

Summer 2016

June–July–August

Nature Center

Monday – Friday
7:45 am – 4:30 pm

Saturdays

9 am – 2 pm

Closed Sundays

Hiking Trails

6 am – 8 pm daily

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Websites

[dnr.wi.gov/topic/parks/
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www.friendsofhavenwoods.org

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Havenwoods State Forest

To see bats in action, hike to an open grassy area, pond, or bright light just as the sun sets. If you are lucky, you will see hungry bats flying around eating breakfast. Look inside for information about upcoming bat programs.

Hand wings

Bats belong to a special group of mammals called Chiroptera (ki-ROP-ter-a), meaning “hand-wing.”

The wing is a double membrane of skin stretched between the extra long bones of four fingers. It extends along the body from the forelimbs to the hind limbs to the tail.



Amazing predators

Wisconsin bats are the primary predators of night-flying insects, including human, forest, and agricultural pests.



Big trouble

Habitat loss is a big problem for bats. And the actions of people continue to be the greatest threat to bats. But now, cave bats are also facing white nose syndrome. To find out more, visit dnr.wi.gov and search for “Saving Wisconsin Bats.”



Listening to echoes

Bats send out high-pitched sounds and listen for the echoes. Their sounds bounce off of everything—trees, the ground, you, and the insects they are hunting. Bats know from the echoes what is in front of them.

Bat signs

Look for nibbled-off moth wings and other insect parts under street lamps. Insects attracted to the lights are tasty food for bats.



Meet Havenwoods' Bats

Big Brown

- 14” wingspan
- Cave bat - hibernates in winter
- Mother bats roost together in bat houses and tree cavities; others roost alone
- Threatened status

Eastern Red

- 13” wingspan
- Tree bat - migrates in fall
- Begins flying early in the evening
- Roosts alone in trees
- Special concern status

Silver-haired

- 10 - 12” wingspan
- Tree bat - migrates in fall
- Forages shortly after sunset
- Roosts in trees
- Special concern status

Hoary

- 17” wingspan
- Tree bat - migrates in fall
- Feeds after it is completely dark
- Roosts alone in trees
- Special concern status

"As You Like It"

Shakespeare in the Park

July 29 (Friday), 5:30 pm workshop
7:30 pm performance

The Summit Players are back! We loved them last year, and we are happy to host them again. This year, they will perform a mini-version of Shakespeare's "As You Like It." Their "play out of a trunk" will run a little over an hour and will include mayhem, character switches, and hilarity.

Prior to each performance, the company members will lead a 45-minute workshop, "Playing with Shakespeare: Get Outside with Will," for children ages 8 and up. The workshop will focus on understanding Shakespearean text, general theater practices, and Shakespeare's use of nature in his plays. The actors will use theater as a learning tool to build on exploration of character, communication, and constructive play.

For more information and more venues, visit www.summitplayerstheatre.com/



1 hour—6 actors—hilarious—FREE!

Family Nature Hikes

Spend an hour with a naturalist on a family-friendly hike. We'll use magnifiers, binoculars, super-duper outdoor lookers, or other exploring tools to discover what's happening in nature.



Pond Hike

June 4, 10:30 – 11:30 am (Saturday)

Come discover an underwater world in the pond at Havenwoods. We'll learn about the critters that live here and watch them up close. Dress to get a little wet and muddy.

Butterfly Count

July 2, 10:30 – 11:30 am (Saturday)

We'll spend a short time inside learning about the diversity of butterflies found at Havenwoods, and then we'll head outside with nets and binoculars to see what we can find.

Bat Walk

August 6, 8 – 9 pm (Saturday)

We'll start at sunset to look for the early flyers, then head to the ponds to listen for bats and watch the mosquitoes disappear! If weather keeps the bats from flying, we will still take a twilight hike.

GO! Discover

Families, friends, and youth groups are invited to head over to Havenwoods on the second and/or third Saturdays of each month. Drop in any time between 9 am and 2 pm to discover something new about nature.

The Art of Plants

June 11 & 18, 9 am – 2 pm (Saturdays)

Discover ways to capture the beauty of plants. We'll pound flowers on fabric, draw with nature crayons, make leaf rubbings, and weave with plants. Bring your creativity!

Butterflies & Moths

July 9 & 16, 9 am – 2 pm (Saturdays)

Discover the amazing adaptations that help these insects change from larvae to adults, find food, and avoid predators. After doing crafts and activities inside, check out a net and head outside with your family to see what is flying.

Shadow Flyers: Bats

August 13 & 20, 9 am – 2 pm (Saturdays)

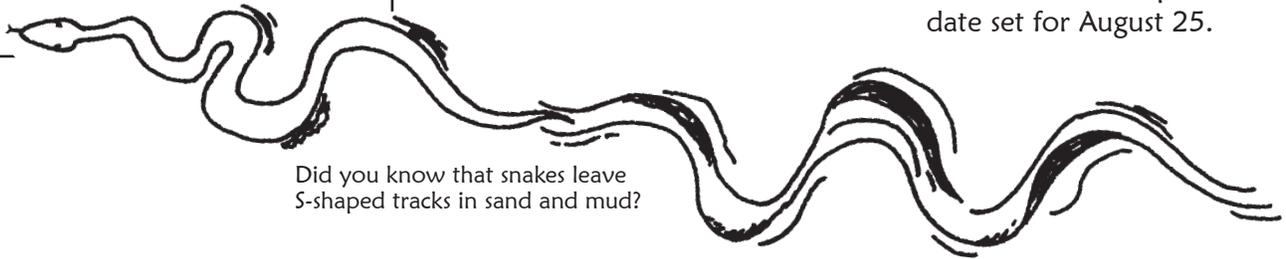
Find out about Wisconsin's voracious predators that can consume hundreds of mosquitoes every hour, hang upside-down, and fly without feathers. Bats are cool, but they are in trouble! Find out how you can help them.

Save the Date! Snake Fest

October 1 (Saturday)

10 am – 4 pm

Meet Wisconsin snakes up close and personal, see non-native snakes from the Milwaukee County Zoo, take a snake hike, and make snake crafts to take home. Snake Fest is for all ages - rain or shine! Free!



Adult Hikes & Workshops

Adults and youth over 12 are invited to join a naturalist on these summer walks!

Geocaching for Beginners

July 9, 10 – 11:30 am (Saturday)

Geocaching uses GPS units, maps, and clues to locate hidden caches all over the world. Adults and youth over 12 are invited to learn how to use a GPS unit to find several caches at Havenwoods.

Bat Hike

August 24, 8 – 9:30 pm (Weds.)

Join Havenwoods staff for a twilight bat hike. We'll spend a short time inside learning about Wisconsin's bats. Then we'll head outside with a bat detector to listen for bats and collect data for the Wisconsin DNR. Call if weather is questionable. Rain date set for August 25.

Nature Time for Preschoolers & Junior Rangers

We'll use stories, crafts, and activities to explore a different topic each session. These programs are for preschoolers, ages 3-5, and their parents, grandparents, or other adult. At the same time (from June 21 to August 30), children ages 6-8 (Junior Rangers) can explore the same topic with a naturalist. Programs for older children include more time exploring outdoors. These programs are not for day care centers or organizations.

Twinkle, Twinkle Little Bug

June 7, 9:30 – 10:30 am (Tuesday)

Look out your window some summer night, and you may see tiny twinkles in your yard. Come find out about the magical lights called fireflies.

A Pond Full of Cattails

June 21, 9:30 – 10:30 am (Tuesday)

Come peek through the cattails and discover the plants and animals that live in our pond. Be prepared to get your feet wet!

Green Giants

July 5, 9:30 – 10:30 am (Tuesday)

Come hug a tree, rest in the shade, and enjoy the company of some big green friends.

Snails & Slugs

July 19, 9:30 – 10:30 am (Tuesday)

Imagine being as tiny as a snail or as slimy as a slug. We'll take a close-up look at these amazing creatures.

In the Tall, Tall Grass

August 2, 9:30 – 10:30 am (Tuesday)

A grassland is a place with lots of sun, tall grass, flowers, and special animals. Join us as we explore Havenwoods' grassy places.

Beeuties & Beests

August 16, 9:30 – 10:30 am (Tuesday)

Just the sound of a buzz and the flash of yellow and black stripes make many people nervous. Take some time to learn about bees and discover the BEEuty in the BEEst.

Animals Get Hungry, Too!

August 30, 9:30 – 10:30 am (Tuesday)

Some animals eat plants. Some animals eat other animals. We'll discover how plants and animals need each other.

Bedtime Stories for young bat lovers

Zippping, Zapping, Zooming by
Ann Earle and Henry Cole

Big Brown Bat by Rick
Chrustowski

Stellaluna by Janell Cannon

The Bat in the Boot by Annie
Cannon

Beautiful Bats by Linda Glaser

Little Red Bat by Carole
Gerber

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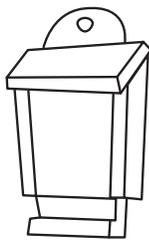
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Nature in Your Backyard

A little brown bat (weighing about as much as eight paper clips) can eat 500 to 1,000 mosquito-sized insects (weighing one to two paper clips) in one hour. Fewer mosquitoes means more fun outside! Here are some things you can do to make your yard bat-friendly.

Build a bat house

Look for bat house plans at the Bat Conservation International website <www.batcon.org>



Avoid pesticides

Keep cats indoors

Reduce outside lights



Go a little wild

Make a rock or brush pile in a corner of your yard or leave a dead tree standing,

Leave bats alone

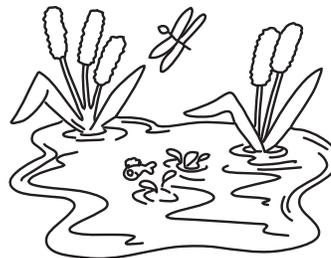
Don't touch a live or dead bat. If you find an injured bat or a bat that isn't acting normally, contact a trained bat rehabilitator. Remember, a normal bat would be in a safe hiding place during the day.

Take care of lost bats

If a bat finds its way into your house, do not panic. Close off the room it is in and leave the window open. You can also visit Bat Conservation International to learn how to use a box and piece of cardboard to safely remove a bat from a building.

Plant native flowers, trees, and shrubs

Native plants attract a variety of insects. And a variety of insects is exactly what bats need!



Add water

A birdbath or small pond will attract many wild neighbors.