



Retzer Nature Center

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

Return Service Requested

Mark your calendar!

**Apple Harvest Festival
Sat. September 18**

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 Summer Nature Program Guide June - August 2010

June 2 <i>Wednesday</i>	Camera Club	July 1 <i>Thursday</i>	Summertime Adventure "Solar Car Challenge"	August 4 <i>Wednesday</i>	Camera Club
June 4,11,18,25 <i>Fridays</i>	Morning Bird Hikes	July 7 <i>Wednesday</i>	Camera Club	August 5 <i>Thursday</i>	Summertime Adventure "Wacky Science"
June 8 <i>Tuesday</i>	Wee Wonders "Down by the Pond"	July 8 <i>Thursday</i>	Summertime Adventure "Birds"	August 10 <i>Tuesday</i>	Wee Wonders "Misting Nature"
June 16 <i>Wednesday</i>	Nature Sprouts "Where's Peter?"	July 9 <i>Friday</i>	Twilight Delight "Firefly Patrol"	August 13 <i>Friday</i>	Twilight Delight "Night Senses"
June 17 <i>Thursday</i>	Summertime Adventure "Ecosystem"	July 13 <i>Tuesday</i>	Wee Wonders "Under a Rock"	August 16 <i>Monday</i>	Catchable Critters "Creepy Crawlies"
June 19 & 26 <i>Saturdays</i>	ID & Ecology of SE WI Trees, Session I & II	July 15 <i>Thursday</i>	Summertime Adventure "Weather or Not"	August 18 <i>Wednesday</i>	Nature Sprouts "Silly Squirrels"
June 21 <i>Monday</i>	Catchable Critters "Pond"	July 19 <i>Monday</i>	Catchable Critters "Butterflies"	August 21 <i>Saturday</i>	Fall Native Plant Sale
June 24 <i>Thursday</i>	Summertime Adventure "Aquatic Life"	July 21 <i>Wednesday</i>	Nature Sprouts "Slide, Dip & Swirl!"		
June 28-30 <i>Mon.-Wed.</i>	Life on the Prairie	July 22 <i>Thursday</i>	Summertime Adventure "Fossils"		
		July 29 <i>Thursday</i>	Summertime Adventure "Nature's Voice"		

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, June 2
TIME: 7:00 p.m.

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

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

MORNING BIRD HIKES

Adults & families with older children

Enjoy the early morning and the return of our feathered friends. Explore their habitat, welcome back the spring migrants, and check on the year 'round residents. Don't forget your binoculars. Binoculars are available at Retzer on a limited basis. Registration not required.

DATES: Fridays, June 4, 11, 18, 25
TIME: 7:00-8:30 a.m.
FEE: \$1.00 per person

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

"Down by the Pond." Let's take a walk to the pond and look for frogs. We'll use our net to discover other creatures hiding in the water.

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

WEE WONDERS cont.

"Under a Rock." Explore with us as we look under rocks and logs to find all kinds of interesting creatures living there.

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

"Misting Nature." An adventure awaits you with your own misting bottle. We will take a journey around the trails and discover how a spray of water can change the appearance of a found object. We may get a little wet on our adventures, please dress appropriately.

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

NATURE SPROUTS

Ages: 4-6 Participants must be accompanied by an adult. Maximum number of registrants 15, minimum 5.

"Where's Peter?" Do you know Peter Cottontail? Do you know that many of his friends and relatives live here at Retzer Nature Center! Let's follow Peter's trail to see who we can find! A snack and a craft are included for extra fun.

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

"Slip, Dip & Swirl!" Who could it be? They can slip and slide in the snow or mud. In water, they are acrobats! They even have webbed feet! Can you guess? Join the Nature Sprouts to find out! A snack and a craft are included for extra fun.

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

"Silly Squirrels." They do the darndest things! Watching them is better than TV any day! How many kinds of squirrels have you met? Let's see how many we can find! A snack and a craft are included for extra fun. Participants must be accompanied by an adult.

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

*****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. All types of artwork will be accepted.

Entries must be dropped off August 30 thru September 10 at AppleTree Credit Union - 2440 N. Grandview Blvd. in Waukesha.

For more information, log onto www.appletree.org.

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

SUMMERTIMEADVENTURE

Ages: 7-12

The Retzer Nature Center is the ideal location for a summertime outdoor adventure. It is a fascinating place where a junior naturalist can explore, observe, and investigate our natural world. Many of the activities encourage an awareness and appreciation of our environment. Maximum number of registrants 15, minimum 5.



“Ecosystems.” – Come learn about the different ecosystems here at Retzer Nature Center. Create your own ecosystem to take home.

DATE: Thursday, June 17
TIME: 12:30-3:00 p.m.
FEE: \$12.00 per class
REGISTER BY: Thursday, June 10

“Aquatic Life.” – Travel down to the pond and discover what lives in the mucky water. Dress appropriately as things could get muddy.

DATE: Thursday, June 24
TIME: 12:30-3:00 p.m.
FEE: \$12.00 per class
REGISTER BY: Thursday, June 17

“Solar Car Challenge.” – Learn about solar power as you construct your own solar car to race. Cars will go home with each child.

DATE: Thursday, July 1
TIME: 12:30-3:00 p.m.
FEE: \$12.00 per class
REGISTER BY: Thursday, June 24

“Birds.” – Explore the trees and sky for these flying creatures, while you learn to use binoculars and discover cool stuff about these feathered machines.

DATE: Thursday, July 8
TIME: 12:30-3:00 p.m.
FEE: \$12.00 per class
REGISTER BY: Thursday, July 1

“Weather or Not.” – Clouds, wind and rain will not keep us from our fun! We’ll discover how nature predicts the weather and then build a weather station to take home.

DATE: Thursday, July 15
TIME: 12:30-3:00 p.m.
FEE: \$12.00 per class
REGISTER BY: Thursday, July 8

“Fossils.” – Step back in time and learn how fossils were made. We will go exploring the trails to look for various fossil types. Make a fossil to take home.

DATE: Thursday, July 22
TIME: 12:30-3:00 p.m.
FEE: \$12.00 per class
REGISTER BY: Thursday, July 15

“Nature’s Voice.” – Learn how animals and plants communicate to each other. We will use our senses to explore some unique ways to communicate.

DATE: Thursday, July 29
TIME: 12:30-3:00 p.m.
FEE: \$12.00 per class
REGISTER BY: Thursday, July 22

CATCHABLE CRITTERS

Ages: 7-12

Kids, you don’t want to miss this summer’s Bug-O-Rama! Find out the who, what and where of the insect world. We will look up, down, and under to find the coolest critters you’ve ever seen. Bring bottled water and a snack if desired. Maximum number of registrants 25, minimum 5.

“Pond.” – Dragonflies, tadpoles, scuds, and stickle back fish all hide out in our pond. Come scoop up a net full of fun as we get wet and explore. Please dress to get muddy and wet.

DATE: Monday, June 21
TIME: 10:00 a.m.-Noon
FEE: \$10.00
REGISTER BY: Wednesday, June 16

“Butterflies.” – Learn about these special insects as we look for eggs, caterpillars and busy adults.

DATE: Monday, July 19
TIME: 10:00 a.m.-Noon
FEE: \$10.00
REGISTER BY: Wednesday, July 14

“Creepy Crawlies.” – Under a log, or buzzing high in a tree, we will discover the creepy crawlies among us.

DATE: Monday, August 16
TIME: 10:00 a.m.-Noon
FEE: \$10.00
REGISTER BY: Wednesday, August 11

IDENTIFICATION & ECOLOGY OF SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN TREES

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.

DATE: Saturday, June 19 - Session I, Minooka Park, Picnic Area 2 and then
Saturday, June 26 - Session II, Muskego Park, Picnic Area 3
TIME: 9:00-11:30 a.m.
FEE: \$15.00, plus park entrance fee
REGISTER BY: Monday, June 14

LIFE ON THE PRAIRIE

Ages: 7-12



Each day we will explore a new twist on prairie life: pioneers, animals and plants. This is an outdoor program please dress for the weather. Maximum number of registrants 25, minimum 5.

DATE: Monday-Wednesday, June 28-30
TIME: 10:00 a.m.-Noon
FEE: \$35.00 for the 3-day session
REGISTER BY: Wednesday, June 23

TWILIGHT DELIGHT

Family Program

Maximum number of registrants 30, minimum 5.

“Firefly Patrol.” Join the Retzer Naturalist’s and take flight with an exciting evening of firefly fancy. We will learn how these bright bugs illuminate the night skies, what their flashy light patterns are saying, and travel the trails in search of a few to catch and examine close up. Bug catching jars will be provided.

DATE: Friday, July 9
TIME: 7:30-9:30 p.m.
FEE: \$5.00 per person
REGISTER BY: Thursday, July 1

“Night Senses.” Let’s get “scent-sible.” Venturing into the night challenges our senses. We’ll adapt some WILD ideas from our local wildlife to enhance this “scent-sational” nighttime hike!

DATE: Friday, August 13
TIME: 7:30-9:30 p.m.
FEE: \$5.00 per person
REGISTER BY: Monday, August 9

FALL NATIVE PLANT SALE

Would you like to get a jump on spring planting? Do you wonder if native plants can flower into October? Our fall plant sale will feature prairie, old-field and wetland plants, as well as some species that are difficult to start from seed such as Prairie Dropseed. Our staff will be on hand for a brief consultation on natural landscaping and plant identification. (Bring a sample.)

Sales Manager: Dick Bautz.

DATE: Saturday, August 21
TIME: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle.

Compost Bins are available at Retzer Nature Center.

All Proceeds go to Friends of Retzer

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.

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.

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



A Look Ahead...

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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.

**June - August 2010
Retzer Nature Center Programs**

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Day Phone _____

Home Phone _____

Fee Enclosed \$ _____

Checks payable to Retzer Nature Center -
Master Card and Visa accepted.

Please enroll me in the following class(s):

Child's Name Workshop Date Birth Date

Mail form and fee(s) to:

Retzer Nature Center Programs
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Questions: