



SUMMER 2026 PROGRAM GUIDE

June - July - August



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






 **NORTH LAKELAND
DISCOVERY CENTER**
inspire - discover - connect

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 that 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 found in this program guide and on our website.

Make a Difference With Membership

When you become a member, 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 most programs or attend for free!



Register For Programs

Registration can be completed online, by phone, or in person. Visit www.discoverycenter.net for detailed program information or to register for a program. Most classes have a registration deadline. Classes 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 classes have a wait list available. Call (715) 543-2085 for availability.

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MINDFUL LIVING IN NATURE

Immerse yourself in nature while connecting with your mind, body and spirit at the Discovery Center. Learn more about these opportunities online.

Lakeside Yoga Stretch

Lakeside Yoga Stretch is a class paced to facilitate a deeper release in the major muscle groups. It includes gentle stretches, breath work, and effective movements to increase range of motion and ease chronic pain. This class is appropriate for all students who simply want to increase their flexibility, experience a deep release, improve strength and balance, and increase mental clarity and focus. Class meets on the amphitheater on Statehouse Lake. Class will move inside in inclement weather.

Instructors: Suzi Hammer & Darcy Lanz-Sage

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

June 9, 16, 23 & 30

July 7, 14, 21 & 28

August 4, 11, 18 & 25

Connect with Tree Spirits: A Deep Dive Inward and Outward

Let's interact with trees as friends and call upon them for support and perspective! Explore the profound connection between humans and the natural world. This class is intended to hone our ability to perceive beyond the thinking mind, tuning into our clair senses and sacred imagination. Through interaction with tree plant matter, walking meditation, guided journeys, and journaling/sketching, we'll begin to map our individual nature support network.

Instructor: Anne Drehfal

Saturday, July 18 1 - 4:30 p.m.

Registration deadline: July 11

\$48/\$40 member





Eco-print wool coasters

NATURALLY CREATIVE

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

Drop-In Make & Take Crafts

Stop by anytime during open hours to enjoy crafting fun projects to take home! Each month offers new crafts to create and enjoy. Supplies are limited — no registration needed! Located in our Forest Classroom.

Saturdays 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Donations appreciated.

June 13, July 11, & August 8

Watercolor & Ink “Etegami”

Etegami is a Japanese art form that combines simple hand-painted imagery with words. Translated as “picture letter,” Etegami values expression over perfection. In this workshop, we will explore Etegami as a practice of slowing down and truly seeing.

Instructor: Darcy Lanz-Sage

Tuesday, June 2 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Registration deadline: May 31

\$36/\$30 member



Watercolor & Ink Etegami

Driftwood Beaded Wall Art Workshop

Create beautiful, beaded wall hangings using pieces of driftwood, colorful beads, and your imagination. All material provided. However, participants are welcome to bring their own pieces of driftwood (up to 14” long and 2” wide), special beads, or other nature treasures, like feathers, to hang from their wall hanging creation. Families are welcome with children ages 7 and up.

Instructor: Jenna Richardson

Thursday, July 9 1 - 2:30 p.m.

Registration deadline: July 7

\$15/\$10 member

Eco-Printing and Felting: Wool Coasters Workshop

This workshop will introduce you to eco-printing and needle felting. Join fiber artist Mary Burns to create four colorful wool coasters with these two methods. No experience necessary.

Instructor: Mary Burns

Saturday, August 22 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Registration deadline: August 20

\$45 (need all materials)/\$37 (bring your own needles and felting pad)



WILDLIFE INSIGHTS

Explore the fascinating realm of wildlife with captivating programs, workshops, and insightful encounters. Discover the beauty and uniqueness of animals.

Animal Spotlight Hour

Drop in during the hour to explore animal artifacts, learn fun animal facts, and ask a naturalist your wildlife questions.

Saturdays, 10 - 11 a.m.

Free program sponsored by the St. Matthias Thrift Shop.

Beavers **Turtles** **Bobcats**
June 27 July 25 August 29

Critter Feeding Demo

Come visit the Discovery Center and meet our 15 animal ambassadors, each with their own unique dietary needs! Get an inside look at how we carefully prepare and provide their meals.

Saturdays, 10 - 10:30 a.m.

Free program sponsored by the St. Matthias Thrift Shop.

June 13, July 11, & August 8

Bird Club Program: A Charisma of Owls

Join Lynn Barber, author, artist, and president of the WI Society for Ornithology, to learn about what defines an owl through pictures of species native to the US and Canada. She will discuss the appearance, habitats, behavior, and stories of her seeking these owls.

Instructor: Lynn Barber

Monday, June 1 7 - 8 p.m.

Free program sponsored by the NLDC Bird Club.

A Light Lesson Regarding Looney Tunes

Join loon expert Jay Mager for this presentation of the various vocalizations made by Common Loons during the breeding season, with particular research into the information produced by the male territorial vocalization called the yodel.

Instructor: Jay Mager

Tuesday, July 7 5:30 - 7 p.m.
\$10/\$7 member

Bird Club Program: A WI Farmboy in Galapagos

The Galápagos Islands are one of the most unique, enticing, and storied places on planet Earth. Darwin learned from them; Crusoe and Captain Ahab survived them; and Steve Betchkal photographed them. How did a Wisconsin farm boy end up living on a boat in the equatorial Pacific for two months in 2017? It's a tale fit for Melville!

Instructor: Steve Betchkal

Monday, July 6 7 - 8 p.m.

Free program sponsored by the NLDC Bird Club.





ECO - SERIES

Prepare for an exciting hands-on adventure at the Discovery Center! During these interactive programs, children will delve into the natural world through exploration, activities, and enjoy a snack. This is a drop-off event, so parents should plan to come back for pick-up afterward. Participants should be ready to spend time outdoors, dressed appropriately for the weather, and bring a water bottle. Spots fill up fast, so pre-registration is required for these programs!

Eco-Explorers (ages 8-11) and Eco-Discoverers (ages 4-7)

Thursdays, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.
\$20/\$16 member

Backyard Bird Buddies

June 18

Aquatic Critters

June 25

Creatures of the Night

July 9

Wild Connections

July 16

Life in the Pond

July 23

Beaver Builders

July 30

Exploring Citizen Science

August 6

Eco-Adventurers (ages 11-14)

Thursdays, 1 - 3 p.m.
\$20/\$16 member

Water Ecology Paddle Excursion

June 25

Forest Habitat Exploratory Hike

July 16

Mind-boggling Bog Expedition

August 6





ECO - KIDS

These programs are designed for the next generation of nature enthusiasts. Tailored for children of many ages, they offer an engaging, educational, and enjoyable experience! For complete descriptions of the programs, please visit our website.

Mushrooms & Mysteries: A Fun Adventure for Kids

Bring the kids down to the Discovery Center to explore the hidden mysteries of mushrooms and mycelium networks. Learn about the structure of mushrooms, their roles in an ecosystem, and create mushroom-inspired art with our team of Naturalists!

Friday, June 26 1 - 2:30 p.m.
Registration deadline: June 24
\$20/\$15 members

Northwoods Forest History Experience Programs (ages 7-12)

Saturdays
\$20/\$15 member of NLDC or MWHS

Tall Tale Day

June 27 12:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Creating Your Own Log Stamp

July 18 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

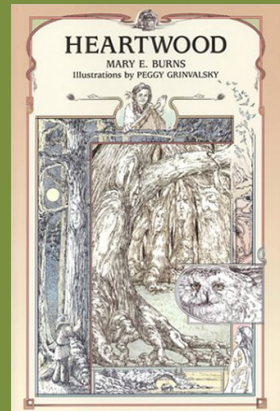
My Northwoods Tree Journal

August 1 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Heartwood Book Camp

Join this new book camp featuring young adult fantasy novel, *Heartwood*, written by local author and artist Mary Burns. Read the book at your leisure and then come to camp at the Northwoods Forest History Experience cabin to discuss the story with the author and staff and do art, science, history, and literature activities around this great story that takes place right here in the Northwoods. More information coming soon!

July 6-10 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.





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, programs consist of interactive, sensory activities centralized around a nature theme.

Saturdays, 10 - 10:30 a.m.
\$8/\$5 member (family price)

Exploring Birds

June 20

Registration deadline: June 18

Exploring Flowers

July 18

Registration deadline: July 16

Exploring Sounds of Nature

August 15

Registration deadline: August 13



StoryWalk

Join the Koller Library Director as we take a walk down the Discovery Nature Trail while reading a nature inspired book. This program combines literacy and outdoor activity and includes a fun craft.

Wednesdays, 10 - 11 a.m.

Free program sponsored by the Frank B. Koller Memorial Library and the Shepherd-Howells Fund

In Grandpa's Woods by Sharon Hart Addy

June 17

Registration deadline: June 16

Huck and Loona by Emily Kilgore

July 1

Registration deadline: June 30

Beneath by Cori Doerrfeld

July 15

Registration deadline: July 14

The Weedy Garden by Margaret Renkl

July 29

Registration deadline: July 28

This is the Tree We Planted by Kate McMullan

August 12

Registration deadline: August 11





TRAIL EXPLORATIONS

Learn about wildlife, plants, landscape and natural world relationships from expert naturalists, historians, geologists, and ecologists as you hike or bike down the trail. All ability levels welcome.

Manitowish Waters Historic Hike & Pub Crawl

Learn about Manitowish Waters' history with Jim Bokern from the MWHS and visit some local establishments as we hike at a leisurely pace on area trails. We will stop into several bars/restaurants for refreshments and amazing stories about our town's past, so please bring cash for beverages. The route is 3.5 miles and mostly along existing trails, and a shuttle is provided. Must be 21 to participate.

Instructors: Jim Bokern & NLDC Staff
\$25/\$20 members of MWHS/NLDC

Thursday, June 25 3 - 7 p.m.
Registration deadline: June 23

Thursday, August 27 3 - 7 p.m.
Registration deadline: August 25

Birding Hike with Steve Betchkal

Start your day with a peaceful walk at Powell Marsh while listening and looking for birds with birding expert Steve Betchkal. Perfect for beginners and experienced birders alike. Bring comfortable walking shoes, binoculars, and a sense of curiosity!

Instructor: Steve Betchkal

Tuesday, July 7 7 - 9 a.m.
Registration deadline: July 4

Free program sponsored by the NLDC Bird Club.



Camp Mercer Trail Historic and Interpretive Hike & Taphouse Visit

Explore with Manitowish Waters Historical Society guide Jim Bokern and a NLDC naturalist one of the most robust CCC camps in the Northwoods, while walking on the newest Northern Highland American Legion State Forest hiking trail. This will be a moderately challenging 2-3 mile hike due to uneven terrain. Following the hike, there is an option to join the group at Liberty Way Taphouse to continue the historic conversation.

Instructors: Jim Bokern & Hannah Thorpe

Thursday, August 6 1 - 4:30 p.m.
Registration deadline: August 4
\$30/\$25 members of MWHS/NLDC

Travel the Trails Through Time Historical & Naturalist Bike Tour

Jim Bokern of the Manitowish Waters Historical Society and Hannah Thorpe, NLDC Naturalist, will lead you along the paved bike trail and discuss some interesting history and natural history of the area. The trip is about 15 miles total on a mostly flat, paved trail. Participants must bring their own bike or rent one through River's Edge.

Instructors: Jim Bokern & Hannah Thorpe

Wednesday, August 26 12 - 5 p.m.
Registration deadline: August 24
\$35/\$25 members of MWHS/NLDC



NATURE'S HARVEST

The natural world offers an abundance of resources to explore, from edible and medicinal plants to fungi. These engaging and educational programs will deepen your understanding and curiosity about the plants and animals we can consume from nature.

Wild Foraging Hike and Workshop

Foraging for wild food is a great way to experience the natural world. In this workshop participants will first learn how to identify plants, then how to harvest and prepare the wild food to eat. Be prepared to hike in the woods and endure the outdoor elements!

Instructor: Colleen Matula, Forest Ecologist

Friday, June 5 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Registration deadline: June 3

\$25/\$20 member

Dandelions: The "Weed" That Nourishes Workshop

Did you know that dandelions are an extremely useful and important flower? Join Naturalist Licia to learn about the importance of dandelions, especially for early pollinators. Try dandelion bread, make dandelion pesto, dandelion salve and dandelion sugar scrub to take home, along with other fun dandelion recipes to try on your own.

Instructor: Licia Johnson

Friday, June 12 1:30 - 3 p.m.

Registration deadline: June 10

Free program sponsored by Xcel Energy.

FORAGING MONTH

Celebrate foraging month this August with educators from across the region sharing their insight, expertise, and enthusiasm for wild edibles and medicinals.

Edible Aquatic Plants

Many foragers spend most of their time collecting wild edibles in the field and forest, but have you tried foraging via canoe? Learn how to identify an array of aquatic plant species found in and around our local waters, what parts are edible, and how to prepare them.

Instructors: NLDC Staff

Wednesday, August 5 1 - 2:30 p.m.

Registration deadline: August 3

Free program sponsored by Xcel Energy.

Wild Salad Greens & Dressings: A Tasting Workshop

Savor flavors of the wild in this tasting workshop. Sample a variety of foraged greens, berries, and plant-based dressings while learning how to identify, where to forage, and how to prepare the naturally sourced foods.

Instructors: Licia Johnson and Jenna Richardson

Friday, August 7 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Registration deadline: August 5

\$20/\$10 member



FORAGING MONTH

Plantain- The Humble Healer

Learn to identify Plantain while foraging on the grounds of North Lakeland Discovery Center. This will be a very low-tech, hands on exploration of the grounds, foraging for plantain and discussion along with a recipe and a product they can easily make at home.

Instructor: Julie Cook

Saturday, August 8 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Registration deadline: August 6

\$25/\$20 member

Mushroom Foraging 101 with Nicole Villwock

Get into the woods and learn the basics of mushrooming with Nicole Villwock. Cover recommended equipment, literary guides and a few of the identification basics to get you going on an expanding relationship with the natural world. The focus of this outing will be on edible and medicinal mushrooms foraged locally.

Instructor: Nicole Villwock

Wednesday, August 12 9 - 11 a.m.

Registration deadline: August 10

\$20/\$10 member

Medicinal Mushrooms with EmilyMae King-Ryden

This immersive workshop will explore the fascinating world of local medicinal fungi, and feature a comprehensive, visually rich and hands on introduction, designed to help you confidently identify key medicinal mushrooms in our region. Workshop includes a useable PowerPoint and foray for hands-on learning.

Instructor: EmilyMae King-Ryden

Monday, August 17 4 - 7 p.m.

Registration deadline: August 15

\$30/\$20 member

Medicinal First Aid Field Kit

Prepare your first aid field kit by learning how to identify medicinal plants found in the region and ways to apply them in the wilderness in this hands-on workshop at the Discovery Center.

Instructors: Licia Johnson & Jenna Richardson

Saturday, August 29 1 - 2:30 p.m.

Registration deadline: August 10

\$25/\$20 member

Foraged Feast with the Naturalists

Gather at the Discovery Center for an exclusive dinner event celebrating the foraged plants of Northern Wisconsin. Enjoy a thoughtfully presented four-course meal by Rustic Roots Catering, with each course featuring foraged and locally sourced ingredients. During each course, Naturalists Jenna and Licia will share insights on the featured ingredients, gathering techniques, and the inspiration behind this unique dining experience.

Instructors: Licia Johnson & Jenna Richardson

Friday, August 28 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Registration deadline: August 14





EXPLORING OUR WATERS

These programs and experiences will get you on local lakes and rivers, educating you on their fascinating link to local history and lore, ecology and importance. More details on trips can be found online.

PADDLES

Tillicum Conservation Area Paddle

Enjoy this morning paddle with Frank Schroyer from The Northwoods Land Trust, portaging between two lakes on the property, Stone and Ess Lakes, to view a variety of forest and bog habitats. Participants must bring their own canoe or kayak, paddle, and PFD, and must be physically able to carry it down a short slope and across a 1/4 mile distance.

Instructors: Frank Schroyer and Hannah Thorpe

Friday, June 12 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Registration deadline: June 10

\$15/\$12 member

Full Moon Paddle on Statehouse Lake

Join our Naturalists on a paddle on Statehouse Lake under the glowing, full "Buck Moon." Learn about the magic of a full moon and the nocturnal animals that are adapted to life at night on this fun, easy and relaxing paddle. All equipment will be provided.

Instructors: Jenna Richardson & Liz McCloskey

Tuesday, July 28 8:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Registration deadline: July 25

\$20/\$15 member

Van Vliet Lake Evening Paddle

Join Discovery Center naturalists for an evening paddle on beautiful Van Vliet Lake to explore the natural shoreline along the Van Vliet Hemlocks State Natural Area as we head over to Averill Lake. This will be a slow moving, easy paddle (unless we have some wind), so some paddling experience is appreciated. Canoes/PFDs provided.

Instructors: NLDC Naturalists

Tuesday, August 4 5:30 - 8 p.m.

Registration deadline: August 1

Free program sponsored by Friends of Van Vliet Hemlocks.

Join our Woods & Water team on these two Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) programs this summer!

Clean Boats Clean Waters Training

Thursday, July 9 1 - 2 p.m.

Free

AIS Snapshot Day

Saturday, August 8 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Free



MANITOWISH WATERS HISTORICAL SOCIETY PONTOONS

Join educators from the Manitowish Waters Historical Society on these engaging and informative pontoon trips.

Historic Dillinger Tours

Instructor: Kay Krans

Fridays, June 12, July 17, & August 21

9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. or 1:15 - 3:45 p.m.

\$75/\$65 member of MWHS/NLDC (includes lunch)

Island & Spider Lakes

Instructor: Kay Krans

Fridays, June 19 & August 7

12:30 - 3 p.m.

\$60/\$55 member of MWHS/NLDC

Stone, Fawn, & Clear Lakes

Instructor: Kay Krans

Fridays, June 19 & August 7

9 - 11:30 a.m.

\$60/\$55 member of MWHS/NLDC

Legends of Manitou Island

Instructors: Kay Krans & Licia Johnson

Monday, July 6 6 - 8 p.m.

\$60/\$55 member of MWHS/NLDC

Manitowish Waters Crime Tours

Instructor: Kay Krans

Friday, July 10 & Thursday, August 13

9 - 11:30 a.m. or 12:30 - 3 p.m.

\$60/\$55 member of MWHS/NLDC

Trout Lake History

Instructors: Jim Bokern & Jenna Richardson

Tuesday, July 14 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

\$75/\$70 member of MWHS/NLDC

Turtle Flambeau Flowage Pontoon with Pizza!

Instructors: Jim Bokern & Hannah Thorpe

Wednesday, July 22 5:30 - 9 p.m.

\$80/\$75 member of MWHS/NLDC

Rest Lake & Shore Lunch

Instructors: Jim Bokern & Ryan Wahlgren

Friday, July 24

9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. or 11 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

\$75/\$70 member of MWHS/NLDC (includes lunch)

Alder & Wild Rice Lakes

Instructor: Jim Bokern

Thursday, July 30

9 - 11:30 a.m.

\$60/\$55 member of MWHS/NLDC

Manitowish & Little Star Lakes

Instructor: Jim Bokern

Thursday, July 30 12:30 - 3 p.m.

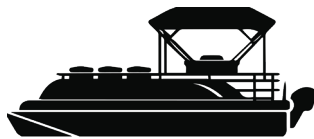
\$60/\$55 member of MWHS/NLDC

Big Lake Investigation Pontoon

Instructors: Kay Krans & Hannah Thorpe

Monday, August 17 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

\$60/\$55 member of MWHS/NLDC



NATURALIST PONTOONS

Sunset Sip: Interpretive Cruise

Hop aboard with NLDC Naturalists for an interpretive pontoon cruise on Rest Lake! Discover the wonders of lake ecology and the Manitowish Chain of Lakes, all while enjoying wine, cheese, & beautiful scenery.

Instructors: NLDC Staff

Friday, June 26 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Registration deadline: June 24

\$48/\$38 member

A Looney Morning Pontoon on the Turtle Flambeau Flowage

Learn about the life history and behavior of the common loon. Discuss various efforts and practices that continue to be used to enhance the survival and reproductive success of loons during this critical time of the year.

Instructor: Jay Mager

Wednesday, July 8 9 - 11 a.m.

Registration deadline: July 6

\$50/\$40 member

SPECIAL



Native Plant Sale & Pick Up

Support Northwoods wildlife and habitat while helping our campus gardens thrive! This Discovery Center Garden Club fundraiser supports our gardens, garden activities, and native plantings. Pre-orders will be available for pickup. Stop by to shop our limited selection of native plants that will be available.

Thursday, June 4 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.



The Big Event

Grab your flannel and bring your Northwoods spirit for North Lakeland Discovery Center's lumberjack-themed annual fundraiser "The Big Event!" Enjoy activities inspired by the logging traditions that shaped our region and bid on live and silent auction items and experiences.

Saturday, June 6 4:30 - 7:30 p.m.



Northwoods Forest History Experience Grand Opening

Celebrate the transformation of our 1930's Civilian Conservation Corps barracks into an immersive experience that is more than a museum. Join exhibit captains to view their displays from Indigenous times to the lumbering era and up through modern forestry. Special presentations and activities, a dedication ceremony, food and drink.

Saturday, June 13 12 - 5 p.m.

EVENTS

Family Play Day

Catered toward families of all ages, the Discovery Center's Family Play Day features outdoor activities including nature art, giant bubble making, lawn games, canoeing, fishing, a fish casting contest and more!

Thursday, July 2 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.



Annual Member Meeting

Celebrate 30 years of the North Lakeland Discovery Center at our Annual Member Meeting! To celebrate, local singer-songwriter and loop artist, Karley Davidson, will join us to serenade our beloved member community enjoys dinner. During our business meeting attendees will learn about the Discovery Center's accomplishments over the past year.

Thursday, July 23 4 - 7 p.m.



Volunteer and Seasonal Staff Appreciation Cookout

Celebrate the contributions of our amazing volunteers, express gratitude to the staff in our Emerging Professionals Program. Hear about the special projects our seasonal staff have been focusing on and learn about the impact volunteers have on our mission!

Tuesday, July 28 4 - 6 p.m.



Traveling Naturalist Program

Did you know that 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 and nature-inspired crafts to programs on foraging, wolves, and salamanders.

Our program pricing is based on an hourly rate and mileage to the program. For more information on our Traveling Naturalist Program contact: Programs@discoverycenter.net.



Residential Programs



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. For information on weddings and reserving our facility spaces please contact: Rentals@discoverycenter.net.



Contact Us

For information on 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:
Monday- Saturday: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Closed Sundays

Our grounds and trails are open year-round, daily from dawn until dusk.



TRAIL MAP



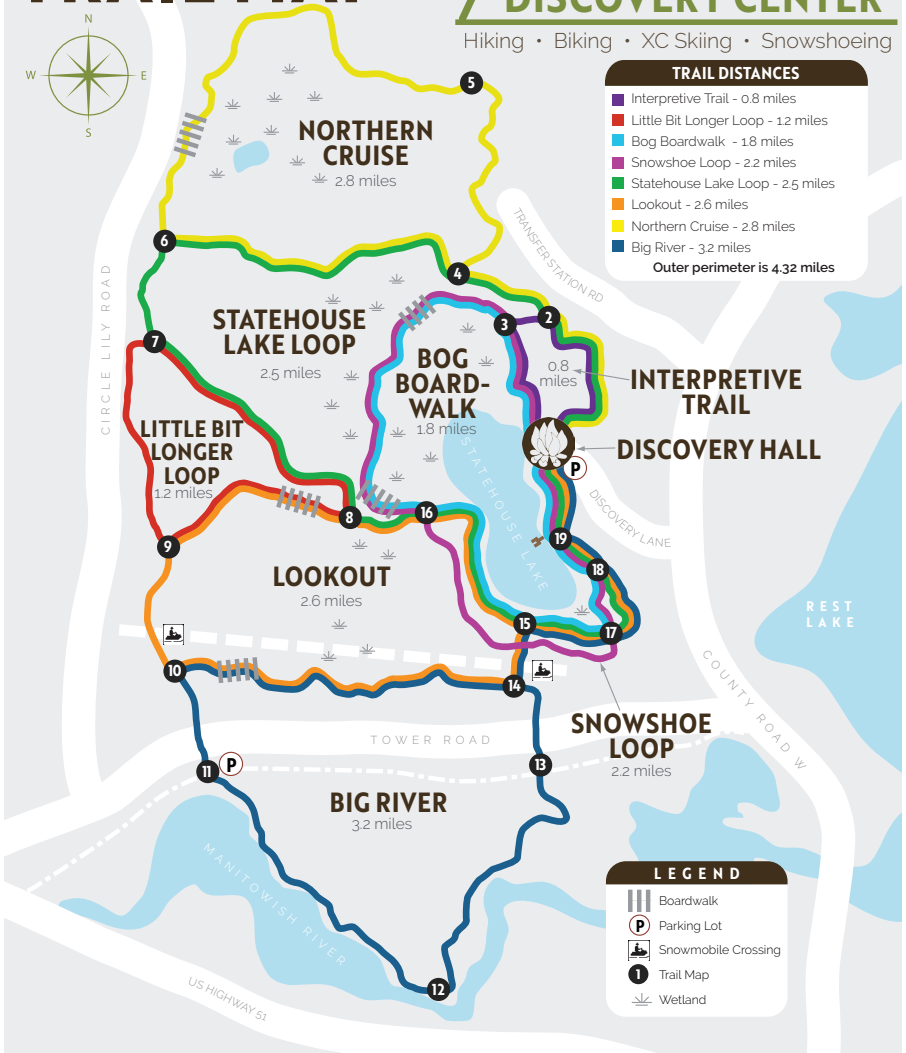
NORTH LAKELAND DISCOVERY CENTER

Hiking • Biking • XC Skiing • Snowshoeing



TRAIL DISTANCES

Interpretive Trail - 0.8 miles
Little Bit Longer Loop - 1.2 miles
Bog Boardwalk - 1.8 miles
Snowshoe Loop - 2.2 miles
Statehouse Lake Loop - 2.5 miles
Lookout - 2.6 miles
Northern Cruise - 2.8 miles
Big River - 3.2 miles
Outer perimeter is 4.32 miles



LEGEND

	Boardwalk
	Parking Lot
	Snowmobile Crossing
	Trail Map
	Wetland

Discovery Center Trails

The Discovery Center offers 12 miles of trails for you to explore this season. Whether you choose to hike or bike, be aware that the trails are made up of dirt and grass. While use of the trails is free, donations are welcome to help maintain their quality. While enjoying the trails, please keep the following guidelines in mind:

- Dogs must be on a leash at all times, please pick up after your pet
- Please stay on the designated trails
- Each intersection is indicated on a map at that location
- Please be respectful of others using the trail system
- Our trails are on state land and hunting is allowed, use caution during these times