



# It's Our Nature

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**Thursday, June 8, 2017 at 7:00pm**

Girl Scout Office at Bubolz Nature Preserve  
4815 N. Lynndale Dr, Appleton, WI 54913



*Save the Menominee River*



Presented by **Guy Reiter**  
*Menominee Tribal Organizer and Activist*

And by **Dr. Al Gedicks**  
*Executive Secretary of the Wisconsin Resources Protection Council*



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**President Trump is hell-bent on living the past by using old technology. And we will be left behind.**

We should not be surprised that Trump is pulling out of the Paris Climate Agreement, but it is extremely disappointing.

Possible good news:

Clearly the world and many US citizens and business leaders are not happy with Trump's decision. The President's decision to withdraw over three years allows him the flexibility to change course.

The actual withdrawal from the Paris agreement will take place on November 4, 2020, four years after the deal went into force. That is one day after the 2020 election on November 3, meaning it's possible it won't happen at all if Trump loses his re-election bid.

The ESTHER "Faith Communities United for Justice" are helping to sponsor our June 8 program about the Back Forty Mine. This is currently a proposed project, but it is very close to becoming realty.

Aquila Resources wants to develop an open pit (2000 feet by 2500 feet and 750 feet deep) a massive gold, zinc, and sulfide mine only 150 feet from the Menominee River which forms the boundary between Wisconsin and Michigan.

The Menominee River is the largest river system in the Upper Peninsula with a 4000 sq. mile drainage system. The Menominee River is culturally significant as a major pre-historic travel corridor for indigenous peoples and the source of Creation for the Menominee Indian Tribe. Please come to this meeting to learn about this major threat to the waters of Green Bay.

<https://sierraclub.org/wisconsin/fox-valley/back-40-proposed-mine-project>

**July - no meeting**

**August 10, 2017 - 6:00pm**  
*Plamman Park - Chris Brandt Shelter*  
**Summer Picnic**

We've been busy! Earth Day Hike, 35th Fox Valley Sierra Group Anniversary Celebration, Rallies for the Earth, just wait what we can do with your help in the future!



# OUTINGS

## June 10-11, Saturday-Sunday

### North Country Trail Service Outing

**June Event Focus:** This event will focus on construction of new trail between Stricker Road east to Hwy 169 or new trail clearing north from Upson Lake.

**Where To Stay:** We have free camping available for Friday and Saturday nights in Copper Falls State Park (Hwy 169, just north of Mellen). Check in at the park office to see what campsite we are in. Remember you will need a WI State Park sticker on your vehicle if camping with us overnight. The park has free showers available. Some volunteers also like to stay at the Indianhead Motel in Ironwood, (Morgan & Linda are NCTA members). Or, you can try the Cayuga Hotel & Saloon a few miles south of Mellen on Hwy 13.

**Where & When To Meet:** Meet at the entrance station (Copper Falls State Park Office) just off of Hwy 169 at 8am on Saturday and Sunday for tools and carpools. If you join us for breakfast then plan to arrive around 7:15am each day and follow the yellow NCT signs to the breakfast site in the Park.

**What To Bring:** Please be sure to bring your own water, trail lunch, snacks and bug repellent/nets. If you have a pair of work gloves that you like, bring those otherwise gloves (and tools) are provided. Wear sturdy shoes/boots. Bring your own camping gear if you are camping.

**Meals:** The NCTA Heritage Chapter provides breakfast & dinner on Saturday and Sunday breakfast.

**Sign up online for the event if possible:** <https://www.meetup.com/PenokeeHikers/events/237719008/>

Questions: Kelly Ramstack, Fox Valley Sierra Group Outing Leader:  
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Mike Stafford, President Heritage Chapter NCTA:  
414-403-4575

## June 10-11, Saturday-Sunday

### Canoe the Pike and Wolf Rivers,

#### Class II+ Car Camp

Practice whitewater skills from the recent clinics before they get rusty. Or just come to enjoy these wild, scenic rivers. The Pike on Saturday; Section 2 of the Wolf on Sunday. Contact: Phillip Johnsrud: 715-445-4777, [johnsrudp@tds.net](mailto:johnsrudp@tds.net)

*This Summer*

*Enjoy the Earth*

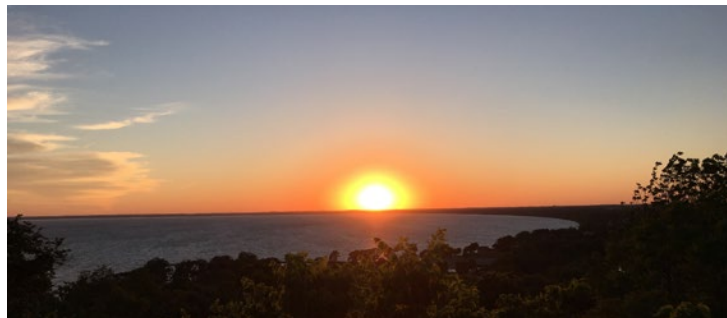
*Explore the Earth*

*Continue to Protect the Earth*

## June 20, Tuesday Evening

### Summer Solstice Hike at High Cliff State Park

This year we will start at the picnic area by the beach, hike up and down the cliffs and return to the beach for snacks and view of the sunset. Bring a snack to share. 3 mile hike with one steep climb on a paved path. Contact: Monny Hjerstedt, call or text 920-558-0013, [mhjerstedt@twc.com](mailto:mhjerstedt@twc.com).



## July 8, Saturday

### Bike the Wiouwash Trail

Ride on the Wiouwash trail to Hortonville 10 miles one way. Stop at the Dairy Queen for refreshments then return to Town of Larson Park. This is a very easy ride with a very flat grade recommended for all adults and teenagers. Contact John Engel, (920)475-1472, [johnwengel@earthlink.net](mailto:johnwengel@earthlink.net)



## ~July 24-Aug 6

### Canoe Montana Whitewater, Class II-III, Car Camp

Join experienced paddlers on some classic rivers in Montana. The trip will be flexible to meet the needs and skills of participants. Paddlers must feel comfortable on rivers like the Wolf Section 3. Join us for all or part of this trip. Contact: Phillip Johnsrud: 715-445-4777, [johnsrudp@tds.net](mailto:johnsrudp@tds.net)

## August 26-27, Saturday-Sunday

### Canoe Camp Flambeau River, Class II

Refresh your soul on the Flambeau R. by participating on a trip that has become one of our finest traditions. Learn how healthy state forests are important for protecting water quality. Contact: Rich Krieg: 920-660-3557, [richkrieg@new.rr.com](mailto:richkrieg@new.rr.com) or Dale Dean: 608-302-5744, [daleink55@gmail.com](mailto:daleink55@gmail.com)