

Current Happenings

January 4, 2023

Candlelight Snowshoe Hike

Date: Friday, Jan 13
Time: Early Shift- 6:00-7:30 PM, Late Shift- 7:30-9:00 PM
Location: Wise Nature Center
Cost: Members \$8, Nonmembers \$12, Rental Fee \$3/person



We're coming up on our first Candlelight Snowshoe Hike of the season! Come to Beaver Creek as candles and moonlight illuminate the way as you explore our trails on snowshoes. A warm campfire awaits you as you finish the trail. Snowshoes will be available to rent for one of the two shifts, either 6 until 7:30 p.m. or 7:30 until 9 p.m. If you have your own snowshoes, you may register for either session. Please be sure to indicate how many people are in your party, and the number of snowshoe rentals. Please note that rental equipment is limited and may sell out. Prices for snowshoes and program are per person.

*If the weather does not provide enough snow to allow for safe snowshoeing, then you will be able to hike the trails. This decision will be made by Beaver Creek staff the day of the event.

Pre-registration ends Wednesday, Jan 11. Walk-ins are available.

[Register Now](#)

Upcoming Programs & Events

Morning Stroll with Winter Beauty

Date: Thursday, Jan 5
Time: 8:00-9:30 AM
Cost: Members \$5, Non-members \$10
Location: Wise Nature Center



Lace up your winter boots and dress warm as we go for a morning stroll through the woods to admire the natural beauty of winter. Bring a reusable coffee mug for a warm morning beverage to take along with you! Coffee and tea will be provided.

Registration ends today, Jan 4. [Register now!](#)

Winter Bird Banding

Date: Saturday, Jan 7
Time: 8:30-10:30 AM
Cost: Members FREE, Non-members \$5

Happy New Year!

Thank you to all our friends, volunteers, donors, community partners, and visitors for your continued support in 2022! Here's to a happy, healthy, and joyous holiday; we can't wait to see you all again in 2023. Happy New Year!

Also, thank you to everyone that donated to our 75th Anniversary Annual Fund. **We are currently less than \$500 away from reaching our goal of \$75,000!** If you would like to make a last minute donation, click the button below-

[Donate Now](#)

Location: Wise Nature Center

Join the Beaver Creek bird banders for a morning of bird banding. This is a great opportunity to see some of the birds that visit our feeders up close and personal. Learn about bird identification & behavior, what to feed birds, and why we band them.

Registration ends Thursday, Jan 5.
[Register now!](#)

Evening Exploration

Date: Monday, Jan 9

Time: 6:30-7:30 PM

Cost: Members \$5, Non-members \$10

Location: Wise Nature Center



Join us as one of our Naturalists guide budding scientists through an interactive evening hike at Beaver Creek! Discover how nighttime affects both animals and our own senses. We'll learn what type of adaptations animals have to overcome challenges faced after the lights dim. This program is offered for children 10-12 years of age. **Registration ends Sunday, Jan 8.**

[Register now!](#)

Family Campout

Date: Friday, Jan 13-
Sunday, Jan 15

Time: Check-in Friday
between 5:00-7:00 PM. Check-out on
Sunday at 10:00 AM.

Cost: Members \$50/person, Non-members
\$60/person (*up to families of 5, additional
members after 5 are \$20/person*)

Location: Youth Camp



Bring your family and friends for a weekend overnight campout here at Beaver Creek! You will get to stay in one of our cabins, experience various winter activities, and cook meals over a fire of our own making. Activities include winter animal tracking, xc skiing, snowshoeing, snowman building, and more! **Registration ends this Friday, Jan 6.** [Learn more & register now!](#)

Fascinating Falcons

Date: Saturday, Jan 14

Time: 10:00-11:00 AM

Cost: Members \$10, Non-members \$12

Location: Wise Nature Center



Come learn all about the Falcons of Wisconsin and the adaptations that help them survive. Our American Kestrel, Aurora, will be making an appearance.

Registration ends Thursday, Jan 12.
[Register now!](#)



Need for Seed!

As our bird banders prepare for their winter and spring banding seasons, they are in need of more seed! We are looking for donations of-

- Black Oil Sunflower
- Mixed Seed

Donations can be dropped off at the Wise Nature Center during our open hours. No need to call ahead. Our birds and banders thank you!



Winter Rental Update

Both our cross-country ski and snowshoe rentals are **NOW AVAILABLE!** Snowshoe or ski on our trails, or take them off BCR property. See daily rates below-

- Members: \$3/rental
- Nonmembers: \$10/rental

**Boots, skis, and poles are included in the XC ski rental.*

Trail Conditions (*updated Tuesday, Jan 3*): Our XC ski trails were last groomed on Wednesday, Dec 28, however this warmer weather isn't the most ideal conditions for skiing. Our snowshoe trails are still packed with snow and perfect for getting outside.

Learn to XC Ski

Dates:

- Saturday, Jan 14
(FULL)
- [Sunday, Jan 15](#)

Time: 10:00-12:00 PM

Cost: Members \$12, Non-members \$15

Location: Wise Nature Center



Come learn the basics of one of Wisconsin's best outdoor activities! We will discuss choosing the correct equipment, then head out on Beaver Creek trails! Please dress for the weather. Program is subject to cancellation for extreme weather conditions. Class is geared towards ages 10+. **Registration ends 2 days before each class.** Register above!

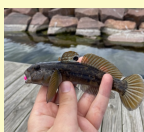
Invaders in 15: Round Goby

Date: Wednesday, Jan 18

Time: 9:00 AM

Cost: FREE

**This is a virtual program.*



Join us for this flash webinar series on invasive species! Learn the history, biology, and ecological impact of "Round Goby." This month's feature is a little fish that has caused big problems for the Great Lakes region. A program link will be sent to the registrant's email address prior to the start of the program. **Registration ends Tuesday, Jan 17 at 4:00 PM.** [Register now!](#)

Wildlife Friendly Snowman

Date: Thursday, Jan 19

Time: 10:00-12:00 PM

Cost: Members \$5, Non-members \$8

Location: Wise Nature Center



Come build snowmen & make wildlife-friendly accessories for them! Get to know the birds & small mammals that will enjoy your addition to their diet. **Registration ends Tuesday, Jan 17.** [Register now!](#)

Make Your Own Snowshoes

Date: Saturday, Feb 4 & Sunday, Feb 5

Time: 9:30-3:30 PM

Cost: Members \$210, Non-members \$230

Location: Wise Nature Center



Snowshoeing is a popular winter activity. Make your own pair of traditional, wooden snowshoes in this two-day workshop. Choose from one of three styles of snowshoes: Green Mountain bear paw, Alaskan trail shoe, or the all-purpose

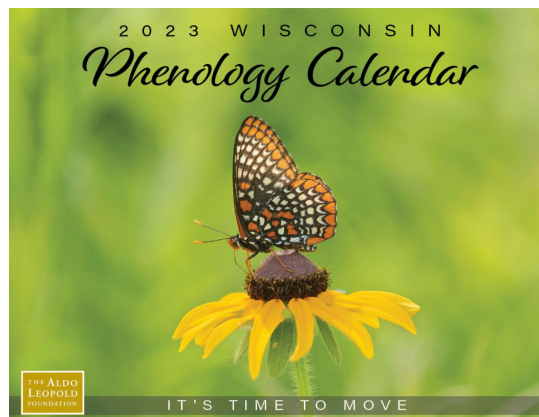


2023 Phenology Calendar

If you preordered a 2023 Aldo Leopold Foundation phenology calendar, they are here! Stop by during our open hours to pick them up-

- Monday-Saturday: 9:00-4:00 PM
- Sunday: 12:00-4:00 PM

If you missed the preorder, we will have a small amount in our nature store available for purchase - *as supplies last!*



Volunteer Opportunities

Maple Syrup Volunteer Training

Date: Wednesday, Feb 15

Time: 10:00-12:00 PM

Location: Wise Nature Center

We're looking for volunteers to help with our maple sugaring program here at Beaver Creek this spring. Maple sugaring usually starts in late February to early March.

Duties include:

- Sitting in our sugar shack
- Stoking the fire
- Drawing off maple syrup
- Collecting sap
- Assisting with tapping trees

Ojibwa style. Please indicate the snowshoe frame style desired when registering. Bring to class: PATIENCE, bag lunch, tape measure, pencil, scissors and matches or lighter. The price includes a snowshoe kit, bindings, and two days of instruction.

Registration ends Sunday, Jan 22.
[Register now!](#)

[2023 Program Calendar](#)

Contact our WisCorps Naturalist, [Mia](#), for more information or to sign up!



Membership Update

Members get sweet discounts on our winter programming! Learn how to make your own pair of traditional wooden snowshoes, sign up for Intro to Snowshoeing or Learn to XC Ski, or join us for Winter Animal Tracking! There's so much to learn and discover this winter, so come explore with Beaver Creek Reserve!

Our most popular member benefits:

- Free daily admission
- Reduced fees for programs and camps
- Free and reduced rates for equipment rentals (*like cross-country skis and snowshoes*)
- 10% discount in the Nature Store
- Keep up to date with our Current Happenings biweekly email
- ANCA reciprocal membership



[Learn More](#)

In Your Backyard



Prune Oak Trees In Winter To Help Prevent Oak Wilt | Wisconsin DNR

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) reminds Wisconsin residents that now is the time to prune oak trees, as the risk of harmful pests spreading tree diseases, such as oak wilt, increases in the spring. Oak wilt is Wisconsin's most destructive oak disease, killing thousands of

healthy trees annually.

[Read More](#)



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