



# Retzer Nature Center

Waukesha County Parks & Land Use  
S14 W28167 Madison Street  
Waukesha, WI 53188

**Return Service Requested**

Environmental Learning Center Office Hours:  
Sunday - Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
For more information call - (262) 896-8007  
**For Program Registration call - (262) 548-7801**  
[www.waukeshacountyparks.com](http://www.waukeshacountyparks.com)

## YOUR *Fall* NATURE PROGRAM GUIDE SEPTEMBER - NOVEMBER 2010

<b>September 1</b> <i>Wednesday</i>	<b>Camera Club</b>	<b>October 15</b> <i>Friday</i>	<b>Twilight Delight</b> "Migration"	<b>November 7</b> <i>Sunday</i>	<b>"Friends" Photo Contest - Reception at Retzer</b>
<b>September 18</b> <i>Saturday</i>	<b>Apple Harvest Festival</b>	<b>October 16</b> <i>Saturday</i>	<b>Fall Color Hike at Nashotah Park</b>	<b>November 9</b> <i>Tuesday</i>	<b>Wee Wonders "Gobble, Gobble, Honk"</b>
<b>September 21</b> <i>Tuesdays</i>	<b>Yoga Class Begins</b>	<b>October 20</b> <i>Wednesday</i>	<b>Nature Sprouts The BIG 9: Facts on Bats</b>	<b>November 9</b> <i>Tuesdays</i>	<b>Yoga Class Begins</b>
<b>October</b>	<b>Place Your Bird Seed Order in October</b>	<b>October 21</b> <i>Thursday</i>	<b>Forest Ecology Workshop Part 1 - Slide Program</b>	<b>November 13</b> <i>Saturday</i>	<b>Basket Workshop "Christmas Plaid Market Basket"</b>
<b>October 2</b> <i>Saturday</i>	<b>Discover Composting</b>	<b>October 23</b> <i>Saturday</i>	<b>Forest Ecology Workshop Part 2 - Field Session</b>	<b>November 17</b> <i>Wednesday</i>	<b>Nature Sprouts "Oh Turkey Feathers!"</b>
<b>October 6</b> <i>Wednesday</i>	<b>Camera Club</b>	<b>November 3</b> <i>Wednesday</i>	<b>Camera Club</b>		
<b>October 12</b> <i>Tuesday</i>	<b>Wee Wonders "Pumpkin Time"</b>	<b>Nov. 5-8 &amp; 10</b> <i>Fri.-Mon. &amp; Wed.</i>	<b>Bird Seed Order Pick Up at County Parks</b>		



### **VOLUNTEER TEACHER NATURALIST TRAINING**

This apprenticeship program is for adults interested in volunteering to lead hikes for school groups that come to Retzer Nature Center. Topics will include: general interpretation of the Wisconsin landscape (especially the plants, animals, and ecology of Retzer Nature Center); environmental education activities (and equipment) used at Retzer; and strategies and tactics for outdoor teaching of school children. Training will include assisting with scheduled programs.

**There is no registration deadline; we welcome new volunteers anytime of the year.**

Call Retzer Nature Center (262) 896-8007 to sign up or for additional information.

### **RETZER NATURE CENTER CAMERA CLUB**

The Camera Club meets monthly, with instructional programs, sharing/critique of members' photographs, discussion of equipment and technique, and opportunities for taking photographs at Retzer Nature Center and other nature areas.

DATE: Wednesday, September 1  
TIME: 7:00 p.m.

DATE: Wednesday, October 6  
TIME: 7:00 p.m.

DATE: Wednesday, November 3  
TIME: 7:00 p.m.





## **RETZER BIRD SEED SALE BEGINS IN OCTOBER**

Watch your mailbox for our 2010 Bird Seed Flyer! Orders are taken during the month of October. Excellent Bird Seed! Excellent Prices!

### **DISCOVER COMPOSTING**

#### ***Adult Program***

Fall is a perfect time to start composting. Use nature's method of recycling and turn the nutrients in those leaves into a wonderful soil amendment. Learn how to reduce your trash by about 1/3 by composting vegetable and kitchen scraps and garden debris. Hands-on demonstration at Retzer's "Discovery Tour and Field Lab." Attendees can enter a drawing to win a free composting bin.

DATE: Saturday, October 2  
TIME: 10:00-11:30 a.m.  
FEE: FREE  
REGISTER BY: Wednesday, September 29, call 262-896-8302 to register.



### **YOGA CLASS**

#### ***Age 12 thru Adult***

Yoga is the oldest system of personal development in the world, encompassing body, mind, and spirit. Get started and discover how Yoga can be beneficial to the quality of your life. This 6-week course with Certified Instructor, Fred Varin, will focus on the basics of Hatha Yoga, a physical and mental form of Yoga that emphasizes Asanas or physical postures. Postures exercise every part of the body, stretching and toning

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muscles and joints, the spine, and skeletal system. This gentle introduction to Yoga will help you stretch and introduce you to a series of movements. It will also include balanced postures and relaxation. You will learn techniques on how to breathe to minimize the stress in your life and gain vital inner energy. You do not need to have a prior Yoga experience to join. Participants should bring a mat/blanket and wear loose, comfortable clothing. Ages 12 to 17 must be accompanied by an adult. Maximum number of registrants 15, minimum 5.

DATES: Tuesdays, starting September 21  
TIME: 5:30-6:30 p.m.  
FEE: \$60.00 for 6 weeks of class over an 8-week period  
REGISTER BY: Monday, September 20

DATE: Tuesdays, November 9  
TIME: 5:30-6:30 p.m.  
FEE: \$60.00 for 6 weeks of class over an 8-week period  
REGISTER BY: Monday, November 8

### **BASKET MAKING WORKSHOP**

#### ***Adult Program***

"Christmas Plaid Market Basket" Perk up this generous market basket with a distinctive overlay in festive colors. Practice starting a base, start/stop weaving and triple twining. Dyed reed accents the rim as well. Shaping tips will be shared. Finish with a decorative embellishment. Finished dimensions are approximately 10" wide x 15" long x 7" high. All level weavers are welcome. Bring the following supplies with you to class: Clippers with a thin blade or strong scissors, several clip clothespins, small flat screwdriver, flexible tape measure, bucket or pail, plant mister, pencil and an old towel. Maximum number of registrants 12, minimum 5.

DATE: Saturday, November 13  
TIME: 9:00-4:00 a.m.  
FEE: \$38.00  
REGISTER BY: Friday, October 29



### **WEE WONDERS**

#### ***Ages 2-4***

This monthly program is designed for parents or grandparents with young children ages 2 to 4. Wee Wonders will introduce sensory skills that help you, the adult, experience the natural world with your child. Each month we will introduce a new theme to stimulate and intrigue your young adventurer with focus on interactive discoveries. Join the Naturalist as she helps you explore and search the surroundings just outside Retzer's back door. Maximum number of registrants 30, minimum 5.

"Pumpkin Time." We will be getting our hands dirty by looking for signs of fall from collecting colored leaves to the exploring the insides of a pumpkin. Each child must be accompanied by a parent/grandparent for participation in this program.

DATE: Tuesday, October 12  
TIME: 9:30-10:15 a.m.  
FEE: \$3.00  
REGISTER BY: Thursday, October 9



"Gobble, Gobble, Honk" Time for the geese and duck to move along, we will have fun turning ourselves into a feathered gobbler and learn how to walk and talk like them.

DATE: Tuesday, November 9  
TIME: 9:30-10:15 a.m.  
FEE: \$3.00  
REGISTER BY: Thursday, November 4

## **FALL COLOR HIKE**

### **Adult/Family Program**

As fall approaches, the number of hours of daylight shortens each day. This seasonal contrast kicks off a series of chemical reactions within tree leaves that cause Wisconsin's spectacular autumns. Fall foliage is in the spotlight! Revel in the color palette as a crisp wind gently ushers in the autumn season. Come to Nashotah Park and hike the trails littered with red, orange, tan and yellow leaves that crunch underfoot. Explore the Ecology of Fall with Naturalist, Larry Kascht, and see what birds and animals can be observed. Maximum number of registrants 25, minimum 5.

DATE: Saturday, October 16  
TIME: 2:00-4:00 p.m. at Nashotah Park - Family Picnic Area 2  
FEE: \$3.00 per person, plus park entrance fee  
REGISTER BY: Monday, October 11



## **NATURE SPROUTS**

**Ages: 4-6 Maximum number of registrants 15, minimum 5.**

**"The BIG 9: Facts on Bats"** Where do they live? What do they eat? Learn to play the Bat Game! (Batman costumes allowed!) Visit our bat house. Take home a bat house construction sheet! A snack and a craft are included for extra fun.

DATE: Wednesday, October 20  
TIME: 10:00-11:00 a.m. or 1:00-2:00 p.m.  
FEE: \$3.00  
REGISTER BY: Friday, October 15



**"Oh, Turkey Feathers!"** Humans say the darndest things: "by George!" "What in the world?", "Holly cow!", "Hot diggity dog!" Learn to speak in animal! Have you read Dr. Dolittle? Bring along your finest EXCLAMATION! A snack and a craft included for extra fun.

DATE: Wednesday, November 17  
TIME: 10:00-11:00 a.m. or 1:00-2:00 p.m.  
FEE: \$3.00  
REGISTER BY: Friday, November 12

## **FOREST ECOLOGY WORKSHOPS**

### **Adult Program**

This two-session mini-course will cover identification, basic biology and ecology of SE Wisconsin trees. Forest succession and other topics in forest ecology will also be covered. An introduction to scientific methods and techniques used to study forests will be included. Maximum number of registrants 25, minimum 5.

DATES/TIMES: Thursday, October 21  
7:00-8:30 p.m. Slide Program at Retzer Nature Center.  
Saturday, October 23  
9:00-1:00 p.m. Field Session at Muskego Park - Picnic Area 3.  
FEE: \$10.00 plus park entrance fee  
REGISTER BY: Monday, October 18

## **PHOTO CONTEST RECEPTION**

Join us at the Friend's Annual Photo Contest Reception on Sunday, November 7 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Exclusive photo's are taken on the grounds of Retzer Nature Center will be professionally judged. All contestants and the public are invited to attend this creative event.

## **BIRD SEED PICK UP TIMES AT COUNTY PARKS**

### **At Nashotah Park:**

Friday, November 5 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Saturday, November 6 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

### **At Minooka Park:**

Sunday, November 7 from Noon to 4:30 p.m., and Monday, November 8 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

### **At Moor Downs Golf Course Maintenance Building:**

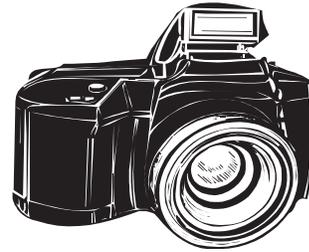
Wednesday, November 10 from Noon to 6:00 p.m. (Located on Riverview-across from the County Children's Center)

## **TWILIGHT DELIGHT**

### **Family Program**

**"Migration"** Don't miss your departure as we journey into the marvels of migration. From the largest of birds to the smallest of insects, explore this mysterious phenomenon as we search the skies during this evening hike. Maximum number of registrants 30, minimum 5.

DATE: Friday, October 15  
TIME: 6:00-8:00 p.m.  
FEE: \$5.00 per person  
REGISTER BY: Monday, October 11



## **FRIENDS OF RETZER PHOTO CONTEST SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2010**

Get out your camera! Now is the time to take those great Retzer Nature Center photos for entry in the "Friends of Retzer" annual photo contest. See insert for more information.

### **\*\*\*New This Year\*\*\***

### **Apple Tree Credit Union's Art Contest**

Categories for children Kindergarten through 8th grade.

The artwork must depict apples. The judges will look at creativity and originality. Entries must be dropped off at:

AppleTree Credit Union  
2440 N. Grandview Blvd.  
Waukesha, WI. 53188

between August 30 and September 10.

Each category winner receives a \$50 Savings Bond from Apple Tree Credit Union.

For more information,  
log onto [www.appletree.org](http://www.appletree.org)

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Spooka Minooka

Lost in Wonderland

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22ND**

A Spook-tacular event for families with children ages 6-12

**WHERE:** Minooka Park  
1927 E. Sunset Dr.  
Waukesha  
**TIME:** 6 pm to 9 pm



**\$10 per VEHICLE**

\$5 per person HAUNTED BARN  
\$5 per person SPOOKY HORSE-DRAWN WAGON RIDE  
SPOOKY ACTIVITIES • REFRESHMENTS

Saturday, October 23rd - Increased Scares for teens/adults 13+

\$7 per person BARN ONLY

For more information, call (262) 524-3737



WAUKESHA COUNTY PARK SYSTEM

## CAMP

Menomonee  
Mukwonago  
Muskego  
Naga-Waukee

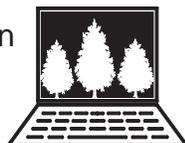


Campgrounds open thru Nov. 7th

## HELP US SAVE SOME TREES!

Please think of the environment and consider receiving this Program Guide via e-mail. **Please** e-mail your name, postal address (to take you off the postal mailing list) and your e-mail address with PROGRAM GUIDE in the subject line to: [retzer@waukeshacounty.gov](mailto:retzer@waukeshacounty.gov)

Thank you for helping us in our mission to create a sustainable environment.



## A Look Ahead...

### Apple Harvest Festival

Sponsored by:



**Saturday, September 18**

9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

### Retzer's Annual Bird Seed Sale - October

#### Payment & Cancellation Policy:

Program fees must be paid 10 days before program is held, or at the time of booking if less than 10 days before program, unless listed otherwise in this program guide.

A cancellation fee of \$5.00 maximum if cancelled on program registration date. If cancelled after registration date, we reserve the right to forfeit the whole program registration fee. We reserve the right to issue credit on account, or a voucher toward future programs, instead of refunding money. Credit on account and vouchers must be redeemed within the same calendar year unless otherwise noted.

### September - November 2010

### Retzer Nature Center Programs

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Fee Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: **Waukesha County Parks**  
Master Card and Visa accepted.

Please enroll me in the following class(s):

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Workshop/Time \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Child's Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Mail form and fee(s) to:

Retzer Nature Center Programs  
Attn: Jan  
515 W. Moreland Blvd., AC 230  
Waukesha, WI 53188

Questions: **(262) 548-7801**

Some workshops fill up quickly, please call to verify openings.