

# Naturalist Programs 2025

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### Spring Equinox Celebration

**Saturday, March 22 / 1:00 pm-2:30 pm - Meet at Allen Lake Picnic Shelter**

Ms. Planet is going to lead us in celebration of the Spring Equinox by hiking in nature's waking season. Put on your detective hats, because we are looking for clues that Spring has arrived, using all the little signs that it takes a curious mind to discover.

### Learn Nature Photography

**Saturday, April 12 / 1:00 pm-2:30 pm - Meet at Allen Lake Picnic Shelter**

Nature photography enthusiast Ms. Planet will guide us on a walk through the great outdoors, showing us tips, tricks, and the ethics of nature photography. Please bring your phone or camera. Beginners of all ages are welcome.

### Sounds of the Night

**Thursday, May 1 / 8:00 pm-9:00 pm - Meet at the Allen Lake Picnic Shelter**

Join our camp host for a short, easy walk to listen and learn about frogs, whippoorwills, and other creatures of the night that inhabit the park. This walk is on a paved accessible trail. No dogs please.

### Spring Morning Bird Walk #1

**Saturday, May 3 / 8:00 am-10:00 am - Meet at the Allen Lake Fishing Pier**

May is full of bird song, returning migrants, and colorful warblers. Join us for a one mile walk around Allen Lake - it could be muddy in places. Beginner to experienced birders are welcome. Bring binoculars. Some will be available.

### Spring Morning Bird Walk #2

**Saturday, May 10 / 8:00 am-10:00 am - Meet at the Amphitheater**

May is full of bird song, returning migrants, and colorful warblers. Join us for this easy one mile walk on the accessible Dike Trail on Hartman Lake. Beginner to experienced birders are welcome. Bring binoculars. Some will be available.

### Native Flowers for Mom

**Saturday, May 10 / 1:00 pm-2:30 pm - Meet at the Allen Lake Picnic Shelter**

Bring Mom on a lovely native, ephemeral wildflower hike, and create a bigger-than-life sidewalk chalk bouquet with Ms. Planet.

### Live Birds of Prey - Up Close!

**Saturday, May 17 / 1:00 pm-2:00 pm - Meet at the Amphitheater**

Aves Wildlife Alliance will bring live birds of prey including hawks, owls, and falcons. Raptors are critical to a healthy environment. No dogs will be allowed at this program because of the live birds.

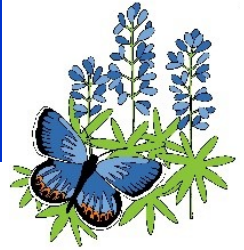
### Randy Peterson: Musical Fun for Everyone!

**Saturday, May 24 / 6:30 pm-7:30 pm - Meet at the Amphitheater**

This high energy concert will be a fast-moving mix of music, humor, and storytelling that is geared for kids, but which all ages enjoy. Widely known for his interactive, sing-along shows, Randy has received much acclaim for his songwriting.

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### Fishing with Father

**Saturday, June 7 / 1:00 pm-2:30 pm - Meet at Allen Lake Picnic Shelter**

Let's go fishing with dad on Free Fishing Weekend (no fishing license or park pass needed). We'll share fishing stories, talk ethics, and cross our fingers we catch a big one. Bring fishing gear if you have it, but some will be available to use. Family-friendly.

### Nature's Potpourri Hikes

**Saturday, June 14 / 9:00-11:00 am & 1:00-3:00 pm - Meet at Enclosed Picnic Shelter near Amphitheater**

Winnebago Audubon invites you to join Anita Carpenter in exploring her favorite park where there is lots to discover in its varied habitats. The focus is to discover whatever nature presents including birds, flowers, trees, insects, and more. Attend one or both hikes which will explore different areas of the park: 9-11 am and 1-3 pm. Bring a bag lunch, if you like. This is a family-friendly event.

### Ryan Meisel's Spiritual Currents Concert

**Saturday, June 21 / 7:00 pm-8:30 pm - Amphitheater (in case of rain: Enclosed Shelter)**

Music and storytelling in a relaxed setting creates an enjoyable experience for all. Ryan Meisel's Spiritual Currents blends Indigenous world music with his background in jazz. It honors his spiritual connection to nature and cultures from around the world. He performs Native American flutes, saxophones, and indigenous woodwinds (East Indian Bansuri, Lithuanian Skuduciai & Birbyne, Irish flutes & whistles, Slovakian Fujara, and Andean Pan Pipes). Ryan Meisel continues his 2025 Wisconsin state park tour at Hartman Creek! Ryan will perform music from his newest recording Stone Songs, Wooden Voices & Water Dances, featuring new instruments and compositions inspired by his travels to our great National and State parks, trails, and waterways! Upon completion of the performance Ryan will lead a drum circle for guests of the event to participate in.

### Magical World of Honey Bees & Native Pollinators

**Saturday, June 28 / 1:00 pm-2:30 pm - Meet at the Allen Lake Picnic Shelter**

Meet Julie Mazzoleni, a beekeeper, who will introduce us to the magical world of the honeybee and most importantly, the native bees and other pollinators we see in our gardens and parks every day. She'll explain the critical role they play for a strong, healthy ecosystem, why they are at risk today, and the simple things we can do to help them thrive.

### Interesting Insects

**Saturday, July 5 / 1:00 pm-2:30 pm - Meet at the Allen Lake Picnic Shelter**

Let's go looking for cute, weird, creepy, crawly, crazy, leggy things. Ms. Planet will lead us in chat about conquering fears. We'll learn about why insects are essential building blocks to life on Earth. In addition to our exploration walk, we are going to have an insect Lego building activity.

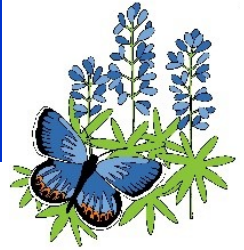
### Traveling Snake Show

**Saturday, July 26 / 1:00 pm-3:00 pm - At the Amphitheater**

Join us to learn about the wonderful world of snakes - one of the most misunderstood creatures. Steve and Carl will talk about different snakes of the world, including ones you can find right here in Wisconsin. Then you will have the opportunity to interact with them in a safe, controlled environment. All ages welcome. No dogs will be allowed at this program because of the live snakes. Thank you for understanding.

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### Shakespeare in the Park: Love's Labour's Lost

**Sunday, July 27 / Workshop: 1:00 pm; Performance: 2:30 pm - Amphitheater**

The Summit Players present Shakespeare's "Love's Labour's Lost" for an unique and silly show! The King of Navarre and his three companions, Berowne, Dumaine and Longaville, commit themselves to three years of hard study with no distractions. To further their commitment, the King declares that no woman will be allowed within a mile of the court. When a French Princess arrives with her three attendants, the men immediately regret their oath in this fun and satisfying summer Shakespeare show.

### Bats in the Park!

**Saturday, August 9 / 8:00 pm-9:30 pm - Meet at Beach Picnic Shelter**

Learn about the bats that inhabit the park from those who monitor the bat houses. After a short presentation, we will walk down the path to the bat houses to do our bat monitoring. Bring a chair to comfortably sit and watch awhile.

### Native Scavenger Hunt

**Saturday, August 16 / 1:00 pm-2:30 pm - Meet at the Allen Lake Picnic Shelter**

Let's go with Ms. Planet on an exciting scavenger hunt that ends with an X marks the spot! There will be a plethora of prizes for young ones to enjoy.

### Family Music Fun with Tom Pease

**Saturday, August 23 / 6:30 pm-7:30 pm - Amphitheater (In case of rain: Enclosed Shelter)**

Tom Pease has an infectious sense of fun and community building. With movement, sign language, humor, and joy, he creates concerts through attendee participation and leaves audiences of children and adults laughing and singing. Join as he celebrates the moments in the park.

### Monarch Tagging Extravaganza

**Saturday, Sept. 6 / 1:00 pm-2:30 pm - Meet at picnic shelter at beach concessions.**

Bring smocks and smiles! We are going to join Janet and Ms. Planet in making special monarch canvas paintings. Then, we will become citizen scientists and look for monarchs to tag and release in the prairie.

### Fascinating Fungi

**Saturday, Sept. 13 / 1:00 pm-2:30 pm - Meet at Hartman Lake near enclosed shelter.**

We'll take a hike with Ms. Planet to look for and identify fungi, lichen, and slime mold. During this activity we will practice making spore prints. Meet at Hartman Lake near enclosed shelter.

### Live Birds of Prey Up Close!

**Saturday, Sept. 20 / 1:00 pm-2:00 pm - Amphitheater (In case of rain: Enclosed Shelter)**

Raptor rehabilitator and educator Jane Kelly of On the Wing, will present a live raptor program in the park. Audience