

## Earth Week Programs

**All Earth Week Programs are FREE and open to the public. All programs will be held at Retzer Nature Center unless specified otherwise.**

**Registration is required for most programs. Please see program description for registration information.**

**Kick off Earth Week at  
Waukesha County  
Materials Recycling Facility**

**OPEN HOUSE**

**Sat. April 17, 2010  
10 a.m. to Noon**

**220 S. Prairie Ave, Waukesha**

*Recycling saves tax dollars and natural resources;  
reduces air and water pollution – Come see how your  
recyclables are helping the Earth!*

**[www.waukeshacounty.gov/recycling](http://www.waukeshacounty.gov/recycling)  
(262) 896-8300**

## EARTH DAY

The first Earth Day was held April 22, 1970. It was the expression of a new developing consciousness of our duty to preserve the natural environment, a consciousness that has continued to grow now for a generation. In the time since that Earth Day, Waukesha County has tried to identify & preserve high quality natural land in its park system, & to make these parklands an asset to our quality of life in the county. As part of the county park system, Retzer Nature Center offers programs of education & enjoyment, to enrich the experience of county residents, & to share with them a value for the land. If people see the land as something to enjoy, something to learn about, something to value, then taking care of the land becomes a logical & obvious part of everyday life. As we continue the tradition of Earth Day, we re-dedicate ourselves to the goal we try to achieve every day: to share with people a value for land.

-Larry Kascht

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Waukesha County  
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Retzer Nature Center  
Celebrating 40 Years  
of  
Earth Week



Free Special Events  
April 18-24, 2010

Sponsored by:



**Retzer Nature Center  
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Waukesha, WI 53188  
(262) 896-8007**

# Earth Week Programs

All Earth Week Programs are **FREE**

## Canoe Outing

**Sunday, April 18 (1 PM)**

Experience the sights, sounds & smells of the marsh, river & wetlands in spring on a naturalist guided canoe outing led by Retzer staff & guest naturalists. We will canoe the Oconomowoc River to Loew Lake. Call Retzer for additional information and to register. A wearable Coast Guard Approved Life Preserver (PFD) is required.

Participants must provide their own canoe. Please call (262) 896-8007 to **register by April 12**.

## GPS Aided Hiking

**Tuesday, April 20 (10-11:30 AM) Adult Program**

Are you interested in using or exploring GPS techniques in your hiking? Try one of our GPS units, or bring your own GPS, with instruction manual, and sharpen your skills. We will review basic GPS operation while hiking, and develop orienteering skills. An indoor GPS discussion in the event of rain. Call (262) 548-7801 to **register by April 17**. Class is limited to 6 people.

## Nature Sprouts

**Wednesday, April 21, (10-11 AM or 1-2 PM)**

"Who's Howling Now?" Can you howl like a wolf, yip like a coyote, yodel like a fox? Do you know what these sounds mean? Welcome to Howling 101! We'll have a howling good time!!! Ages: 4-6 with an adult. Call (262) 548-7801 to **register by April 16**. Maximum 15, minimum 5.

## Birds of Prey

**Wednesday, April 21 (7-8:30 PM)**

Join wildlife rehabilitator Barb Harvey for her program "Earth Day, Everyday—Birds of Prey," featuring live hawks &/or owls. Barb is an expert in the care & healing of injured birds of prey. Her goal is to release them, healthy & whole, back to the wild. She uses special hawks and owls, which cannot be released, to share the wonders of these marvelous birds. Please call (262) 548-7801 to **register by April 19**. Seating is limited to 100 people.

## Preschool Nature Exploration

**Thursday, April 22 - (10-11:00 AM) - 2-3 yr.  
or (1-2:00 PM) - 4-6 yr.**

A nature experience awaits children on a Retzer hike. Come & explore the sensory wonders of the outdoors while observing & comparing spring insects, flowers & other treasures. Participants must be accompanied by an adult. Call (262) 548-7801 to **register by April 19**. Maximum 15, minimum 5 per session.

## Morning Bird Hike

**Friday, April 23 (7-8:30 AM)**

Discover the birds returning to the diverse habitats of Brown's Fen—one of Retzer's finest nature areas. **No need to register.**



## Earth Day 40th Anniversary

Retzer Programs

**Saturday, April 24**

### JACK YOUNG MEMORIAL EARTH WATCH

*(5 AM-12:30 PM)*

Experience the beauty of nature in a whole new way by volunteering for the 2010 Earth Watch. You'll observe the often unnoticed activities of the birds & animals of Retzer during your 2 1/2 hour shift at one of our observation sites. Equipment is provided for watching & identifying the many beautiful creatures of the wild. Please call (262) 896-8007 to reserve your spot.

### FAMILY BIRD WATCH

*(9 AM-Noon)*

Join Retzer Naturalist Larry Kascht for an adventure in bird watching. Learn how to participate in this fascinating & fun activity through a guided tour of feathered wildlife.

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

*(Noon-3 PM)*

Join Retzer staff in this worthwhile volunteer project pulling Garlic Mustard or wood chipping. Call (262) 896-8074 to **register by April 16**.

### DISCOVER COMPOST—Family Activity

*(Noon-1 PM)*

Visit the outdoor Discovery Tour and Field Lab at Retzer and find out how to turn kitchen vegetable scraps and yard debris into compost—"the living soil". Find some cool "decomposer" bugs. Plant and take home a vegetable seed and get a start on your garden. Children must be accompanied by an adult. No need to register.

## Retzer Programs Continued

### FAMILY & CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

*(Noon-5 PM)*

**"Recycled Beauty" - Nature activities & games.** Fun and creative ways to use recyclable materials.

**Meet the editors** of Metroparent magazine and MilwaukeeMoms.com while your children learn to make a newspaper hat. [metroparent](http://metroparent.com) [milwaukee.com](http://milwaukee.com)

### Kite Making Workshop

*(Noon-3 PM)*

Decorate and learn how to construct a sled kite that is guaranteed to fly! Receive quick tips on flying your kite and then enjoy the peacefulness of kite flying, an environmentally friendly activity. Sponsored by School District of Waukesha. Maximum 500 kites available.

### SAVE WATER, SAVE MONEY

#### WITH RAIN GARDENS & RAIN BARRELS

*(1-2 PM)*

When it rains—where does your rainwater go? In this program, we will learn about two great ways to capture your runoff—rain gardens and rain barrels. You will learn the basic design principles to design and install your own rain garden and rain barrel. Handouts will be provided. No need to register.

### DELICIOUS FOOD AVAILABLE *(10 AM-4 PM)*

### TREES & WILDFLOWERS HIKE *(2-3 PM)*

### CONCERT BY TOM PEASE *(4:30-6:30 PM)*

### CAMPFIRE SONGS & S'MORES *(before & after concert)*

### MAGICAL MYSTERY TOUR: Guided Twilight Hike Into Brown's Fen *(Approx. 7:15-9:00 PM)*

This nature area features frogs and peepers, woodcocks, coyotes, and constellations. Enjoy our own Treasure Hunt!

## Charles Horwitz Planetarium Shows

### "The Endless Horizon"

*(9, 10, 11 AM, Noon, 1, 2, and 3 PM)*

This program, narrated by Patrick Stewart, describes the incredible voyages of early World Explorers. It then relates these voyages to modern science missions of space exploration.

All Planetarium programs on Saturday, April 24 are presented FREE to the public to celebrate Earth Day. Tickets for each show will be available starting at 8:00 AM at the Planetarium Ticket Office. Space is limited, so arrive early.