



It's Our Nature

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Upcoming Programs

September 14

Jim Klinkert will represent the NEWisconsin Land Trust to discuss different ways to conserve lands in your possession so that environment may be protected and enhanced for future generations.

Also, Linda Stoll will be presented the Fox Valley Sierra Group 2006 Environmental Award.

October 12

Dan Egan is a Pulitzer Prize winning journalist for the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel who published an ongoing series about the Great Lakes and the Great Lakes Watershed. He will discuss the problems facing communities on the Great Lakes, particularly those in Wisconsin, and those communities that are just beyond the watershed who are in desperate need of water to ensure growth. Since the great lakes hold almost 3/4's of the world's total fresh water supply, the drain on our lake and others is going to strain tempers and laws.

*Programs are held at 7:00 pm at
Bubolz Nature Preserve on Lynndale in Appleton*

An Inconvenient Truth - A Review

By Alan Lawrence

I recently had the opportunity to watch Al Gore's movie, "An Inconvenient Truth", where Gore shares his understandings of the facts and science of global warming. It was an excellent movie.



Prior to viewing the documentary I checked the online review from my favorite movie critic, Roger Ebert. I was surprised that he gave it an excellent Four Star rating and classified it as a "disaster movie". The review was unique to any that he has ever written. He began by bluntly stating, "I want to write this review so every reader will begin it and finish it.... It reflects the truth as I understand it, and it represents, I believe, agreement among the world's experts."

Ebert then says, "Global warming is real. It is caused by human activity. Mankind and its governments must begin immediate action to halt and reverse it."

This was a fascinating and moving movie, leaving me very concerned and with moist eyes. Gore has been trying to share this environmental information for many years, having been introduced to the relationship between atmospheric carbon dioxide and global temperatures while he was a college student. He has lectured on the subject to more than a thousand audiences, and now has an audience through this fascinating movie. *(Continued on next page)*

(Truth continued)

Gore speaks of an approaching crisis. He states that there is no controversy about the facts. "Out of 925 recent articles in peer-review scientific journals about global warming there was no disagreement. Zero."

Gore provides statistics supported by natural records over several hundred thousand years. The 10 warmest years in history were in the last 14 years.

Gore says that although there is "100 percent agreement" among scientists this is not shared by the public. Of popular newspaper and magazine

articles, 57% question the fact of global warming. Gore believes this is the result of a disinformation campaign started in the 1990s by the energy industries to "reposition global warming as a debate."

This is not a boring movie. Ebert writes, "In 39 years I have never written these words in a movie review, but here they are: You owe it to yourself to see this film. If you do not, and you have grandchildren, you should explain to them why you decided not to."

"'An Inconvenient Truth' argues that

global warming is not just about science, nor is it just a political issue: it is a moral issue and we have a responsibility to do something about it.", says the climatecrisis.net website.

The movie ends by encouraging the audience to visit climatecrisis.net website to learn more.

Roger Ebert's full review can be found on the Internet at rogerebert.suntimes.com or through imdb.com.

FROM THE CHAIR

I enjoy all of the year for outdoors activities, but this year I'm taking all of my vacation during the summer. In June my family flew to San Francisco and then drove to Big Sur for a week of camping among the giant redwoods. I just finished an early August week-long bicycle tour of northeastern Wisconsin. We've got something less-strenuous planned for later this month.

Big Sur is a coastal area in California of remarkable beauty. There are the giant redwoods, unspoiled mountains, striking cliffs, wild waterfalls, and gorgeous ocean views. The region survived serious early development largely because it was rugged and difficult to exploit. These days it survives because society recognizes the value of these wild areas and protects it. Although some people probably feel inconvenienced by the legal protection it is very obvious that many people benefit. The region attracts many tourists and campers, and they become consumers of food and supplies, locally and in the whole region. Protection of the outdoors has produced an economy that would not otherwise exist.

My week of bicycling across Wisconsin (with the SAGBRAW tour) also demonstrates some of the value of protecting our outdoors. More than a thousand bicycle riders from Wisconsin and many other states spent their vacations and money riding across northeastern Wisconsin. We may take Door County for granted, but it is a treasure for anyone to experience. Whether because of geographical difficulties that slowed development, or because of wise planning and protective rules, Door County still enjoys much undeveloped green space and wild shorelines. And tourists flock there, spending money and supporting the economy. Without the quiet and open beauty there would not be the thriving tourist economy.



Alan (left) standing with Mike Jones (center), a New Orleans survivor who handed out beads to other riders as a friendship gesture. Also pictured is Mike's cousin Tim.

Our Memorial Day holiday centered around the Elroy-Sparta bicycle trail. We camped at Wildcat Mountain State Park and biked the trail. We thoroughly enjoyed the feeling that we were isolated from the modern busy society. The bicycle trail and the beauty of that largely undeveloped region supports its tourist industry.

My upcoming vacation, at a timeshare vacation resort near Wisconsin Dells, will put me in contact with the Dells tourist area. Although densely developed in the theme park area most of the tourists enjoy the unspoiled beauty of the Wisconsin River, rocky views, and the forests. I'll also be close enough to justify day trips to Devil's Lake State Park and other outdoor vacation areas. Again, I'll be observing that outdoors areas that are protected by society are valuable to the tourist industry and the economy.

Thanks for reading my comments. As leader of our group I welcome your feedback.

- Alan Lawrence, FVSG Chair
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Frans Lanting Will Visit the Valley

National Geographic photographer-in-residence, Frans Lanting will present his photographs from around the world documenting events that span the history of the earth at 7:00 PM, October 20 in Appleton. Lanting will present "Life: A Journey through Time" in Stansbury Theatre at Lawrence University's Music and Drama Center. Area photographers and photography students can learn directly from Lanting at a workshop on nature photography earlier in the day at the Outagamie Museum.

Lanting has been working for years on his interpretation of life on earth. His search has led him to photograph prehistoric trilobites, giant tortoises, erupting volcanoes and shimmering coral reefs. Collectively, the images testify to the magical beauty and miraculous endurance of life on earth. His presentation coincides with the release of his new book, *Life: A Journey Through Time*. Copies will be available for purchase at the presentation and Frans Lanting will autograph books after the presentation.

Tickets for the evening presentation and the workshop are available at Mosquito Hill Nature Center, New London, at Murray Photo and at Conkey's Book Store in downtown Appleton. Ticket order forms can be downloaded at: www.co.outagamie.wi.us/parks/MH_Home.htm

The events on Oct. 20 include:

"A Conceptual Approach to Nature Photography"

Photography workshop with Frans Lanting
10 AM to 3 PM

Outagamie Museum, 330 E. College Ave., downtown Appleton
Cost: \$50 per person, includes lunch, \$60 with evening program (scholarships available for students)

"Life: A Journey through Time"

Multi-media photo essay and lecture by Frans Lanting
7-9 PM, with reception and book signing to follow
Stansbury Theater, Lawrence University Music & Drama Center
Cost: \$15 per person in advance, \$18 at the door

A Prairie Saga

He's making merry, on the prairie,
It's the Prairie Chicken romp.
Wings outstretched and neck extended,
Then he starts his fiery stomp.

Chick hen acts like she's ignoring;
Inside, though, she is adoring -
His advances, and his prances:
Rhythmic, luring, Romp and Stomp.

Fertile eggs soon line her nest,
Next comes time to set and rest.
Then come hatchlings 'neath her breast,
After days we see the rest.
They emerge with lots of pomp,
Imagine this from Romp and Stomp.

Keep them safe from hawks and foxes,
Hide them low mid 'goldie lockes'.
Our regard can cause a lump,
As they jump from bump to bump -
Hen gives warning with a thump.

All together - flying, sailing,
From the field where a farmer's baling;
Toward the marsh with the wooden railing,
Shelter here comes without failing -
Heritage of Romp and Stomp.

Winter skies bring cold and blow,
Shadows show on the old fence row,
Sunset land in its final glow,
Prairie chickens hide beneath the snow -
It's Romp and Stomp with his brood in tow.

Allan J. Mortenson 2006

"Energy Impacts" Follow-Up

At the June 15th forum "Energy Impacts on the Fox Valley: Our Past, Our Present, Our Future" Bill Holland, Midwest Field Director of the Apollo Alliance in Madison, WI, was the keynote speaker. The title of his presentation was: "Energy and Development in the Fox Valley." Local governmental and educational speakers gave four panel presentations on the quality of life in the Fox Valley: Regional Growth and Development Trends, Valley Transportation Patterns and Options, City Development Pattern Alternatives and Energy and Its Impact on Food. During the forum it was decided to have a follow-up meeting on August 3rd at the Menasha Public Library. The main agenda at the August 3rd meeting was to choose an organization option for continuing the work of exploring "sustainable energy" in the Fox Valley. At the August 3rd meeting it was decided to center the organization on three main themes: education, energy and land use.

The FVSG has a DVD of the June 15th forum for members to use. Contact Dale Schaber at 920-739-6041 to borrow the DVD.

Another meeting will be held on September 14th at the Menasha Public Library in the Lower Level Company E Room. Volunteers will report on the three main themes. A discussion on each of the themes will follow. The meeting will end with a discussion of the political landscape (resources) in the area and announcements of networking activities in the Fox Valley.

The Fox Valley Sierra Group was a sponsor of the June 15th "Energy Impacts on the Fox Valley" forum.

Bike Trail Guide in Fox Cities Now Completed

By Dale Schaber

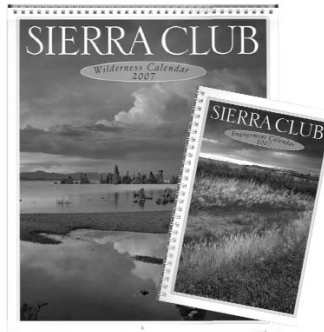
Working together the cities of Appleton, Menasha and Neenah; the towns of Grand Chute and Menasha; Outagamie County and Fox Cities Greenways have published the first comprehensive map of bike trails in the Fox Cities.

Bill Lecher, Appleton's Parks and Recreation Director, coordinated the efforts to create the color-coded biking map that shows trail segments, parking, water and restroom facilities. "It's the first attempt at putting together something (comprehensive)," Lecher said. Since bike trail development in the Fox Cities is ongoing the map is easily updated and reprinted as needed.

Free copies of the biking trail map are available throughout the Fox Cities. The cities of Appleton, Neenah and Menasha, the towns of Grand Chute and Menasha, plus Outagamie County, each purchased maps for distribution. Maps also are available at the Fox Cities Convention & Visitors Bureau, (920-734-3358), 3433 W. College Ave., Appleton, WI 54914. Call ahead to make sure copies of the map are available at each location. A printable copy of the map is available on the Fox Cities Greenways site: <http://www.focol.org/greenways/>.

Enjoy the Hiking and Biking Trails in Wisconsin!

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A portion of the proceeds from sale of these calendars goes to support the efforts of the Sierra Club to preserve and protect our environment

Take a Walk on the Wild Side!

Mark your calendars and shine up your hiking boots for the 20th Annual Hike-A-Thon scheduled for October 7, 2006! The purpose of the Hike-A-Thon is to raise funds to acquire, develop and maintain Ice Age Trail lands for the education and enjoyment of future generations.

The Hike-A-Thon will take place on the Hartman, Emmons Creek and Belmont IAT Segments at Hartman Creek State Park. Refreshments are provided at each monitor station and at the start point. Bathrooms, educational displays, and door prizes will also be available at the start point. A survival party will be held after the hike.

Registration Fees: Individuals \$5.00; Family \$15.00; school/youth group (5 or more hikers, ages (6-18) \$3.00 each. (Participants age 5 or under, free.) There will also be a pledge form and a disclaimer on/within registration brochure. Registration time is from 8:30-11:00 AM at the Hartman Creek State Park Shelter off of Windfeldt Lane.

Hiking is rated easy to moderate. Start Point: Hartman Creek State Park Shelter off Windfeldt Lane. From the Shelter on Windfeldt Lane to the Ice Age Trail is 1/2 mile, so to and back = 1 mile.

Hiking Options:

- Shelter south to Emmons Creek and return = 6 miles
- Shelter south to Stratton Lake Road and return (excluding the Faraway Loop) = 8 miles
- Shelter south to the end of Murray Creek (1 mile beyond Stratton Lake Rd, including the Faraway Loop) = 15 miles

Please dress for the weather. For Hike-A-Thon info or to obtain a brochure, contact Dale Schaber at (920) 739-6041 or see him at FVSG's September 14th meeting. If you have never hiked on the Ice Age Trail, this is an excellent time to start.

Trekkin' with Dale



We Completed Hiking the Ice Age Trail!

Last August 2, 2005 Penny and I completed hiking the entire Ice Age Trail in Wisconsin. We hiked the Trail in sequence from Potawatomi State Park to Interstate State Park.

We started hiking the Trail in fall of 2003. We hiked on weekends, days off from work and during the summers of 2004 and 2005. We were able to use two cars for shuttling from start to finish. We did have an opportunity to backpack through the Southern Kettle Moraine State Forest in June 2004.

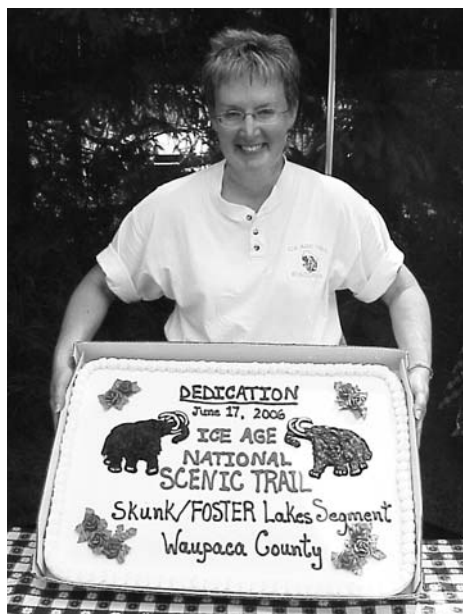
On April 29, 2006 at the Ice Age Park and Trail Foundation's Spring Membership Meeting we each received a 1000 Miler Certificate of Achievement. The certificates were given to us in recognition of "having hiked the entire Ice Age National Scenic Trail between the Eastern Terminus, at Potawatomi State Park in Door County, and the Western Terminus, at Interstate State Park in Polk County."

Penny is the 25th person to hike the entire Trail and I am the 26th. We are both very happy and proud to be named 1000 Milers! We had a wonderful hike and enjoyed seeing the different regions of Wisconsin.

As we neared the end of the trail we started working on a poem which summarizes our hike. Here is The ABC's of Hiking the Ice Age Trail:

Abundant Animals and Awesome Aspens,
Bodacious Birches, Basswood Bastions and Bountiful
Bunchberries,
Cordwood Corduroys, Cursed Clear Cuts and
Cows for Company,
Dragon Flies, Deer and Dairy Aire with Dale Drawing
Dastardly Deerflies!
Enormous Erratics and Enjoyable Eskers,
Fascinating Fens, Fabulous Ferns and a Fiendish Focus on the
Finish.
Gnarly Grassy Glens, Grasshoppers & Gandy Dancers
covered with Gravel Road Grime,
Hellacious Hills, Hazards Well Handled, Hundreds of
Hepaticas, Hot & Humid Humans,
Incredible Ice Age Images,
Jagged Junket and Jumbled Journey,
Kettles, Kingfishers and Kames,
Litterbug Lunacy, Loon Literacy and Luminous Lakes,
Marvelous McKenzie Creek, Melodious Maidenhair Ferns
with Marauding Mosquitoes and Magnificent Moons.
Nasty Nettles,
Outstanding Oaks and Occasional Outlandish Obstacles.
Persnickety Peds and Pesky Prickly Ash,
Quirky Quarrels,
Ragged Rucksackers and Rascally Raccoons.
Silently Shooting Stars, Steady Steps and Sweltering Sweat,
Trembling Trees, Terribly Troublesome Ticks and a
Tremendous Terminus.
Unique Under stories and Untended Umbels.
Venerable Volunteers,
Wary Wolves, Wintergreen Witness and Wondrous White
Pines.
Excessive Exercise on an Exciting Expedition,
Yuengling Yearnings and YES for Yellow.
On we go to many more Zesty Zeniths.

We had a great adventure,
Dale and Penny



Skunk/Foster Lakes Segment Dedicated

Debbie Krogwold, Coordinator of the Waupaca County Chapter of the Ice Age Park and Trail Foundation, holds the cake at the Ice Age National Scenic Trail Dedication of the Skunk/Foster Lakes Segment on June 17, 2006. Members of the Fox Valley Sierra Group worked on this Segment last September, 2005 and this past May, 2006.

The Skunk/Foster Lakes Segment of the Ice Age National Scenic Trail is approximately two miles long and winds through a cluster of five undeveloped glacial pothole lakes set within a pitted outwash moraine and a second-growth forest of paper birch, white pine, red maple, elm, white oak and red oak.

More information about the Skunk/Foster Lakes Segment is located on this DNR State Natural Areas website:
<http://dnr.wi.gov/org/land/er/sna/sna312.htm>
(Skunk and Foster Lakes State Natural Area #312).

NATURE CENTER EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Brillion Brillion

September 2 & October 7 - Saturday

Naturalist on the Loose. 10-11 AM. Hike the trails with a naturalist using Nature Center field packs to explore the woods, prairies or wetlands. Themes will vary. Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Cost: members/free, non-members/\$1 per person or \$3/household.

September 2 - Saturday

Monarch Tagging. 2-3:30 PM. After a presentation on monarch natural history and life cycles, we'll walk the prairie and field areas with nets, capturing, tagging and releasing monarch butterflies. Under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Register in advance. Cost: members/\$3, non-members/\$5.

September 23 - Saturday

Get to Know Your Calumet County Trees. 2-3:30 PM. Join a naturalist and WDNR forester on an exploration of trees native to your county. After a brief introduction, we will walk the trails and practice using a key to identify trees. This interactive hike will help you train your eye for tree I.D. and understand why trees grow where they do. Please register in advance. Cost: Free.

October 7 - Saturday

Fall Colors Hike. 2-3:30 PM. Why do leaves change colors in the fall and how do plants and trees get ready for winter? We'll explore some of the mysteries of Autumn as we hike the Nature Center trails. Under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Cost: members/free, non-members/\$1 per person or \$3/household.

October 19 - Thursday

How to Manage Your Woodland for Wildlife - Part 1: Game Species. 6:30-8 PM. By providing turkey habitat, you'll be providing habitat for most other game species, such as deer and squirrels. Learn methods to boost the food and shelter values of your woodland. Wrap up with a wildlife mini-lab to learn more about the animals you'll host. Register in advance. Cost: Free.

Bubolz Appleton

September 9 & 16 - Saturday

Wilderness/First Aid Basics Class. 8 AM - 4:30 PM. This is a 2-day, 16 hour class. Learn to deal with medical emergencies when help is miles and hours away. Instructors from the Outagamie Chapter - Red Cross will prepare you for emergency situations that involve prolonged patient care in severe environments with improvised gear.

Topics include checking the scene, victim, and resources, caring for the victim long term, caring for wounds, abdominal injuries, extremity injuries, dealing with sudden illness, head and spinal injuries and evacuation planning and packaging the victim for transport.

The class involves indoor and outdoor activities.

Bring your own backpack or first aid kit for outdoor scenario practice on live "victims". Class is certified by the American Red Cross and Camper's Association. Each day will have a half hour break for lunch (provided). Participants must be at least 15 years old. Space is limited. Cost: \$100 includes 3 textbooks, lunch and supplies for non-members; \$90 for members.

October 14 - Saturday

Beginners Geocache Class. 1-4 PM. This class will introduce participants to the basics of geocaching and the geocaching website. You will have a hands-on opportunity to use a GPS unit to find temporary and permanent caches hidden at the Preserve. Several units will be available for use, if you have your own GPS unit, please bring it. Dress for the weather. Cost: \$8/members, \$10/non-members.

October 21 - Saturday

13th Annual Romp In The Swamp. 12:30-4:30 PM. Play games for treats and listen to folk music performed by local musicians. Enjoy strolling through the Preserve's beautiful trail system while taking advantage of reststops along the way serving delicious treats. Pre-register by October 1 and you will receive a FREE "Romp In The Swamp" T-shirt. Registration forms can be obtained at the Preserve or call (920) 731-6041 or email: bubolz@dataex.com. Cost: Family/\$25, Adult/\$9, Children 12 & under/\$7.

Ledgeview Chilton

September 16 - Saturday

Fall Food Festival. 11 AM - 4 PM. Featuring a market for farmers and artisans, professional cheese carver Troy Landwehr, cooking demos by gourmet chef Steven Hilfer, and cookbook author Judy Parker preparing fresh local ingredients for healthy, wholesome family meals. Lunch with an outdoor barbecue of locally raised angus beef, bison, and elk or veggie wraps made from local fresh vegetables and cheese. Cost: \$2 parking.

October 8 - Sunday

Cidermaking. 11 AM - 3 PM. Bring in your pears or apples, jug(s), and a friend to help. You may use Ledge View's fruit press to make your own cider. One bushel of apples can make 2-3 gallons of cider. Cost: \$3/bushel/person. Limit: one bushel per person.

October 15 - Sunday

Prairie Wildflower Seed Collecting. 1 PM. Collect seeds from prairie wildflower species and learn how to prepare them for spring planting. Bring small paper bags. Cost: \$5/person

Most Weekends This Fall

Cave Tours. Most weekends at 10 AM and 1 PM. Call (920) 849-7094 for schedule. Learn the biology, geology, and human history of Ledge View's caves. Plan on getting very dirty! Bring a flashlight and wear long sleeves and shoes (no sandals!). Minors must be accompanied by a responsible adult; minimum recommended age 5

years old w/parent. Caves are accessed by stairs and ladders. Cost: \$5/person.

Mosquito Hill New London

September 17 - Sunday

Honey Sunday. 1-4 PM. Come and help us celebrate the honeybee and the gentle art of beekeeping. The Waupaca Cty Beekeepers' Assoc. will join nature center staff and volunteers in presenting informational sessions and demonstrations, leading tours to our observation hives and selling delicious honey baked goods and honey sundaes. Cost: \$5/car.

September 23 - Saturday

Hand-made Book Making. 8:30 AM - 4 PM. You're sure to enjoy this hands-on workshop. Our instructor, Marsha Mueller, is an art teacher at Iola-Scandinavia High School, and also teaches classes for adults. She will guide participants through the process of making their own multi-page hard cover book, which can be used for journaling, sketching, or scrapbooking. **Registration/payment due Sept 15.** Cost: \$25

September 24 - Sunday

Cedar Bench Building. 1-4 PM. You could pay \$250 for a bench like this, but with a little sweat and equity and an afternoon of your time, why not build your own attractive, comfortable 4-foot cedar bench with backrest. Naturalist Mike Hibbard will provide the lumber and hardware. All you'll need are a few hand tools from home. **Registration/payment due Sept 10.** Cost: \$90/person, \$85/students, seniors, FOMH.

September 30 - Saturday

Beeswax Candle Making. 9 AM - Noon. Try your hand at rolling, pouring and dipping beeswax candles. We'll use beeswax sheets in a variety of autumn colors to roll pillars, pour votive candles, and try out the tricky practice of dipping tapered candles the old-fashioned way. This class is best for adults and older children. **Registration and payment due Sept 22.** Cost: \$19/person, \$16/students, seniors, FOMH

October 7 - Saturday

Basket Making Workshop. 8:30 AM - 4 PM. Craft your own traditional Chitimacha Indian basket, with handle. Learn twill weaving, handle placement and rimming from our instructor, Jane Zwickley. All materials and tools will be provided. This workshop is best suited for adults. **Registration/payment due Sept 30.** Cost: \$45/person, \$42/students, seniors & FOMH.

October 14 & 15 - Saturday & Sunday

Bird Seed Sale. 9 AM - 3 PM. High quality black sunflower and a blend of corn, sunflower and millet are available in 50 lb. quantities and Nyjer seed (thistle) will be sold by the pound. Feeders will also be available for purchase-a great gift idea. Be the early bird this year and stock up on seed for a winter's worth of backyard bird feeding.

FALL/WINTER OUTINGS

September 16 - Saturday

Rustic Roads Bicycle Tour. Bike the back roads in the Waupaca Chain of Lakes area. Simple Greek revival and Italianate Victorian homes mix with woods and fields along our route. On Emmons Creek Rd we'll plunge into a forest canopy adjacent to a wildlife preserve. Distance is 24 miles. We'll meet at Hartman Creek State Park. Bring a lunch, water, helmet, and a bike. *Charlie Paine 920-739-1900.*

September 23 - Saturday

Ice Age Trail Workday at Hartman Creek State Park. Joint workday between the Fox Valley Sierra Group and the Portage and Waupaca Chapters of the Ice Age Park and Trail Foundation. Volunteers should meet at Hartman Creek State Park, west of Waupaca, at 9:30 AM. Specific trail work will be provided on site. Bring a lunch, water, work gloves, and mosquito and tick repellent to the work outing. If you have a lopper or a pruning saw, please bring it with you. For info on the segment that will be worked on and travel details, contact *Dale Schaber 920-739-6041.*

October 7 - Saturday

Ice Age Trail Hike-A-Thon. See article in this issue of "It's Our Nature" for more information. *Dale Schaber 920-739-6041.*

Oct 7 - Saturday

Buckthorn Removal at Bubolz. *Sharon Duerkop 920-734-1419.*

October 6-8

Autumn Assembly. For info: <http://wisconsin.sierraclub.org/>

Oct 22 - Sunday

Bicycle Lake Winnebago's East Shore about 25 miles. We will start at High Cliff State Park and ride south along Lake Shore Road, stopping at Calumet County Park along the way. We'll stop at Stockbridge Harbor, then head inland to return on the highlands east of the lake. The route is along lightly trafficked town and county roads with only a short section on highway (with a marked bike lane). Bring your bike, helmet, water, and dress for the weather. *Charlie Paine 920-739-1900.*

October 29 - Sunday

Buckthorn Removal at Bubolz. *Sharon Duerkop 920-734-1419.*



by Dale Schaber

Maureen and Penny squeeze into the Menasha lock during the Park to Park Paddle in July on the Fox River.

November 4 - Saturday

Buckthorn Removal at Bubolz. *Sharon Duerkop 920-734-1419.*

November 11 - Saturday

Hike at Rib Mountain State Park in Wausau. Meet at 10:30am in the parking lot just after the booth at the entrance to the park. The hike will

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Explore, enjoy and protect the planet



Sky's the limit?

Even today in 2006, over *half* of America's electricity is generated from coal-fired power plants. Consequently, we are being exposed to soot, smog, acid rain, and dangerous toxins such as mercury, which threaten people and wildlife alike. Bush's "Clear Skies" plan will allow 520% *more* mercury pollution by the year 2010, not to mention the plan delays the enforcement of public health standards for smog and soot until the *end* of 2015. The sky isn't getting any higher, and the air we breathe isn't getting any cleaner. The sky IS the limit.

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(Outings continued)

take about an hour and has some steep ups and downs. Bring a walking stick or ski poles. After the hike we'll head to Hudson's for lunch and then to the Leigh-Yawkey-Woodson Museum for the **Birds in Art Exhibit**. Rib Mountain is west of Interstate Hwy 39/U.S. Hwy 51 southwest of Wausau. Exit the freeway onto County Hwy N west. Turn right at the first intersection onto Park Drive and go about 2.5 miles to the summit. A Wisconsin State Park vehicle admission sticker is required and may be purchased at the park. *Nancy Brown-Koeller 920-830-6625 evenings, 920-721-5431 work, 715-853-6625 cell.*

November 26 - Sunday

Buckthorn Removal at Bubolz.
Sharon Duerkop 920-734-1419.

December 2 - Saturday

Hike the High Cliff Escarpment State Natural Area. Wisconsin has designated over 300 areas in the state as 'State Natural Areas' and one of those is almost in our backyard. The High Cliff Escarpment SNA is less than three miles south of the village of Sherwood. Unlike the state parks, the SNA's have no campgrounds, no picnic areas, no johns or other facilities. The trail in and along the cliffs is unmarked but obvious. Wear hiking shoes and be prepared to walk for 1-2 hours. *Charlie Paine 920-739-1900.*

December 2 & 3 - Saturday & Sunday

Buckthorn Removal at Bubolz. (Rain Dates)
Sharon Duerkop 920-734-1419.

More detailed outings information may be found on our website. Times and meeting locations of outings can change. Always check with a trip leader at least 24 hours before the outing. Upon arrival all participants must sign a Release of Liability form.



by Kelly Krupka

A sinking sun over Lake Winnebago was a nice finish to the FVSG picnic at High Cliff State Park.

Deadline...

for submitting materials for the next newsletter is October 7!

Anyone can submit articles, photos, poems, trip reports, etc.

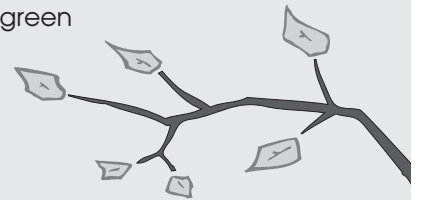


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Green Building Fair

Saturday, October 21
Mosquito Hill Nature Center
Noon - 4:00 PM

Mosquito Hill, Valley Home Builders Association and the Boldt Company are teaming up to provide educational seminars and exhibitors featuring the latest green (environmentally friendly) building and energy conservation practices. Seminars will include Green Building and Remodeling 101, Focus on Energy programs, Energy Star Homes, renewable energy for homes, LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) for homes, financing sustainable building (tax incentives, rebates, loans, etc.) and meet and greet sustainable designers, builders and lenders. A variety of exhibitors will be on hand showcasing the latest green building products, energy conservation practices and renewable energy technology. If you are thinking of building or remodeling or if you are interested in learning more about green building please join us. Program is free to the public with no registration required.



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