tree lines for wildlife and public nature recreation and education. The developer agreed with this goal and proposed a compromise street and CN zoning plan that was approved by the Madison

Common Council to save 15 acres as a CN Conservation Nature Park and specifically to preserve the mature old tree lines that continues to provide sustainable habitat for a surprising diversity of birds and wildlife. Park planning will include appropriate safe public access paths and lookouts while leaving some key habitat areas undisturbed. Please continue to support these goals.

3 - THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR NEXT GENERATION OF NATURALIST VOLUNTEERS!

This coming Saturday I am helping teach our 6th annual Parks co-sponsored Madison FUN Wisconsin Master Naturalist Class hosted at Warner Park Community Recreation Center with nearby field trips to urban Madison parks and natural areas. Many of our Master Naturalist graduates are Parks volunteers helping lead year round Bird and Nature Adventures outings and other events and many are active in Friends of Parks groups. You will see current and former Parks staff are listed as field trip leaders in the schedule.

- NATURE CENTER SPACE AND PROGRAMMING AT WPCRC, THE NEW PARKS FACILITY AT OLIN, AND OTHER PARKS FACILITIES AND SHELTERS

On a related note, please support a Nature Center resource space and classroom at WPCRC and other Parks facilities and shelters for Nature Recreation Nature Education and Natural Health programming activities with school nature classes, MSCR school and community recreation and Parks recreation programming, and use by FUN partners and other groups. We need more than one just like we need many ball fields and gyms in every neighborhood. The Milwaukee UEC Urban Ecology Center facilities and programming offer a good model for equitable access for diverse challenged neighborhoods and success both volunteer based and as funded school programming.

4 - TONIGHTS AGENDA ITEMS

15 YES - Please vote Yes for Agenda item 15 Snapshot Wisconsin Cam in Warner Park. Hope Nye is one of our Master Naturalist graduates. I will be happy to help provide backup support if needed.

16 NO - Please vote No for Agenda Item 16 that would allow staff to remove trees in greenways at their discretion without public input on proposals. Opportunity for public input and alder consideration beyond staff recommendations are critical as evidenced by our experience at Hartmeyer Natural Area.

ATTACHMENTS

The Madison FUN Master Naturalist Class schedule, a copy of our Madison Parks co-sponsored Bird and Nature Adventure flyer and calendar, and a cover picture of UEC Urban Ecology Center book you may want to read are attached. Please feel free to stop in and introduce yourself at your convenience and join a walk with the Master Naturalist Class or a Bird and Nature Adventure outing!

THANK YOU!

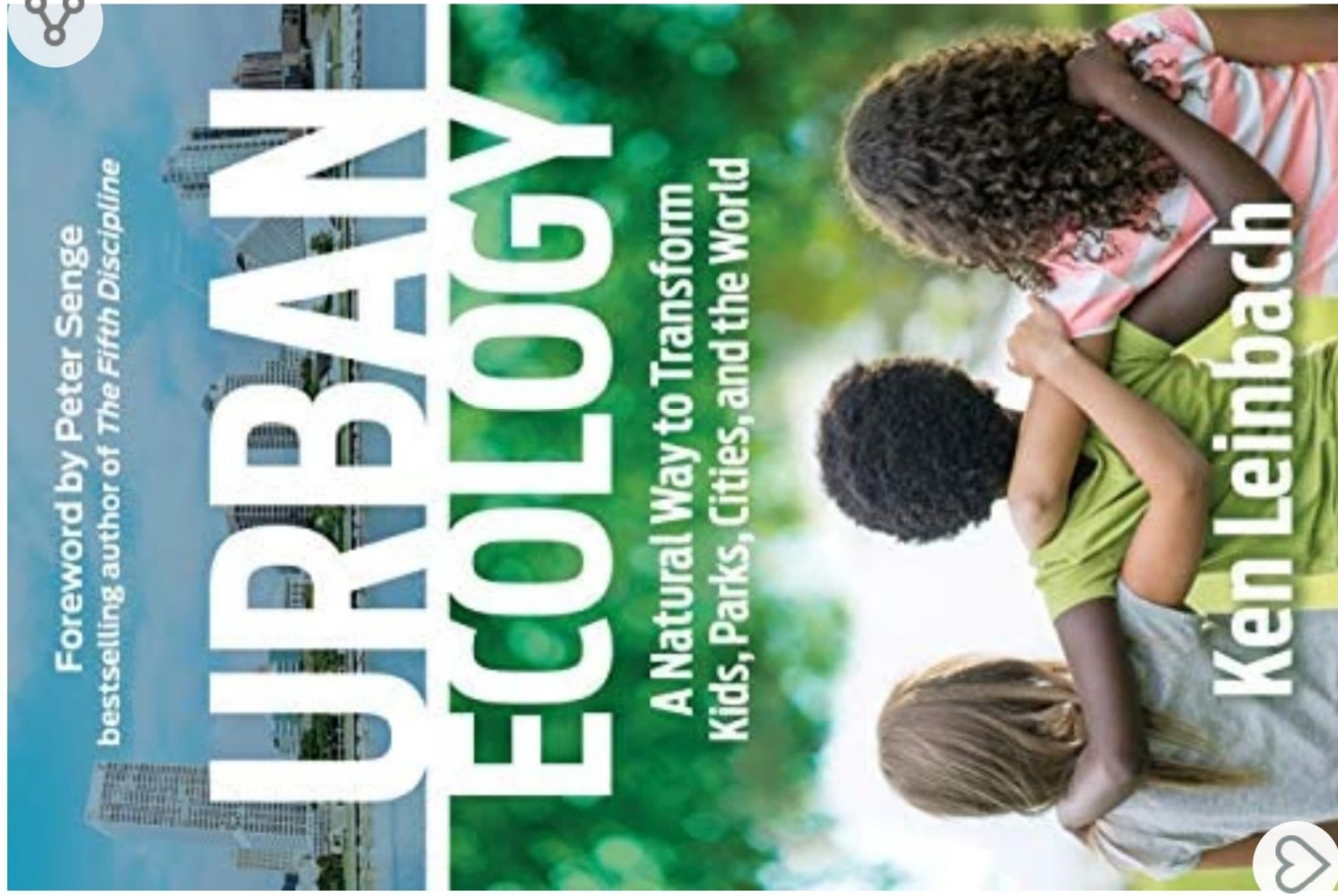
Thank you for serving on the Parks Commission and for supporting these programs and goals! !

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2022 Madison FUN Free Welcoming Bird and Nature Adventures! Connecting All Madison Communities and Kids with Nearby Nature Join Parks and Partners Co-Sponsored Naturalist Guided Outings Enjoy Self-Guided Walks Any Day with Fun Facts Maps & Activities

MONTHLY Guided Walks	JAN - Self-Guided Any Day	FEB - Self-Guided Any Day	MAR - Self-Guided Any Day
1 st Sat 2:30-4 Tenney Park	01 Dane Gallagher: FOY-First Year Birds	05 Paul Noeldner: Groundhogs in Love	05 Alex Singer: Pushups Dreys Cavities
1 st Sun 1:30-3 Cherokee Marsh	02 Sheila Leary: My Nature Resolutions	06 Paul Quinlan: 50 Year Conserv Parks	06 Kathleen Wolf: Sugar Moon Hunger
2 nd Sat 2:30-4 Owen Park	08 Paul Noeldner: Learn Critter Tracks	12 Paul Noeldner: Animals in Winter	12 Beth Whitaker: Stormwater Stroll
2 nd Sun 1:30-3 Turville Point	09 Andria Blattner: The Magic of Snow	13 Gallagher: Owl You Need is Love	13 Dane Gallagher: Early Spring Birds
3 rd Wed 10am Senior Adventure	19 Paul Noeldner: Favorite Bird Stories	16 Nancy Fonzen: Nature in Winter	16 Sean Gere: Trees in Spring
3 rd Sat 10-11:30 Starkweather	15 Alex Singer: Otter Go Sledding Party	19 Alex Singer: Maple Syrupping	19 Alex Singer: Season Creep: Pro & Con
3 rd Sun 1:30-3 Warner Park	16 Kathleen Wolf: The Art of Winter	20 Kathleen Wolf: A New Kind of Winte	20 Alex Singer: What's Up in Warner?
4 th Sat 10-11:30 Edna Taylor/Al	22 Melissa Kesling: What Critters Do	26 JoAnn Riecke: Architecture of Trees	26 Eva Roos: First Flowers of Spring
4 th Sat 1:30-3 Pheasant Branch	22 Eva Roos: Winter Woody Plant ID	26 Eva Roos: Pheasant Branch Ecosystem	26 Persson/Roots: Spring Solstice Walk
4 th Sun 1:30-3 Lakeshore	23 Paul Noeldner: Winter Wonderland	27 Chuck Henrikson: Winter Birds	27 Dane Gallagher: Early Bird Migrants
MONTHLY Guided Walks	APR - Self-Guided Any Day	MAY - Self-Guided Any Day	JUN - Self-Guided Any Day
1 st Sat 2:30-4 Tenney Park	02 Paul Noeldner: Magic of Migration	07 Paul Noeldner: Yahara River Ramble	04 Susan Scott: Good Native Plants
1 st Sun 1:30-3 Cherokee Marsh	03 Alex Singer: Effects of Climate Change	01 Chuck Henrikson: Spring Birds	05 Mary Binkley: Wildflower: Wander
2 nd Sat 2:30-4 Owen Park	09 Beth/Si/Eva: Pasture to Prairie	14 Nancy Fonzen: Beginning Birding	11 Sean Gere: Walk in the Woods
2 nd Sun 1:30-3 Turville Point	10 Julie Melton: Spring is Everywhere!	08 Sean Gere: Turville Tree Walk	12 Melissa Kesling: Explore Turville Trails
3 rd Wed 1:30 Senior Adventure	20 JoAnn Riecke: Signs of Spring	18 Nancy Fonzen: Bird is the Word	15 Julie Melton: Blooming Prairies
3 rd Sat 10-11:30 Starkweather	16 Starkweather Friends: Creek Cleanup	21 James Winkelman: Explore the Creek	18 Alex Singer: Summer Solstice
3 rd Sun 1:30-3 Warner Park	17 Alex Singer: Looking for Ephemerals	15 Steve Mansorge: Nature Journaling	19 Kathleen Wolf: Orienteering
4 th Sat 10-11:30 Edna Taylor/Al	23 Julie Melton: Do You Hear a Frog?	28 Mary Binkley: Signs of Spring	25 Dane Gallagher: Baby Bird Bonanza
4 th Sat 1:30-3 Pheasant Branch	23 JoAnn Riecke: Signs of Spring	28 Alex Singer: The Month of Maying	25 Lynn Persson: Prairie Plant ID
4 th Sun 1:30-3 Lakeshore	24 Denniston/Emshwiller: Wildflowers	22 R Ness/J Koziol: Martins & Bluebirds	26 Preserve Staff: Preserve Projects
Special Events	24 Madison FUN Bird & Nature Festival Warner Park 1-4 Live Raptors/Activities	27-30 Madison FUN Bird and Nature Retreat Mem Day Weekend Lake Lucern	
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1 st Sat 2:30-4 Tenney Park	02 Sheila Leary: Butterfly Host Plants	06 Gallagher/Kling: Pontoons Nature	03 Gallagher/Kling: Pontoons Nature
1 st Sun 1:30-3 Cherokee Marsh	03 Mary Binkley: Frog and Bug Hop	07 Persson/Roots: Learn Prairie Plant ID	04 Alex Singer: Ecotones-Habitat Edges
2 nd Sat 2:30-4 Owen Park	09 Komai/Sessions: History & Ecology	13 Sylvia Marek: Prairies in Bloom	10 Sylvia Marek: Monarchs & More
2 nd Sun 1:30-3 Turville Point	10 Dane Gallagher: Birding Turville Poin	14 Kathleen Wolf: Mushrooms & Fungi!	11 Kesling/Henrikson: Early Fall Migrants
3 rd Wed 1:30 Senior Adventure	20 Julie Melton: Butterflies and Bees	17 Nancy Fonzen: Trees of All Kinds	21 Nancy Fonzen: What's in the Pond?
3 rd Sat 10-11:30 Starkweather	16 Lance Green: Creek Life Monitoring	20 Starkweather Friends: Eken Park Fes	17 James Winkelman: Bike Rain Gardens
3 rd Sun 1:30-3 Warner Park	17 Tim Nelson: Warner Tree Plantings	21 Kathleen Wolf: Mushrooms & Fungi!	18 Alex Singer: In Search of Insects
4 th Sat 10-11:30 Edna Taylor/Al	23 Alex Singer: Stop Bugging Me	27 Julie Melton: Birds, Bugs & Bees	24 Steph Schmidt/ICF: Walk Like a Crane
4 th Sat 1:30-3 Pheasant Branch	23 Sean Gere: Summer Tree Phenology	27 Robin King: Late Summer Flora Faun!	24 Marjorie Rhine: Insect Super-Powers
4 th Sun 1:30-3 Lakeshore	24 John Magnuson: Class of 1918 Marsh	28 Tom Bryan: UW Student Farm	25 Marie Trest: Fascinating Fungi!
Special Events	16-23-30 Madison FUN Master Naturalis Class Warner Park & Nearby Field Trips	06-13-20 Madison FUN Master Naturalis Class Warner Park & Nearby Field Trips	Dec 31 6:30 New Year's Eve Family Walk at Edna Taylor/ALINC with JoAnn Riecke
MONTHLY Guided Walks	OCT - Self-Guided Any Day	NOV - Self-Guided Any Day	DEC - Self-Guided Any Day
1 st Sat 2:30-4 Tenney Park	01 Dane Gallagher: Migration Magic	05 Dane Gallagher: Waterfowl Wander	03 JoAnn Riecke: Architecture of Trees
1 st Sun 1:30-3 Cherokee Marsh	02 Sean Gere: Fall Colors at Cherokee	06 David Mickelson: Ice Age Geology	04 Eva Roos: Winter Native Plant ID
2 nd Sat 2:30-4 Owen Park	08 Marj Rhine: Insect Super-Powers	12 Eva Roos: Autumn in the Prairie	10 Beth Whitaker: Nature as Classroom
2 nd Sun 1:30-3 Turville Point	09 Sean Gere: Fall Trees at Turville	13 Alex Singer: Preparing for Winter	11 Andria Blattner: Magic of Snow
3 rd Wed 10am Senior Adventure	19 Nancy Fonzen: Who's Still Here?	16 Nancy Fonzen: Skins and Skulls	21 Kathleen Wolf Gifts for the Wild
3 rd Sat 10-11:30 Starkweather	15 Jeff Steele: Native Plant Workshop	19 Paul Noeldner: Thanksgiving Birds	17 Lynn Persson: Winter Solstice Walk
3 rd Sun 1:30-3 Warner Park	16 Persson/Roots: Reflections & Change	20 Alex Singer: Prairie Seed Collection	18 Robin Kling: The Longest Night
4 th Sat 10-11:30 Edna Taylor/Al	22 Julie Melton: Fall Comings & Goings	26 Alex Singer: Masting Natural Excess	24 Paul Noeldner: Natures Gifts
4 th Sat 1:30-3 Pheasant Branch	22 Alex Singer: Night Isn't Scary for All	26 Paul Noeldner: Creek Nature Hike	24 Alex Singer: Signs of Life
4 th Sun 1:30-3 Lakeshore	23 Tom Bryan: Amazing Leopold Hall	27 Chuck Henrikson: Fun Fall Birding	25 Preserve Friends: Favorite Places

See Details at <http://cityofmadison.com/parks> and Madison FUN and Friends Group FB Pages
 Find Fun Facts, Maps & Self-Guided Activities at <http://tinyurl.com/MadisonFUNAdventures>
 Madison FUN Contact paul_noeldner@hotmail.com 608-698-0104 Calendar Update 05/21/22



2022 CLASS SCHEDULE 6 SUMMER SATURDAYS 8:30-5

Instructor: Paul Noeldner 608-698-0104 paul_noeldner@hotmail.com

Co-Instructors: Sheila Leary, Robin Kling, Linda Malkin Update: 07/05/22

Files: <http://tinyurl.com/MadisonFUNMNC> <http://wimasternaturalist.org>

Shared Class Pics and Comments: <http://Facebook.com/Groups/MadisonFUNMasterNaturalistClass>

- SAT JUL 16** - Gather 8 to 8:30 at Warner Park Community Rec Center Mtg Rm, 1625 Northport Dr
08:30 - Instructors: Welcome, Key Concepts, Ch 2 Ecology, Ch 5 Interpretation, Citizen Science
10:00 - Chuck Henrikson/Russ Hefty: Birding as Intro to Habitats at Warner Park, 1625 Northport Dr
12:00 - Bag Lunch at Warner Park, Meet Park and Partner Group Contacts, Volunteer Opportunities
12:30 - Kevin Hanley: Citizen Science – Intro to Using iNaturalist at Warner Park Center
02:00 - Sylvia Marek/Kevin Hanley: Interpreting the Landscape at UW Arboretum, 1207 Seminole
04:00 - Recap, Introduce Student Projects, Goals and Ideas at Warner Park Center
SAT JUL 23 - Gather 8 to 8:30 at Warner Park Community Rec Center Mtg Rm, 1625 Northport Dr
08:30 - Instructors: Classroom Activities, Ch 3 Plants, Ch 7 Aquatics
10:00 - Wayne Pauly: Prairie Plants & Interpretation at Yahara Heights Co Park, 5198 Caton Ln
12:00 - Bag Lunch at Warner Park, Meet Park and Partner Group Contacts, Volunteer Opportunities
01:00 - Alex Singer: Homegrown National Park Yard Tour and Tallamy's Latest at 410 Luster Ave
03:00 - Kathleen Wolf/Mary Binkley/Lance Green: Water Quality&Aquatics - Warner Rainbow Shelter
04:00 - Recap, Student Projects Discussion at Warner Park Center
SAT JUL 30 – Gather 8 to 8:30 at Warner Park Community Rec Center Mtg Rm, 1625 Northport Dr
08:30 - Instructors: Classroom Activities, Ch 6 Water, Ch 8 Human Connections
10:00 - Tom Bernthal: Prairie & Wetland Plant ID at Pheasant Branch, 4864 Pheasant Br. Rd
12:00 - Bag Lunch at Owen Park, Meet Park and Partner Group Contacts, Volunteer Opportunities
01:00 - Tom Murn/Si Widstrand/Paul Quinlan: Human Connections at Owen Park, 6021 Old Sauk
03:00 - Michelle Probst: Climate Change at Warner Park Center
04:00 - Recap, Student Projects Discussion at Warner Park Center
SAT AUG 06 - Gather 8 to 8:30 at Warner Park Community Rec Center Mtg Rm, 1625 Northport Dr
08:30 - Instructors: Classroom Activities, Ch 1 Geology, Ch 4 Wildlife
10:00 - Sue Carpenter: Bumblebee Brigade & Pollinators at Lakeshore Preserve, 2002 Univ Bay Dr
12:00 - Bag Lunch at Memorial Union, Drive to Russell Labs 1645 Observatory Dr Lot 36 Ramp
01:00 - David Drake: Wildlife & Urban Canids at UW Russell Labs A228, Babcock Ice Cream Break
03:00 - David Mickelson: Intro to Ice Age & Wisconsin Geology at Warner Park Center
04:00 - Recap, Review Plans for Aug 13 Full Day Field Trip & Aug 20 Student Project Presentations
SAT AUG 13 - FULL DAY FIELD TRIP – Instructors/Field Trip Leaders
Gather 8 to 8:30 at Devils Lake State Park North Shore, 5975 N Park Rd, Baraboo (\$13 park fee), continue thru parking lot, turn right after RR, park in last lot by East Bluff Trail, bathrooms nearby
08:30 - David Mickelson: Devils Lake, Ice Age & Wisconsin Geology Talk/Tour at Elephant Rock
10:00 - Left DL 1 mi, left WI 136 13 mi to 550 River St Rock Springs Ablemans Gorge/Van Hise Rock
11:30 - North WI 136 4 mi, right WI 23 7 mi, right on Shady Lane Rd 5 mi to E11376 Shady Lane Rd
12:00 - ICF Staff/Rich Beilfuss: Bag Lunch Talk/Tour International Crane Foundation (\$10 tour fee)
02:00 - Left on Shady Lane 1 mi, left A 1 mi, right T 3 mi, left on Levee Rd 2 mi to E13701 Levee Rd
02:30 - ALF Staff: Aldo Leopold and Wisconsin Ecology at Aldo Leopold Foundation (\$10 tour fee)
03:30 - Left on Levee Rd 2 mi to the Leopold Shack for Tour, Open Discussion and Recap
SAT AUG 20 – PROJECT REPORTS & CERTIFICATES - Instructors/Greta Landis
Gather 8 to 8:30 at Warner Park Com Rec Center Mtg Rm, 1625 Northport Dr
08:30 - Review Key Concepts, Student Goals, Class Activities, Take-Aways
10:00 - Student Projects and Master Naturalist Certificate Presentations
12:00 - Bag Lunch at Warner Park, Greta Landis: How to Report Volunteer Time
01:00 - Student Projects and Master Naturalist Certificate Presentations
03:00 - Wrap up, Celebrate, Share Pics, Contacts, Stay in Touch!

