



The HERON

Quarterly Newsletter of the Fond du Lac County Audubon Society

SUMMER OUTINGS

Canoe Trips

Monday, June 17 (18★), 9 am–3 pm
Mecan River

Thursday, August 22, 5 pm–11 pm
Fox River

Summer Evening Hikes

Tuesday, June 11 (12★)
Oakfield Ledge State Natural Area
on Breakneck Road

Tuesday, June 18 (19★)
South Woods in Ripon

Tuesday, June 25 (26★)
Izaak Walton Property

Tuesday, July 9 (10★)
Shaginappi County Park

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Tuesday, August 6 (7★)
Kiekhaefer Park

Tuesday, August 20 (21★)
Greenway Arboretum

*All hikes begin at 6:30 pm.
See page 3 for more information.*

★Rain date



Desolation Canyon Archaeology Rafting June 2014

Join our local Audubon in a rafting adventure on the Green River in Utah through one of the most scenic, remote and wild areas in the west. The trip will spend six days and five nights on the river. Professional guides row the 18 foot oar-powered rafts. Some inflatable kayaks will be available to participants. There are many relics and ruins from human occupation in Desolation Canyon. An archaeologist will accompany our group and provide information and insight into the many archaeological sights.



In brief, the itinerary is as follows:

Sunday, June 1 – Participants arrive by their own transportation in Salt Lake City, Utah. Lodging will be arranged at Little America Hotel in downtown.

Monday, June 2 – Chartered motor coach departs at 11:30 am and arrives in Green River about 3 pm. Lodging arranged at the River Terrace Inn on the banks of the Green River. Meeting with a representative of the Colorado River and Trail Expeditions (CRATE) at 5 pm.

Tuesday, June 3 – Begin the six day rafting expedition with a flight aboard chartered airplanes for a scenic 40 minute flight to Sandwash. After an orientation, the rafting begins.

Wednesday, June 4 through Saturday, June 7 – Enjoy rafting, hiking, camping, wildlife viewing and exploring ruins. Our guides cook and serve wonderful meals.

Sunday, June 8 – The river trip ends about 11 am near the town of Green River. Chartered motor coach returns the group to Salt Lake City by 4 pm.

For more details about the itinerary and Desolation Canyon, check our website at fdlaudubon.org.

Other concerns or questions can be directed to Diana Beck (920-922-7931, dianahbeck@gmail.com).

The trip cost per person with double occupancy in the hotels is \$1,700.00. This includes all anticipated taxes and fees, but not the transportation costs to and from home to Salt Lake City. All participants must be at least 16 years and older and able to walk over some rocks as well as get into and out of rafts.

We suggest registering for the trip before September 1, 2013. To reserve a place on the trip, register and pay \$300 deposit with Colorado River and Trail Expeditions, Inc. 1-800-253-7328, crate@crateinc.com, www.crateinc.com.

Final payments are due by March 1, 2014.

Plan Ahead for Wild Feast Potluck

Our annual Wild Feast potluck will be held on Wednesday, September 4, 2013. We will meet at 5 pm and begin eating at 5:30 pm in the picnic shelter at Lakeside Park by DeNevue Creek. This is an opportunity for everyone to share wild food dishes, experience new tastes and recipes. When a plant is in season, such as dandelion in the spring, prepare a dish or the plant parts that are needed and freeze for later use. If you are unsure about a safe source, bring a more conventional item from your garden. Please join us for the fun and all the delicious food. More details will be given in the Fall newsletter.

Prairie Fest July 27, 2013

We need volunteers to help at the Audubon table at Prairie Fest. We will be offering "A Close Peek at Nature" for children and adults. Using binoculars, the participants will identify pictures of animals and birds some distance away. There will also be magnifying glasses and a microscope for close examination of feathers, etc. Volunteers will be needed for setup and helping children from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm. The second shift, from 12:30 to 3:30 pm. will also assist participants and help in take-down. Please call 920-922-7931 or email dianahbeck@gmail.com.

AUDUBON FIELD TRIPS

Mecan River Paddle

Monday, June 17, 9 am–3 pm

Explore the Mecan River in a canoe or kayak. The Mecan is one of central Wisconsin's finest rivers and flows through mostly undeveloped land. There are many opportunities for wildlife viewing. The car pool will meet at 9 am in the southwest corner of the Menard's parking lot on Hwy 23. We will drive to the Mecan River Outfitters, just west of Princeton. Participants who bring their own canoe or kayak will pay a \$20 shuttle fee. For those renting – a canoe will cost \$45.00 and a kayak \$34.00. This includes the shuttle. The outfitters will take us to the drop-off site and pick us up at a designated bridge three hours later. Lunch or snacks can be brought along for a stop along the way. We expect to return to Fond du Lac about 3 pm. Call to make a reservation by June 15. No prior payment is needed. Call 920-922-7931

or email dianahbeck@gmail.com. Cancelled in the event of rain, with a possible rain date of June 18.



Voyageur Canoe Full Moon Adventure

Thursday, August 22, 5 pm–11 pm

Paddle in a large voyageur canoe with 16 people in the light of the full moon. Meet the carpool at 5 pm at the southwest corner of the Menard's parking lot on Hwy 23. After a drive to Montello, we meet our voyageur guides on the Fox River at 6 pm. There will be an orientation and information about the voyageurs. At 6:30, we paddle for about an hour down the Fox. We will eat supper at The Rivers Bend Restaurant on the Fox (separate expense). After the meal, we continue down the river and paddle on Lake Puckaway. At about 9:30, we will take the canoe out and shuttle back to our cars. The plan is to return back to Fond du Lac about 11:00 pm.

Call to reserve a place—920-922-7931 or email dianahbeck@gmail.com. Maximum 16 people. The cost of the trip is \$20 per person and must be paid in advance to hold the reservation. Cancelled in the event of rain and money will be refunded.

EVENING HIKES

Explore some of the trails in Fond du Lac County and City with some members of Audubon. **Each walk will meet at 6:30 pm.** Wear good walking shoes, bring insect repellent, and binoculars. We will observe natural features, plants, birds and tell tale signs of animals. A rain date is listed in parenthesis. A contact phone number is listed for any questions.

Tuesday, June 11 (12★)

Oakfield Ledge State Natural Area/Breakneck Road

Carpool at 6:30 pm from the parking lot (west side) of south Pick 'n Save store on Pioneer Road.

Or meet at the park at 7 pm. Parking is limited.

Leader – Margie Winter, 920-517-5416

Tuesday, June 18 (19★)

South Woods in Ripon – West on Hwy 2. On the west

side of Ripon, turn south on Union Street, go approx. one mile to the parking lot at the top of the hill (west side). Leader – Todd Berens 920-748-6279

Tuesday, June 25 (26★)

Izaak Walton Property – N6491 County Hwy. K. Go south ¼ mile on K from Hwy 23. Parking lot on left.

Leader – Liz Roy, 920-921-2281

Tuesday, July 9 (10★)

Shaginappi County Park – Velvet Beach Road just north of Pipe. Carpool at 6:30 pm from the Park 'n Ride at the corner of WH and 151 bypass, or meet at the park at 7 pm. Leader – Diana Beck, 920-922-7931

Tuesday, July 16 (17★)

Eldorado Nature Center (School Farm) – Eight miles west of Fond du Lac on the north side of Highway 23. Turn into driveway just west of cemetery.

Leader – Dave Stetter 920-872-2250

Tuesday, July 30 (31★)

Hobbs Woods – N4197 South Hickory Avenue

Leader – Diana Beck, 920-922-7931

Tuesday, August 6 (7★)

Kieckhaefer Park – N4235 Kieckhaefer Parkway (meet at park entrance).

Leaders – Earl and Carol Jewett, 920- 923-2604

Tuesday, August 20 (21★)

Greenway Arboretum – Meet in the parking lot (west side) of south Pick 'n Save store on Pioneer Road.

Leader – Margie Winter, 920-517-5416

*Rain date

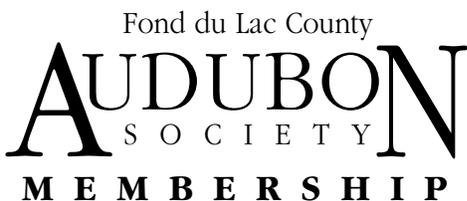


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- I am only interested in being a member and supporting the programs of the Fond du Lac County Audubon. The annual local membership dues of \$20 entitle me to receive the chapter newsletter and all chapter benefits. I am enclosing a check payable to Fond du Lac County Audubon.
- I am a new member.

Name

Address

City

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Zip

Phone

Email

Mail this form with payment to:
Fond du Lac County Audubon, Membership Services
W4148 Kiekhaefer Parkway, Fond du Lac, WI 54937

Join the Audubon Team!

Secretary

We need a secretary on the Audubon Board. Please consider stepping up and helping our chapter. The position involves attending and taking minutes at the four Board meetings each year. Contact Diana Beck at 922-7931 or email dianahbeck@gmail.com.

Field Trip Co-Chair

Our field trip chair-person, Kathleen Stetter, would like another member to work with her. The co-chair would help plan and supervise field trips. With two chair-people, it will be easier to cover the trips in the event that a conflict arises. If interested, please contact Kathleen Stetter at 920-872-2250 or email stetter@centurytel.net. Our Audubon wants to maintain a strong outdoor mission to its members and the public.

Midwest Renewable Energy Fair

The annual fair is being held June 21-23 in Custer, Wisconsin (near Stevens Point). If anyone would be interested in attending and carpooling on Friday June 21, please contact Diana Beck at 920-922-7931 or email dianahbeck@gmail.com. The plan is to leave Fond du Lac about 8:30 am and return around 4-5 pm. For details on events and programs being offered, check the website www.midwestrenew.org.