

WINTER 2019

December — February

Nature Center

Open

9 am — 3 pm

Closed

Sundays &

Wednesdays &

December 24th, 25th,
31st, & January 1st

Hiking Trails

6 am — 8 pm daily

Phone

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Milwaukee, WI 53209

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Havenwoods State Forest

Ducks and geese are flying south for the winter. Squirrels are building warm nests. Turtles and frogs are burying themselves in the mud. Winter is here early this year. There's no need for you to hibernate! There's plenty to do at Havenwoods!

Snowshoeing

Want to see what's happening in the forest without trudging through the snow? Try snowshoes! Don't worry about bringing your own pair, we have children's and adult sizes for you to borrow!



Bird Watching

Not all the birds fly south for the winter. Woodpeckers, bluebirds, cardinals, and hawks stick around Havenwoods year-round. Borrow some binoculars and a bird guide to see what's flying!

Geocaching

Go on a virtual treasure hunt! There are 12 points hidden in Havenwoods for you to find. Some are hidden boxes, others are historical landmarks on the property. Ask to borrow a GPS unit. We'll show you how to use it, give you a guide, and send you on your way!



Reserve a Room!

Are you a nature-based group or organization? Consider reserving a room for your events and meetings. Call us at (414) 527-0232 or meet us in person for more information.



Get Involved

Seeking Ideas

Many new things are coming to Havenwoods; new exhibits, displays, and programs! The staff would like to invite members of the community to share their voices on what they want to see going on at Havenwoods.

Volunteer Opportunities

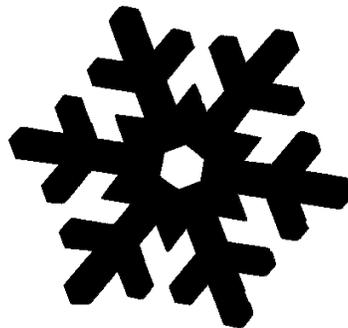
Would you like to assist with education programs, grounds keeping, or facilities upgrades? Consider serving the Forest! Internship opportunities coming in spring!

Wish List

Our ambassador animals are receiving habitat improvements! Consider donating towards enriching their living spaces. Please call the forest to learn more!

GO! Discover

Visit Havenwoods and our Naturalists on Saturdays this winter! Each month the nature center will feature drop-in exhibits on Wisconsin wildlife, seasonal happenings and current events. There will also be an art or craft project to enjoy.



Family Nature Hikes

Spend time with a naturalist on a family-friendly hike. We'll use magnifiers, binoculars, or other exploring tools to discover what's happening outdoors. If the weather is questionable, call before coming. When you come, dress for the weather and bring a flashlight to evening events.



Night Owls

December 7, 7 - 8 pm

The air is chilly and the moon is bright. What could be better than a winter night hike?

Snow Tracks

January 4, 10:30 - 11:30 am

Let's go out and check the snow, or mud, for tracks! Make sure you bring your boots.

Winter Birds

February 1, 10:30 - 11:30 am

Not all birds fly south for the winter. We'll use binoculars to see who's flying.

Adult Hikes & Workshops

All hikes are open to those over 12 years of age and are free to attend. Dress for the weather! Dogs are not permitted on these hikes.



Tracking Hike

December 10, 1 - 2:30 pm and
January 17, 9 - 10:30 am

Although Havenwoods State Forest is in the city, it is home to a wide variety of critters. Join DNR wildlife staff as we search out sign (tracks or scat) of these critters.

Winter Hike

February 17, 1 - 2:30 pm

We never know what February will bring in Wisconsin. Visit Havenwoods State Forest for a winter, spring, or somewhere in-between hike with DNR wildlife staff.

Nature Time for Preschoolers

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. These programs are not for day care centers or organizations. If you would like a program for your day care center or youth organization, please call to schedule at a separate time.

Rocks in my Pockets

December 3, 9:30 - 10:30 am

Rocks can be smooth, shiny, colorful, and fun to collect. Come ready to be surprised by some very strange rocks.

Keep Looking

January 7, 9:30 - 10:30 am

The more you look, the more you see! Come to Havenwoods to look at nature in new ways.

Owls:

Nighttime Hunters

February 4, 9:30 - 10:30am

While you are sleeping, owls are flying about. Find out what these nighttime birds are doing.

Slithering Snakes

December 17, 9:30 - 10:30 am

Could you move without any legs or eat without hands? Come meet some snakes and learn how they survive.

Animals in Winter:

Who's Awake?

January 21, 9:30 - 10:30 am

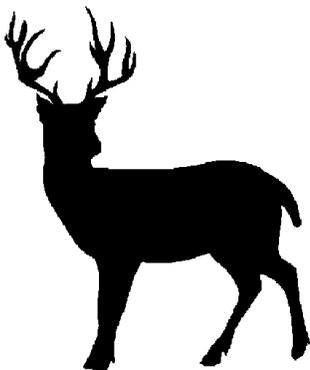
Some animals stay active during our long winters. How do you think they find food to keep warm?

Star Stories

February 18, 9:30 - 10:30 am

Listen to some magical star stories and create your own glow-in-the-dark picture.

Seasonal Happenings at Havenwoods



Bucks are about!

Hikers are reporting an increase in whitetail activity! While deer are generally most active at dawn and dusk throughout the year, late fall brings the whitetail mating season (or rut), and with it comes increased deer movement. Watch for deer and enjoy observing changes in their behaviors!

Cool Coyotes

Coyotes are mostly nocturnal, but they can be spotted during the day as well. If you're quiet, you may see one while hiking this season! Don't be alarmed; coyotes avoid humans and tend to keep to themselves.

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Energetic Evergreens

Ever wonder how evergreens survive the winter? It's all in the leaves! Leaves soak up sunlight and, with a little water, they make energy in the form of sugar. It's called photosynthesis!



Deciduous trees, like oaks, have large leaves that soak up a lot of sun. It takes a lot of water to keep these leaves alive. As the days get shorter, the trees can't make as much energy. They stop supplying water, and the leaves fall off. They survive the winter on the sugar they made during the summer.



Now, imagine a pine needle as a rolled up leaf. Pine needles don't soak up as much sun as a flat leaf, but they also don't need as much water. They're also covered in a waxy coat called cutin. This allows pine needles to soak up sun and make sugar all winter long!



Havenwoods is also home to cedar and spruce trees. The green of evergreens paired with the snow cover brings a beautiful contrast to the landscape! Come enjoy the evergreens this season!

