



Retzer Nature Center

Waukesha County Parks & Land Use
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 Waukesha, WI 53188

Return Service Requested

Mark your calendar!

**Apple Harvest Festival
 Sat. September 19**

Sponsored by:



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

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Your Fall Nature Connection Program Guide September - November 2009

September 2 <i>Wednesday</i>	Camera Club	October 10 <i>Saturday</i>	Compost Workshop	November 1 <i>Sunday</i>	"Friends" Photo Contest – Reception At Retzer
September 8 <i>Tuesday</i>	Wee Wonders "Window on Nature"	October 13 <i>Tuesday</i>	Wee Wonders "Leaf Match"	November 4 <i>Wednesday</i>	Camera Club
September 19 <i>Saturday</i>	Apple Harvest Festival	October 17 <i>Saturday</i>	Basket Workshop "Kisses for Two"	November 6-9, 11 <i>Fri.-Mon. & Wed.</i>	Bird Seed Order Pickup at County Parks
September 22 <i>Tuesday</i>	Yoga Class Begins	October 17 <i>Saturday</i>	Fall Color Hike at Nashotah Park	November 10 <i>Tuesday</i>	Wee Wonders "Feathered Travelers"
October	Retzer Bird Seed Orders Taken Throughout Oct.	October 21 <i>Wednesday</i>	Nature Sprouts "Gathering Time"	November 14 <i>Saturday</i>	Basket Workshop "Ribbed Egg Basket or Melon Basket"
October 3,10,17 & 24 <i>Saturday</i>	Autumn Trees in Pastels, 4 Sessions	October 22 <i>Thursday</i>	Forest Ecology Workshop Part 1 - Slide Program	November 18 <i>Wednesday</i>	Nature Sprouts "Talkin' Turkey"
October 7 <i>Wednesday</i>	Camera Club	October 24 <i>Saturday</i>	Forest Ecology Workshop Part 2 - Field Session		
October 9 <i>Friday</i>	Twilight Delight "Flying High"	October 31 <i>Saturday</i>	Last Day to Place Your Retzer Bird Seed Order		

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 2
TIME: 7:00 p.m.

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

DATE: Wednesday, November 4
TIME: 7:00 p.m.

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. Each child must be accompanied by a parent or grandparent for participation in this program. Maximum number of registrants 30, minimum 5.

"Window on Nature." Hold up a picture mat frame and capture a special scene within the frame. We will walk along the prairie trail to find flowers, insects and other special things to frame as we view them.

Parents and children will learn to see the wonders of nature as they place it in a viewing frame.

DATE: Tuesday, September 8
TIME: 9:30-10:15 a.m.
FEE: \$3.00
REGISTER BY: Thursday, September 3

"Leaf Match." Oak, Maple, Ash and Aspen. Find the leaves to these and more using a kit specially designed for young children. We will have a great adventure by hunting and collecting leaves of different shapes and colors. Take home our kit to use again as you explore your neighborhood.

DATE: Tuesday, October 13
TIME: 9:30-10:15 a.m.
FEE: \$3.00
REGISTER BY: Thursday, October 8

WEE WONDERS cont.

"Feathered Travelers." Birds are on the move, as they get ready for winter. Come meet our resident doves, George and Gracie. Explore fun activities that use feathers. Afterwards we'll "fly" outdoors and explore like a bird. Dress for the weather!

DATE: Tuesday, November 10
TIME: 9:30-10:15 a.m.
FEE: \$3.00
REGISTER BY: Thursday, November 5

YOGA CLASS

Ages 12-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 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 30, minimum 5.

DATE: Tuesdays, starting September 22
TIME: 5:30-6:30 p.m.
FEE: \$60.00 for 6 weeks of class over an 8-week period
REGISTER BY: Monday, September 21

AUTUMN TREES IN PASTELS

Ages 12-Adult

Join nature artist, Heidi Endres, a member of the Wisconsin Pastel Artists group, as she shows you how to draw trees and their components from different vantage points and settings in this four-week Saturday course. Artists of all skill levels are welcome. Students will focus on trees found at Retzer. The first class will include an introduction to pastel techniques and the parts of a tree that can be used in this and later pastel classes at Retzer. Students should bring a set of pastels and pastel paper of their own choosing, as well as a clipboard or outdoor easel.

The class themes will include:

- 10/3 "Introduction to Pastels and the Anatomy of Trees"
- 10/10 "The Single Tree"
- 10/17 "Tree Groupings"
- 10/24 "Forests"

DATE: Saturdays, October 3, 10, 17, & 24
TIME: 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.
FEE: \$30.00 for the series - class is limited to 5
REGISTER BY: Friday, September 25



TWILIGHT DELIGHT

Family Program - Maximum number of registrants 30, minimum 5.

"Flying High." Join us as we discover the marvels of migration! From winged ones to the creepy crawlies, we'll explore this mysterious phenomenon! An indoor activity will be followed by an evening hike! Dress for the weather. Children must be accompanied by an adult!

DATE: Friday, October 9
TIME: 6:00-8:00 p.m.
FEE: \$5.00 per person
REGISTER BY: Monday, October 5



COMPOST WORKSHOP

Adult Program

Tired of raking and bagging leaves? Do you want a cleaner, better alternative to burning leaves? Learn easy, time and money-saving techniques for managing your leaves and garden debris on your own property that are better for the environment. Mulching leaves directly into the lawn improves your soil and lawn while saving money. This free workshop offers hands-on demonstration on how to make compost in your own backyard. Register to win a free compost bin!

DATE: Saturday, October 10
TIME: 10:00 a.m.-Noon
FEE: FREE
REGISTER BY: Wednesday, October 7, call (262) 896-8302 to register

BASKET MAKING WORKSHOP

Adult Program

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.

"Kisses for Two." This delightful little basket is great for keeping candy or a few snacks within reach. Learn to begin a woven base and shape sides to fit the wire swing handle. Techniques for rimming the basket are also taught. Students will have a choice of colors for the accent weaving and fabrics for the simple liner. Finished size is approximately 4" diameter x 3" high. All level weavers are welcome.

DATE: Saturday, October 17
TIME: 9:00-Noon
FEE: \$20.00
REGISTER BY: Monday, October 12



"Ribbed Egg Basket or Melon Basket." Learn to construct a traditional rib-style basket. Begin the frame with God's eyes on wood hoops. Insert ribs to form the shape. Creativity is encouraged through the use of weaving materials in a variety of colors. Beginning students will make a Melon Basket (top right). Experienced students may make an Egg Basket which also involves the technique of "turn backs" to fill in the shape. Finished size on either basket is 10" diameter at the rim x 10" high. Bring a bag lunch.

DATE: Saturday, November 14
TIME: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
FEE: \$38.00
REGISTER BY: Monday, November 9



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 17
TIME: 2:00-4:00 p.m.
PLACE: Nashotah Park-Picnic Area 2
FEE: \$3.00 per person, plus park entrance fee
REGISTER BY: Monday, October 12

NATURE SPROUTS

Ages: 4-6

Participants must be accompanied by an adult. Maximum number of registrants 15, minimum 5.

"Gathering Time." A-gathering we will go, a-gathering we will go, hi-ho I hope it won't snow! A-gathering we will go! A snack and a craft included for extra fun.

DATE: Wednesday, October 21
TIME: 10:00-11:00 a.m. or 1:00-2:00 p.m.
FEE: \$3.00
REGISTER BY: Friday, October 16

"Talkin' Turkey." Where do turkeys sleep? What do they eat? Can you speak Turkey? Let's find out! A snack and a craft included for extra fun.

DATE: Wednesday, November 18
TIME: 10:00-11:00 a.m. or 1:00-2:00 p.m.
FEE: \$3.00
REGISTER BY: Friday, November 13

FOREST ECOLOGY WORKSHOP

Adult Program

Learn about the fascinating workings of the forest community in this 2-day workshop. The evening slide program will introduce the way that forest, trees, plants, birds and animals depend upon one another. The field session, held at Muskego Park, will take participants off the trail to study the forest using scientific techniques. A summary of the results will be sent to each participant.

DATES/TIMES: Thursday, October 22, 7:00-8:30 p.m.,
Slide Program at Retzer Nature Center
Saturday, October 24, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.,
Field Session at Muskego Park.

FEE: \$10.00 plus park entrance fee
REGISTER BY: Monday, October 19

FRIENDS OF RETZER PHOTO CONTEST RECEPTION

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2009
1 - 4 p.m.

Exclusive photos taken on the grounds of Retzer Nature Center will be professionally judged. All contestants and the public are invited to attend this creative event.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Apple Harvest Festival

Sponsored by:



Saturday, September 19
9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

See Insert for Further Information

Apple Harvest Festival's 3rd annual "Why my Grandma should be the next Granny Smith" Essay Contest

For children, 9 to 13 years old, 500 words or less,
entries must be postmarked by Friday, Sept. 4.

For more information, log onto
www.waukeshacountyparks.com



Prizes:

1st place - \$100 Savings Bond, 2nd place - \$75 Savings Bond,
3rd place - \$50 Savings Bond.

Bird Seed Sale

Place your Bird Seed order October 1 - 31 to take advantage
of those great sale prices.

Call us at (262) 896-8007

PICK UP TIMES

Nashotah Park:

Friday, November 6, 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, November 7, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Minooka Park:

Sunday, November 8, Noon - 4:30 p.m.
Monday, November 9, 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Moor Downs Golf Course Maintenance Building:

(Located on Riverview, across from the County Juvenile Center)
Wednesday, November 11 - Noon - 6 p.m.



Reduce, Reuse, Recycle.

Compost Bins are available at
Retzer Nature Center.
\$68.00

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In this fundraiser

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to: retzer@waukeshacounty.gov.
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to create a sustainable environment.



SPOOKA MINOOKA

Friday, October 23
Minooka Park, Waukesha

Tour a haunted barn, make art and craft souvenirs or
go on a horse-drawn wagon ride at this
spook-tacular event brewed for families with children
ages 6-12.

Program 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.

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Retzer Nature Center Programs

Name _____

Address _____

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Day Phone _____

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Make checks payable to: **Waukesha County Parks**

Master Card and Visa accepted.

Please enroll me in the following class(s):

Child's Name Workshop/Time Date Birth Date

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Mail form and fee(s) to:

Retzer Nature Center Programs
Attn: Jan
515 W. Moreland Blvd., AC 230
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(262) 548-7801

Questions:

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