

Lakeshore State Park Hikes, Activities and Events April-October 2019

All programs are free, for all ages, and meet at the North Entrance unless otherwise noted.

Bird Hikes

Learn about the different birds that call Lakeshore home. Lakeshore State Park is located in the Lake Michigan Flyway, with over 70 migratory and resident avian species observed annually. Hike with us multiple times to see how the populations change through the seasons!

Friday 4/26: 6-7:30 pm

Friday 5/24: 6-7:30pm

Friday 6/21: 6-7:30pm (Summer Solstice)

Friday 7/12: 6-7:30pm

Friday 8/9: 6-7:30pm

Friday 9/20: 6-7:30pm



Annual Milwaukee Riverkeeper Spring Cleanup

Join over 4,000 volunteers across the city picking up over 100,000 pounds of trash in an effort to keep our waterways and parks clean! Pre-registration is required for participation at Lakeshore State Park. Registration and additional information can be found at:

<https://www.milwaukeeiverkeeper.org/restore/spring-cleanup/>

Saturday, 4/27: 9am-12pm



Wild Edibles Hikes

Learn which of Lakeshore's plants are edible, and what people can make with them. Learn which plants to avoid eating, and which ones have been used as medicine.

Friday, 5/3: 6-7:30pm

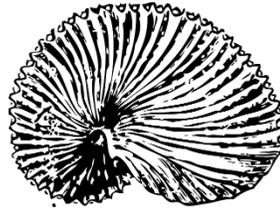
Saturday, 8/31: 1-2:30pm



Earth Day Celebration with Discovery World (Discovery World Promenade)

Come visit Lakeshore State Park Staff and participate in a drop-in program about ways to Reduce, Reuse and Recycle! Admission to Discovery World is free on this day, and park staff will have state park stickers and trail passes available for purchase at their booth. Come early, this is an extremely popular event!

Sunday, 5/5: 10am-5pm



Fossil Hike (Meet at South Entrance)

Did you know there are fossils in the rocky boulders that border Lakeshore State Park and Lake Michigan? Come learn about some of their prehistoric origins, and search to find fossils of coral, trilobites and more!

Friday 5/10: 6-7:30pm

Beach Bonfires (Meet at Pebble Beach)

Come meet the staff at Lakeshore, and bond over pudgy pies and s'mores! Feel free to bring a musical instrument if you'd like to entertain! Park staff will have state park stickers and trail passes available for purchase at this event.

Wednesday 5/15: 7-9pm

Wednesday 6/19: 7-9pm

Wednesday 7/17: 7-9pm

Wednesday 8/21: 7-9pm

Wednesday 9/18: 7-9pm

Wednesday 10/16: 7-9pm



Lake Michigan Hikes

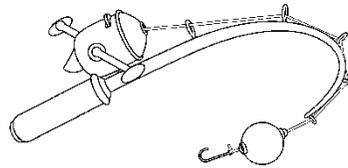
Walk the park and learn about invasive species, pollution and restoration initiatives. Content geared toward middle school age to adult.

- Saturday, 5/18: 10-11:30am
- Saturday, 6/8: 10-11:30am
- Saturday, 8/3: 10-11:30am
- Saturday, 9/7: 10-11:30am

Kids Fishing Clinic (Meet at Fishing Pier)

Park staff will supply poles and bait for up to 30 children as we fish for panfish. Children younger than 16 do not require a fishing license. Fishing poles graciously provided by the Future Anglers Foundation and the Friends of Lakeshore State Park.

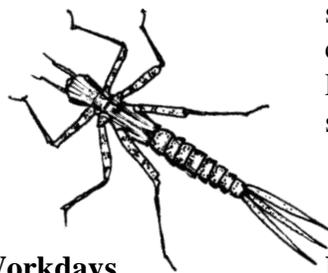
- Saturday, 5/18: 1-2:30pm
- Saturday, 6/1: 9:30am-11am
- Saturday, 6/22: 9:30am-11am
- Thursday, 7/11: 6-7:30pm
- Friday 8/30: 6-7:30pm
- Friday, 9/13: 6-7:30pm



What's in the Water? (Meet at Fishing Pier)

Did you know that dragonflies start their life in the water? Help our Naturalist staff survey what critters are present in our wetland areas. No waders/rainboots required; this data helps to monitor the health of our lagoon area at the park.

- Saturday 5/18: 3-4pm
- Saturday 6/22: 1-2pm
- Saturday 7/20: 1-2pm
- Saturday 8/17: 1-2pm
- Saturday 9/21: 1-2pm
- Saturday 10/19: 1-2pm



Invasive Crusaders Volunteer Workdays

Looking for a way to spend more time outside, while contributing to a good cause? Our volunteers will assist staff with invasive species removal in a variety of the park's prairies and occasional site cleanups. Gloves and spades/tools will be provided for use, but feel free to bring your own! *Please contact the park to sign up for our volunteer list and stay informed of any changes (information on back of this brochure)*

- Tuesdays from 9-11am: 6/4, 6/18, 7/16, 7/30, 8/6, 8/20, 9/3, 9/17, 10/1, 10/15



Love Your Great Lakes Day with Discovery World (Discovery World Promenade)

Come visit Lakeshore State Park Staff and participate in a drop-in program about the water bugs that call Lake Michigan their home! Park staff will have state park stickers and trail passes available for purchase at their booth. Come early, this is an extremely popular event!

Saturday, 5/25: 10am-5pm



Phenology Hike

Learn about the plants and animals that call Lakeshore their home, and how they adapt to changing seasons.

- Saturday 5/25: 10-11:30am
- Saturday 6/15: 10-11:30am
- Saturday 7/27: 10-11:30am
- Saturday 8/31: 10-11:30am
- Saturday 9/21: 10-11:30am
- Saturday 10/19: 10-11:30am (Fall Forbs)

Community Poetry Walk

The Milwaukee Public Library and Milwaukee Public Museum have coordinated with Lakeshore State Park and others to provide events merging science and poetry throughout Milwaukee. Enjoy a community poetry walk through Lakeshore State Park with one of the park naturalists and a poet selected through the program.

Friday, 5/31: 6-7:30pm

Rainbow Scavenger Hunt

Learn your colors as you walk through Lakeshore! Find a plant or animal for each color, draw a sketch, and learn what they are called. Content geared toward 3-10 years old, but all are welcome!

- Friday, 6/14: 10-11am
- Saturday, 9/7: 1-2pm



Fourth of July Firework Drop-In

While waiting for the fireworks to start, stop by our booth and participate in a drop-in program. Learn about some of the Park's animals, make some crafts, and ask any questions you may have! Park staff will have state park stickers and trail passes available for purchase at their booth. For those picnicking for the fireworks, a gentle reminder that no grilling, glass bottles or alcoholic beverages are allowed in Lakeshore State Park, and please respect the carry-in/carry-out policy for your refuse.

Wednesday, 7/3: 5-8pm



Nature Photos with a Naturalist

The flowers in bloom are constantly changing through the summer. Bring your camera or smartphone to take pictures of the Milwaukee skyline, Lake Michigan, and many of our native plants and animals. Learn some tips to taking close ups of insects, and which places are most often photographed in the park.

Saturday 7/20: 10-11am

Tuesday 8/27: 10-11am

Friday 9/27: 6-7:30pm



Urban Island Beach Party (Meet at Pebble Beach)

Join us for music, food, drinks and kayak demonstrations as we celebrate the summer and our love for Lakeshore State Park! This event serves as the 8th annual fundraiser for the Friends of Lakeshore State Park; no carry-ins allowed. Bring a camping chair or blanket for a relaxing evening. Free admission. Food and drinks available for purchase.

Friday 8/2: 5-11pm

Autumn Equinox Hike (Meet at South Entrance)

Enjoy a fall hike through the park as the Asters are in bloom, and other plants begin their transition.

Monday 9/23: 6-7:30pm

Animal Tracking Hike

How do you know an animal was here? Learn what clues they leave behind, and some of the odd behaviors that left their tracks. Content geared toward 3-10 years old, but all are welcome!

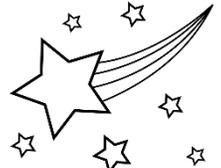
Tuesday, 8/6: 1-2pm



Perseid Meteor Shower Viewing (Meet at South Entrance)

The peak of the Perseid Meteor Shower is expected to be 90 meteors/hr! Come to Lakeshore State Park to watch them fly across Lake Michigan with one of our Naturalists. Bring a blanket or camping chair for a comfy viewing experience.

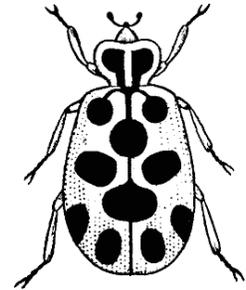
Tuesday 8/13: 8:00-10pm



Insect Hike

Come search for bees, bugs and beetles and learn about their adaptations for survival! Bug nets will be provided as we hike the prairies. Content geared toward 3-10 years old, but all are welcome!

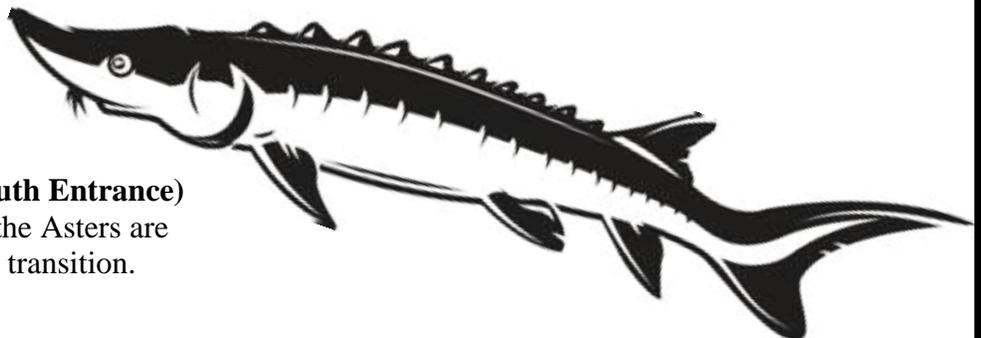
Friday, 8/16: 10-11am



SturgeonFest with RiverEdge Nature Center and WDNR

Join RiverEdge Nature Center and Wisconsin DNR at Lakeshore State Park for one of the largest annual conservation events in the state! The event has a ceremonial Native American blessing, rock climbing wall, a live amphibian and reptile exhibit, and more! Sponsor your own sturgeon to hand-release by visiting <http://sturgeonfest.org/>.

Saturday 9/28: 11am-3pm



General Information

Dogs are welcome at our public events, as long as they are in compliance with the park rule of being on a leash no longer than 8' in length. As a reminder to all visitors, no alcohol is allowed in the park (with the exception of on-site purchase of beer at the Urban Island Beach Party). It is typically cooler and windier by the lake during our events, so please dress accordingly.

Hikes are typically around 1 mile in length and utilize the handicap accessible, paved trails.

Parking

Free parking is available at the south entrance by following Erie Street to the park access road along the Milwaukee Harbor and behind Summerfest's American Family Amphitheater. Limited 3-hour free parking is available along N Harbor Drive and Clybourn Street near Discovery World (portions of this may be closed during festival dates). Paid parking is available at Discovery World and the O'Donnell parking structure on Michigan Street.

Additional Information

If you have any questions about our public events, or would like to schedule a trip for your camp, school or organization, please contact:

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The Friends of Lakeshore State Park

The Friends of Lakeshore State Park partners with the WDNR and the community to establish LSP as Milwaukee's premier urban oasis. The Friends is a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting the park and its partners by raising funds for educational programming, events and infrastructure, as well as providing volunteers to enhance park services. To donate to this organization, please see the Friends website at FriendsLSP.org

