

FRIENDS OF RETZER NATURE CENTER'S EARTH WEEK

APRIL 19 - 25



FREE activities all week!

CANOE OUTING

DATE: Sunday, April 19

TIME: 1 pm

REGISTER BY: Monday, April 13

Experience the sights, sounds and smells of the marsh, river and wetlands in spring on a naturalist guided canoe outing led by Retzer staff & guest naturalists. We will canoe the Oconomowoc River to Lowe's Lake. A wearable Coast Guard Approved Life Preserver (PFD) is required. Participants must provide their own canoe.



PRESCHOOL NATURE EXPLORATION

DATE: Thursday, April 23

TIME: 10-11 am (Ages 2-3 yrs) or 1-2pm (Ages 4-6 yrs)

REGISTER BY: Monday, April 20

A nature experience awaits children on a Retzer hike. Come explore the sensory wonders of the outdoors while observing and comparing spring insects, flowers, & other treasures. Participants must be accompanied by an adult. Each session is limited to 15 participants.



MORNING BIRD HIKE

DATE: Friday, April 24

TIME: 7-8:30 am

Discover the birds returning to the diverse habitats of Brown's Fen—Retzer's finest nature area.

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FRIENDS OF RETZER NATURE CENTER'S EARTH WEEK FINALE

SATURDAY, APRIL 25



FREE activities all day!

HIKES

FAMILY BIRD WATCH

TIME: 9, 10, 11 am

Learn how to participate in this fascinating & fun activity through a guided tour. This program includes 1/2 hour discussion and 1/2 hour hike on wooded and open areas on gentle terrain, near the building.

TREES & WILDFLOWERS HIKE

TIME: 2-3pm - meet by main entrance

Enjoy this guided hike on trails in wooded and open areas on moderately hilly terrain.

MAGICAL MYSTERY TOUR: Guided Twilight Hike Into Brown's Fen

Adults & Families with older children

TIME: Approx. 7:15-9pm

This nature area features frogs and peepers, woodcocks, coyotes, and constellations. Enjoy our own Treasure Hunt! This hike is on very hilly terrain, in twilight and darkness, so bring your flashlight.

FAMILY FUN

PLANETARIUM SHOWS - "SPRING SKY LEGENDS"

TIME: Shows run every 45 minutes: 9 am-4 pm

This spring season sky show presents favorite constellation characters like Hercules, the Strong Man, Hydra, the Water Snake and Leo, the Lion.

FAMILY & CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES & GAMES "Natural Creations & Explorations"

TIME: 10 am - 3 pm

Kids of all ages will enjoy a variety of crafts and activities by using natural and recycled materials. Create a birdfeeder or water "Stain Glass". Get outside and "Muck It Up at the Pond" or take the Binocular Challenge. Finish by going on a fun forest adventure hike.

COMPOST- TURN YOUR GREEN INTO GOLD

TIME 11 am-Noon

Join UW Extension Master Gardeners, Janet Manke-Fischer & Barb Havas, as they show you the perfect recipe for creating the best compost to be used in your garden beds.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

TIME: Noon-3 pm

REGISTER BY: April 20 - Call (262) 896-8074

Join Retzer staff in this worthwhile volunteer project of invasive species removal or spreading wood chips on trails. Must be 14 years of age or older.

FAMILY CONCERT BY TOM PEASE

TIME: 3-5 pm

CAMPFIRE SONGS & S'MORES

TIME: 5-7 pm

**FOOD AVAILABLE
TO PURCHASE
10 AM - 4 PM**