



SPRING 2026 PROGRAM GUIDE

March - April - May



Visit the online calendar to register for programs, see full descriptions, locations, policies, and more!

 **NORTH LAKE
DISCOVERY CENTER**

14006 Discovery Lane
Manitowish Waters, WI

Welcome to the Path of Discovery!

Whether you're a nature enthusiast, a gardening expert, interested in nature & wellness, or just wanting to explore more of the beautiful Northwoods, consider visiting us at North Lakeland Discovery Center!

Nestled in the heart of the Northwoods, North Lakeland Discovery Center is a non-profit nature center and lies within Northern Highland-American Legion State Forest, offering a tranquil escape for outdoor exploration, community events, and connection to the natural world.

Our self-guided exploration activities and recreation opportunities include:

- 🌿 Nature Center with live animal ambassadors
- 🌿 12-miles of multi-use trails
- 🌿 StoryWalk trail, a new book each month
- 🌿 Interpretive gardens to discover
- 🌿 Statehouse Lake access for fishing, swimming, and paddling

Connect with us and the natural world through our upcoming program opportunities.

Make a Difference With Membership

When you join our membership program, your contribution goes directly to impactful initiatives that promote lifelong learning, outdoor exploration, environmental stewardship, and scientific discovery.

Your support helps us maintain our trails, offer community and school nature-based programs for little or no cost, provide self-guided educational resources at our Nature Center, sustain our Animal Ambassador Program for injured wildlife education, and more! Members receive discounts on programs or attend for free!



Registering For Programs

Registration can be completed online, by phone, or in person. Visit www.discoverycenter.net for more information on registering or to register for a program. Most programs have a registration deadline. Programs may be canceled if the minimum number of participants has not been met by the registration deadline. Our cancellation policy can be found on our website.

Most programs have a wait list available.

Call (715) 543-2085 for availability.

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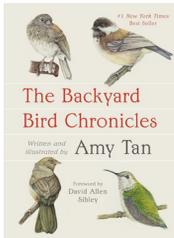
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NATURAL PAGES READING GROUP

Gain a new perspective on nature with our monthly reading group, Natural Pages, a partnership between the Discovery Center and Koller Library. We will focus on a different nature-based book each month, with discussions led by either Discovery Center or library staff. Free and open to the public. Books will be available for checkout at the library in the weeks prior to the meeting.



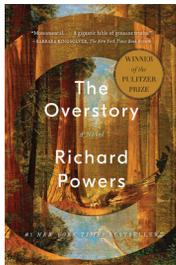
The Backyard Bird Chronicles

Author: Amy Tan

Tracking the natural beauty that surrounds us, *The Backyard Bird Chronicles* maps the passage of time through daily entries, thoughtful questions, and beautiful original sketches. With boundless charm and wit, the author charts her foray into birding and the natural wonders of the world.

Location: Koller Library

Tuesday, March 17 5 - 6 p.m.



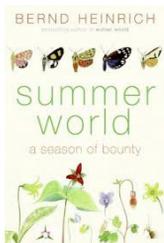
The Overstory

Author: Richard Powers

This fictional novel weaves together the stories of nine strangers whose individual experiences with trees lead them to a shared purpose: confronting the destruction of forests through environmental activism. It explores humanity's complex relationship with nature that spans decades and explores themes of connection, communication, and ecological change.

Location: North Lakeland Discovery Center

Tuesday, April 21 5 - 6 p.m.



Summer World: A Season of Bounty

Author: Bernd Heinrich

Companion to *Winter World*, this is a naturalist's book that explores how animals and insects survive and thrive during the summer season through activities like feeding, mating, and nesting.

Location: Koller Library

Tuesday, May 19 5 - 6 p.m.



KNOWLEDGE AT NOON

Get involved in this monthly series! Bring a bag lunch to your favorite Northwoods libraries for a one-hour nature presentation. Our naturalists will share insights on various nature topics. All ages welcome!

Out of Place: Identifying and Managing Invasives in Your Backyard

Some plants cause more harm than good and may be lurking in your own backyard. Learn how to identify common invasive plants, understand what makes them troublesome, and explore practical ways to manage them on your property. Whether you care for a small garden or several acres, discover simple steps to promote a native landscape.

Instructors: Abby Vogt & Lydia Dobberstein

Location: Mercer Library

Wednesday, March 4 12 - 1 p.m.

No fee or registration required

Nature Fools!

Let's celebrate this special day in April. Nature uses tricks like camouflage, mimicry, and enticement through animal and plant adaptations that aid in survival by helping them hide from predators, attract prey, or deceive hosts. Learn who does this and how right here in the Northwoods!

Instructor: Licia Johnson

Location: Presque Isle Library

Wednesday, April 1 12 - 1 p.m.

No fee or registration required

The Native Garden Blueprint: Designing, Planting, and Maintaining Pollinator Habitat

Creating a pollinator-friendly garden takes more than planting flowers. Learn how to choose the right native plants for Northern Wisconsin, plan for continuous blooms, and maintain your garden for long-term success. This program also helps make sense of the "organized chaos" of native plantings — understanding how seemingly random arrangements support pollinators, wildlife, and a healthy ecosystem. Walk away with practical tips for design, seasonal care, and keeping your native garden thriving year after year.

Instructors: Abby Vogt & Lydia Dobberstein

Location: Boulder Junction Library

Wednesday, May 6 12 - 1 p.m.

No fee or registration required

“We love bringing in the naturalists to our library to explore topics and give hands-on experiences to our community.”

-Kate Frisk, Assistant Director,
Boulder Junction Library



TRAIL EXPLORATIONS

Learn about wildlife, plants, landscape, and natural world relationships from expert naturalists, historians, geologists, and ecologists as you hike down the trail. All ability levels welcome. Every trip is a new adventure!

Traverse the Raven Trail

Take a trek with Naturalist Jenna on the Raven Trail in Woodruff to celebrate the spring equinox! Wander with us down the Northern Highland-American Legion State Forest's Raven Trail to seek out and learn how plants, animals, and people respond to this seasonal turning point while enjoying a reflective walk through the changing landscape.

Instructor: Jenna Richardson

Friday, March 20 1 - 4 p.m.

Registration deadline: March 18

\$20/\$15 member/\$8 youth (ages 4-12)

Magic of Rain Family Hike with Life of a Water Drop Game

Take a rainy April walk to uncover the magic of rain in our Northern ecosystems. Participants are then invited to play an interactive game "Life of a Water Drop" where players travel around the earth pretending to be a water drop. Join us to find out and tell your own water drop life story by creating a beaded bracelet.

Families welcome with children 4 and up.

Instructor: Jenna Richardson

Saturday, April 25 1 - 3 p.m.

Registration deadline: April 24

\$8/\$6 member

Northwoods Flora, Birds and Buds Hike at MECCA Trails

Join Discovery Center Naturalist Licia as we explore the wonderful trails of MECCA near the Little Turtle Flowage for signs of spring - including early bird arrivals and spring flowers and plants! Trail will be up to 2 miles on moderate terrain.

Instructor: Licia Johnson

Friday, May 8 7 - 8:30 a.m.

Registration deadline: May 7

This hike is free and is generously sponsored by MECCA Trails.

The World of Lichen Hike

Join us for a guided hike through Van Vliet Hemlocks State Natural Area. Led by Alex Graeff, we will encounter and discuss various lichens. You'll learn about lichen anatomy, reproduction, substrates, growth habits, ecology, and communities. We will apply that knowledge to recognize and identify various species while enjoying and experiencing an old-growth forest.

Instructor: Alex Graeff

Friday, May 1 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Registration deadline: April 29

This program is free and is generously sponsored by Friends of Van Vliet Hemlocks.



TINY WORLDS SERIES

Step into the miniature marvels of nature! From the velvety green carpets of moss to the intricate patterns of lichens and the drifting beauty of zooplankton — this program series reveals the unseen worlds that keep our landscapes alive. Discover how these tiny forms weave together the fabric of the natural world.

Zooplankton: Our Lakes' Tiniest Animals

Our lakes are filled with animals so tiny we need a microscope to see them. They may be small but their importance is huge. This program is a part of our monthly adult lecture series. We will serve light appetizers and have a cash bar from 5 - 6 p.m. and the presentation will run from 6 - 7 p.m.

Instructor: Carol Warden

Thursday, April 9 5 - 7 p.m.

Registration deadline: April 7
\$17/\$14 member/\$20 at the door

The World Of Mosses

Review the anatomy of mosses and features used for identification through a slide show presentation with Alex Graeff. Then, head out into the woods to discuss habitat, substrates, and communities. We will find and identify some "easy" mosses, and practice recognizing various features used for identification.

Instructor: Alex Graeff

Friday, April 17 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Registration deadline: April 15
\$35/\$30 member

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Instructor: Alex Graeff

Friday, May 1 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Registration deadline: April 29
This program is free and generously sponsored by Friends of Van Vliet Hemlocks.

Entomology with Aidan

Join former NLDC Naturalist Aidan as we put the magnifying lens on the miniature world of insects. Learn how to identify common insects and view them in a new light while observing their impossibly small details.

Instructor: Aidan Witthoff

Saturday, May 30 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Registration deadline: May 28
\$20/\$15 member

**Coming June 2026:
Mushrooms for Kids!**





EXPLORING NATURE

There are numerous ways to deepen your connection with the natural world. Whether you're working in a garden, exploring the forest, or discovering how we can benefit from both plant and animal communities, opportunities abound to engage with the land around us.

Winter Seed Sowing Workshop

Join us for a family-friendly seed sowing workshop, where we will turn a recycled container into a greenhouse and sow the seeds inside soil. You will leave the containers outside, and the seeds will germinate when it's time.

Instructor: Abby Vogt

Friday, March 27 5 - 7 p.m.

Registration deadline: March 25

\$20/\$15 member

From Chick to Table: Raising Chickens for Meat

Join us for this practical, beginner-friendly program to learn how to raise chickens for meat in a backyard setting. Designed for small spaces, the program covers breed selection, brooding, housing, daily care, humane practices, and safe processing options. You'll even get a chance to sample chicken raised by Hannah in 2025!

Instructor: Hannah Thorpe

Wednesday, April 15 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Registration deadline: April 14

\$15/\$12 member

Rare Plant Monitoring Volunteer Training

Are you interested in botany and plant conservation? Participate in the Wisconsin Rare Plant Monitoring program! Program participants are trained in surveying techniques and use GPS coordinates to locate and mark rare plant populations. We will also discuss some rare plants you might find in the area.

Instructor: Jessica Ross

Saturday, May 2 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Registration will take place through the DNR.

More information can be found online.

There is no fee for this program.

Fabric Basket Gardening

In this hands-on class focused on planting vegetables in grow bags, explore the different types of grow bags, why they work so well, and how to choose the right soil mixes for healthy plant growth. Each participant will leave with a grow bag, soil, and a vegetable plant ready to thrive all summer long.

Instructor: Don Anderson

Saturday, May 16 2 - 3 p.m.

Registration deadline: May 14

\$30/\$20 member



ENVIRONMENTAL EVENINGS

Be a part of our evening programs to explore diverse environmental topics in a relaxed atmosphere. Led by knowledgeable guest lecturers and Discovery Center staff, these sessions are perfect for winding down after a busy day.

Nibbles n' Knowledge Series

Join us for our monthly adult lecture series. We will serve light appetizers and have a cash bar from 5 - 6 p.m. and the presentation will run from 6 - 7 p.m. These programs are held in our Historic YCC Main Lodge. For a full description on each program, please visit our website. Please register at least two days prior to event date.

\$17/\$14 member/\$20 at the door

The Turtle-Flambeau Flowage: A Living Northwoods Landscape

Instructor: Casey Baye, TFF Property Manager

Thursday, March 12 5 - 7 p.m.

Zooplankton: Our Lakes' Tiniest Animals

Instructor: Carol Warden, Limnologist, Trout Lake Station

Thursday, April 9 5 - 7 p.m.

Managing the Discovery Center Forest

Instructor: Tom Shockley, Forest Supervisor, WDNR

Thursday, May 7 5 - 7 p.m.

Wild Wisdom Game Night: Signs of Spring

Participate in this fun and interactive Jeopardy-style program testing your

knowledge on signs of spring! Which flowers bloom first? When do critters emerge from hibernation or return from migration? Challenge yourself with interactive fun and discover the wonders of the natural world in a lively, engaging atmosphere. We will serve light snacks and have a cash bar at 5:30 p.m., and the program will start at 6 p.m. Prizes will be awarded to the winning team!

Instructors: Discovery Center Naturalists

Tuesday, April 28 5:30 - 7 p.m.

Registration deadline: April 27

\$10/\$5 member

Bird Club Program: A Partnership for Timberdoodles

Meet the American woodcock — the Northwoods' favorite leaf-colored potato with a bill like over-engineered tweezers. Learn more about these cryptic birds, the issues they face, and what biologists, researchers and habitat managers are doing to protect them.

Instructor: Jenna Malinowski, WDNR

Monday, May 4 7 - 8 p.m.

No fee or registration required. This program is sponsored by the Discovery Center Bird Club.





NATURALLY CREATIVE

Show us your creativity at workshops featuring natural materials, methods, and themes. Each class is an opportunity to learn new skills and techniques from expert instructors in a supportive and inspiring environment.

Ice Dying Workshop

Discover the magic of ice-dyeing in this hands-on workshop as melting ice transforms fabric or garments into vibrant, one-of-a-kind creations. No experience necessary and families are welcome! All chemicals, dyes, and necessary supplies will be provided.

Instructor: Darcy Lanz-Sage

Wednesday, March 18 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Registration deadline: March 16
\$45/\$40 member

Wood Cookie Earring & Pendant Workshop

Join Naturalists Jenna and Licia for this exciting new workshop! We'll be turning sanded wood cookies into a fabulous pair of earrings and a matching pendant. Get creative with decorating—press flowers, try wood burning, or keep them natural with a few beads. All materials are provided, so just bring your fun spirit!

Instructors: Jenna Richardson & Licia Johnson

Wednesday, April 8

Registration deadline: April 6
\$20/\$15 member

5 - 6 p.m.

Felted Landscapes

Do our beautiful northern woods and waters inspire you? Would you like to create an artistic landscape through "painting" with fiber? We will work with wool fleece to create beautiful landscape pieces. This class will cover basic needle felting techniques as well as some advanced methods. All materials and tools will be provided. Let's play with colorful wool!

Instructor: Mary Burns

Saturday, April 18 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Registration deadline: April 15
\$45/person (includes all materials and tools, which you get to keep). \$37/person (if you have your own foam pad and needles).



Felted Landscapes

Naturally Made: DIY Household Essentials

Join us to craft your own eco-friendly household essentials. From homemade dish soap and natural sink scrub to reusable beeswax wraps and soothing pillow spray, you'll leave with practical creations — and inspiration to bring more natural living into your home.

Instructors: Jenna Richardson & Licia Johnson

Wednesday, April 22 5 - 6:30 p.m.

Registration deadline: April 20

\$30/\$25 member



Wood Cookie Earring & Pendant Workshop

Felted Flower Wreaths

Learn fun techniques to turn felted sheets into cute flowers to attach to a 12" grapevine wreath. We will also be making mushrooms out of egg cartons and have other cute decorations you can add to this exciting spring craft!

Instructors: Licia Johnson & Jenna Richardson

Tuesday, May 5 5 - 6:30 p.m.

Registration deadline: May 3

\$45/\$40 member



Felted Flower Wreaths

Ink & Impression: A Printmaking Experience

Explore the art of printmaking with artist Darcy Lanz-Sage in this hands-on, immersive workshop. Participants will experiment with a wide range of techniques, including carving a small rubber block, creating designs in thin print foam using a pen, heating and embossing Penscore to form one-of-a-kind textured stamps, and playing with a small jelly plate. If time allows, Darcy will also demonstrate additional printmaking methods for even more creative inspiration.

Instructor: Darcy Lanz-Sage

Tuesday, May 12 12 - 4 p.m.

Registration deadline: March 16

\$45/\$40 member



Ink & Impression: A Printmaking Experience



MINDFUL LIVING IN NATURE

Immerse yourself in nature while connecting with your mind, body, and spirit at the Discovery Center. Yoga classes will be held in our Historic YCC Main Lodge. Learn more about these opportunities on our website.

Lakeside Yoga Stretch

Wherever you are in your yoga practice, this class is for you. Lakeside Yoga is a gently paced class that encourages deep release in the body's major muscle groups. Through mindful stretching, breathwork, and intentional movement, students can increase flexibility, ease chronic pain, and improve their overall range of motion.

Lakeside Yoga also helps build strength and cultivates balance in both body and mind. Whether you're new to yoga or a seasoned practitioner, you'll leave feeling grounded, refreshed, and restored. All are welcome.

Bring a yoga mat and water.

Saturdays 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.
No registration required.
\$12/session to be paid at the door

March 7, 14, 21, & 28

April 4, 11, 18, 25

May 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30

Yin Yoga & Sound Bath with Mindful Mandalas

Enjoy yoga and sound bath from 9:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. All attendees are welcome to join directly following yoga for a mindful mandalas workshop. Creating Art is a natural way to practice mindfulness. Come experience a fun way to meditate through art while creating a mandala.

Instructors: Suzi Hammer & Darcy Lanz-Sage

Saturday, May 30 9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.
\$12/person



“ Every yoga class is different with thoughtful, inspiring quotes, beautiful music, and variation in the poses we do. ”

-Barbara Burns, class participant



FAMILY NATURE CONNECTIONS

Hit the road and visit the Discovery Center for fun and educational programs that the whole family can enjoy! Tailored for nature-appreciating kids of all ages, these engaging programs are designed to inspire the next generation while providing a memorable experience for everyone!

Nature Sprouts (ages 1-4)

Connecting families to nature, this family-oriented program consists of interactive, sensory activities centralized around a nature theme.

11 - 11:30 a.m.

\$4/\$3 member (family price)

Exploring Seeds

Saturday, March 21

Registration deadline: March 19

Exploring Amphibians

Saturday, May 16

Registration deadline: May 14

Critter Feeding Demo

We are home to a variety of animal ambassadors who all have unique dietary needs. Join a Discovery Center Naturalist to witness our feeding procedures in action!

Saturday, March 28 12 - 12:30 p.m.

Animal Spotlight Hour

Drop in anytime during the hour to learn from a Discovery Center Naturalist as we explore the amazing creatures found in our own backyards!

11 a.m - 12 p.m.

Grouse

Saturday, March 14

Squirrels

Saturday, April 25

StoryWalk (ages 4-8)

Join a Discovery Center Naturalist as we take a walk down the Discovery Nature Trail while reading a nature inspired book. This program combines literacy with outdoor activity and includes a fun craft. The first 6 families that register will receive a free copy of the book.

1 - 2 p.m.

Free program and books sponsored by the Shepherd-Howells Fund



Goodbye Winter, Hello Spring

Saturday, March 28 1 - 2 p.m.

Registration deadline: March 27

When Spring Comes

Saturday, April 18 1 - 2 p.m.

Registration deadline: April 17



Up in the Garden and Down in the Dirt

Saturday, May 16 1 - 2 p.m.

Registration deadline: May 15

Traveling Naturalist Program

Did you know our Naturalists can come to you via our Traveling Naturalist program? Each year we visit community centers, libraries, and even private homes to teach a wide variety of nature-based programs. Ranging from turtle programs utilizing our live ambassador animals to programs on foraging, wolves, and salamanders, we have a program for everyone! Our program pricing is based on an hourly rate and mileage to the program and may include material fees. For more information on our Traveling Naturalist Program contact:

Programs@discoverycenter.net



Residential Program

Residential Programs help people of all ages and abilities foster a deep connection to and appreciation of the natural world through engaging and interactive programming during overnight experiences. Our programs shape young adults and youth to become responsible land stewards and passionate conservationists while encouraging teamwork and life skill development. For more information on our Residential Programs contact: Residential@discoverycenter.net



Woods & Water Program

Our team of conservation specialists and emerging professionals are dedicated to protecting healthy lakes and preserving the Northwoods. Through hands-on work in conservation practices like invasive species prevention, shoreline restoration, and community outreach, we promote best stewardship practices and an ethic of care for our natural resources.

For more information on our Woods & Water Program contact:

Woodsandwater@discoverycenter.net



Facility & Wedding Rentals

Discover a tranquil retreat in Manitowish Waters, Vilas County, where nature creates the perfect backdrop for your gathering. Our lakeside location offers ample space and amenities for overnight stays.

Enjoy recreational activities like kayaking, hiking, or simply relaxing in the beautiful surroundings. Our Historic Main Lodge, with its charming architecture, features comfortable gathering spaces and modern classrooms for workshops. For overnight lodging, our cozy bunkhouses foster connection among guests.

For a unique experience, consider hosting your wedding here, with scenic views and an outdoor ceremony option in our amphitheater. Let us help you create an unforgettable event in this serene lakeside paradise. Contact rentals@discoverycenter.net for more information.



Contact Us

For information on reserving our facility spaces, registering for a program, or details about the North Lakeland Discovery Center contact us at:

Contact@discoverycenter.net or (715) 543-2085

Hours of Operation

Nature Center Hours:
Tuesday - Saturday: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Closed Sunday & Monday

Grounds & trails are open year-round, daily from dawn until dusk.



SPECIAL EVENTS

MARCH

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Taco Fiesta Fundraiser

Support the Discovery Center by enjoying a taco dinner in our Historic YCC Lodge! Your meal benefits our mission of connecting people, nature, and community, and supports the environmental programs you love.

APRIL

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Discovery Center Cold Dip Fundraiser

Join us for this fun new way to support the Discovery Center! Folks will pledge donations to sponsor different staff who will then take the "plunge" at this chilly event! More information can be found online or by calling the Center directly.

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North Lakeland Woods & Water Conference

Join us for a gathering centered on partnerships and collaboration. Let's celebrate the spirit of conservation in the Northwoods, focusing on science and solutions.

MAY

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Spring Helping Hands Day

Come volunteer with us as we prepare NLDC for the busy season ahead! After a long winter, grounds work will be plenty and indoor tasks will ensure the Nature Center is ready for visitors.

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21st Annual Bird & Wildlife Festival

Join us in celebrating World Migratory Bird Day! Explore the wildlife and natural beauty of the Northwoods with a variety of guided hikes and tours, bird watching expeditions, a bird banding demonstration, and interactive workshops.

COMING SOON!

JUNE

4

Native Plant
Sale & Pick Up

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The Big Event
Fundraiser