Wisconsin Land Trust Days have something for everyone! Explore your favorite places or discover somewhere new.

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SEPTEMBER EVENTS

Gathering Waters: Wisconsin’s Alliance for Land Trusts and its member land trusts are pleased to invite you to join us at the following events. Find more details at HaveFunOutside.org

With Love, From Nature: A Forest Mindfulness Immersion
September 7
Sturgeon Bay
Host: Door County Land Trust
Reconnect and rejuvenate in the gorgeous Legacy Nature Preserve protected by Door County Land Trust. Using our senses, and guided intention, we will explore and experience nature’s abundant wisdom around and within us.

Wildcrafting Workshop
September 7
Sheboygan
Host: Glacial Lakes Conservancy
Join Glacial Lakes Conservancy for a low-impact hike through a conserved property and learn the basics of gathering food and medicine from the wild, a.k.a. wildcrafting!

Food Cart Night with Groundswell Conservancy
September 12
DeForest
Host: Groundswell Conservancy
Join Groundswell Conservancy from 5-7 PM for Food Cart Night. Savor a meal from the food carts Fast-N-Fresh and Soi Bistro. Bring a blanket or chair to enjoy your dinner in a picturesque, natural setting with friends and neighbors. Contact Groundswell Conservancy for location details.

Fitzsimmons Woods Ecology and Restoration
September 13
Franklin
Host: Milwaukee Area Land Conservancy
Come explore Fitzsimmons Woods, a rare habitat in southeast Wisconsin. Leading ecologists will talk about the important links between the unusual wildlife and the rare pattern of vernal pools and mature hardwood forest. During this half-day event, you’ll meet rare plants, learn how woodland vernal pools support wildlife diversity, and enjoy healthy snacks and refreshments courtesy of the Milwaukee Area Land Conservancy.

ARTservancy 2019
September 13
Port Washington
Host: Ozaukee Washington Land Trust
ARTservancy showcases the exciting work of 12 talented artists who have spent a year capturing the essence of 12 OWLT preserves on canvas. Gallery 224 will display the artwork.

Hike the Hills, September on the Ice Age Trail
September 14
Baraboo
Host: Baraboo Range Preservation Assoc.
You’ll walk the Ice Age Trail segment between Devil’s Lake State Park and Porphyry’s Glen, Wisconsin’s first designated State Natural Area. Visit baraboorange.org for details about parking and the post-hike gathering.

Monarch Tagging
September 14
Dodgeville
Host: Driftless Area Land Conservancy
Every fall, volunteers tag thousands of migrating monarch butterflies through citizen science programs to promote monarch research and conservation efforts. You can participate first-hand in catching and tagging monarch butterflies as you learn about these amazing creatures. Come dressed to catch butterflies through tall prairie grasses.

Harvest at Hackmatack
September 14
Near Genoa City
Host: Kettle Moraine Land Trust and Geneva Lake Conservancy
Join Kettle Moraine Land Trust and Geneva Lake Conservancy for a seed-collection outing at Hackmatack National Wildlife Refuge. Dress for the weather including long pants, long sleeves, sturdy boots, work gloves, and a sun hat; bring a refillable water bottle.

Hiking, Growing, Gazing
September 14
St. Joseph, just outside of La Crosse
Host: Mississippi Valley Conservancy
Once each year you have the opportunity to tour the grounds, greenhouse, and gardens at Villa St. Joseph. This unique event will be followed by a sunset, ridge-top hike and stargazing with members of the La Crosse Area Astronomical Society. Enjoy refreshments and entertainment as we wait for the sun to set.

Tiffy Bottoms Train Ride
September 14
Dundee
Host: The Prairie Enthusiasts - Tiffany Bottoms Train Ride
Ride a mini train through a beautiful and unique Wisconsin landscape. Experts will speak during stops as we hike through prairies in full bloom! Join the fun. The train leaves at 6:45 AM.

Three Rows Falls: Exploring & Celebrating the Mumford Gift Anniversary
September 14
Amherst
Host: North Central Conservancy Trust
Join NCC at a hike through 160 acres of forest, wetlands, and experience the magnificent Eau Claire River rapids. This land has never been open to the public before. We’ll celebrate this remarkable gift with a cookout after the hike.

Mobile Skills Crew Trail-building Project
September 18 - 22
Hancock
Host: Ice Age Trail Alliance
Help extend a favorite hiking trail in Central Wisconsin at the well-loved Bohr Lake Segment. If you’ve never been involved in an Ice Age Trail building event, we encourage you to try it out for a day. No experience is necessary, but registration is required.

The Fungus Among Us: Fall Fungi and Mushroom Hike
September 20
Bailey’s Harbor
Host: Door County Land Trust
Each year, Door County’s forests transform into a wonderland of fall color. For those who know where to look, the appearance of ephemeral and mysterious fungi can be a spectacle rivaling the famed spring wildflower bloom. Explore Door County Land Trust’s Kangaroo Lake Nature Preserve during this 1.5-mile stroll.

Caledonia Conservancy 25th Anniversary and Fall Picnic
September 21
Mount Pleasant
Host: Caledonia Conservancy
The Caledonia Conservancy’s 25th Anniversary and Wisconsin Land Trust Days picnic celebration will take place on a picturesque horse farm in Mount Pleasant. Come join us as we celebrate with food and friends, hayrides, pony rides, pie auctions, and more. Food will be served all afternoon. A suggested donation of $20 per family; $10 per individual is much appreciated.

Fall Prairies in Faville Grove
September 22
Lake Mills
Host: Madison Audubon Society
The prairie is just as beautiful as the iconic northern forest in fall. On this trip, you will immerse yourself in the textures, colors, sounds, and smells of fall at Faville Grove. We will tour the Prairie Lane restorations and take note of the fall colors, late-blooming wildflowers (such as gentians, asters, and goldenrods), talk about the role of seed collecting in our restorations, and more.

Annual Land Conservation Leadership Awards
September 26
Madison
Host: Gathering Waters
Help us celebrate our 25th anniversary and the accomplishments of the 2019 Land Conservation Leadership Award winners. Enjoy music, appetizers, desserts, and a free drink. Space is limited. Register today.

A Tour of the Night Sky: Deep Sky Astronomy
September 28
Sister Bay
Host: Door County Land Trust
Enjoy an unforgettable evening touring northern Door’s night sky looking at galaxies, nebula, globular and open clusters, and constellations. We’ll be using state-of-the-art telescopes for this deep sky tour. Proceeds from the evening will provide astronomy equipment for Newport State Park’s Dark Sky programs.

Willow Creek Preserve Celebration
September 28
Sheboygan
Host: Glacial Lakes Conservancy
Help us celebrate Glacial Lakes Conservancy’s acquisition of the 140-acre Willow Creek Preserve in the City of Sheboygan. Restoration projects are underway to improve water quality and fish habitat. This property is open to the public.

Hosted by Wisconsin’s Land Trust of the Year
Town of Union Conservancy Hike
September 29
Eau Claire
Host: Landmark Conservancy
Enjoy a fall-afternoon hike along the forested blufftop, overlooking the Lower Chippewa River. Learn about the history and ecology of the Lower Chippewa River and unique sand dune formations as we hike nearly 2 miles through moderately difficult terrain. Learn about the local partnerships that protected the area and opened it for nature-based outdoor recreation.