

ACTIONS FOR ADVOCACY

SPREAD THE WORD

You can help save the federal **Land & Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)**. LWCF is slated to expire on September 30, unless Congress acts. Wisconsin's U.S. Senators and your House member need to hear from people like you.

And did you know Wisconsin's **Knowles Nelson Stewardship Program** expires soon as well? Your state elected officials will need to act in 2019 to save this vital program. Let's work together to make sure this important source of funding continues so future generations can enjoy clean water, wildlife, and the way of life that make Wisconsin special.

CALL YOUR LEGISLATORS

It's the most persuasive way to make your voice heard. Tell them why protecting Wisconsin's special places is so important to you. Give them a reason to care.

WRITE YOUR LEGISLATORS

Personal, heartfelt letters are best. It doesn't have to be long; a note will do.

MEET WITH YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS

Invite them to events, meet them, shake their hands, and tell them how much land and water conservation mean to you.



SEND A LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Share your opinion through your local news outlet.

SHARE AND REPOST ON FACEBOOK AND TWITTER

Help us amplify messages on social media.

SEND US COPIES

Keep us in the loop. Share your letters to legislators and others. Send us clippings from local papers on land conservation.

Talk to friends, neighbors, and colleagues about the importance of conservation. Ask them to get on board and help protect Wisconsin's land and water.

KNOW THE DOLLARS AND CENTS OF LAND CONSERVATION

Land and water protection contribute to Wisconsin's \$18 billion outdoor recreation industry and our \$24 billion forest-products industry. Our state's natural resources also provide a high quality of life that helps businesses attract and retain talent. These are big benefits to our economy.

JOIN OUR E-NEWS LIST

Receive timely updates and alerts.

What other conservation issues are important to you and your community? Connect with us and get involved.

MEET THE

2018 LAND CONSERVATION LEADERSHIP AWARD WINNERS

Gathering Waters is thrilled to formally recognize the accomplishments of these leaders. Join us for the **Awards Celebration on September 20, 2018**, at the Monona Terrace in Madison.



Waukesha County Land Conservancy

LAND TRUST OF THE YEAR

Waukesha County Land Conservancy (WCLC) began in 1992 as an all-volunteer organization, safeguarding Wisconsin's natural treasures through the acquisition and protection of environmentally significant land and water. Since then, WCLC has protected 2,900 acres and is working to restore the 52-acre Davis Nature Preserve on the Mukwonago River to a high-functioning wetland. WCLC also developed the Experiential Learning Program to engage college students. These initiatives make WCLC a land conservation leader.



Pat Caffrey

CONSERVATIONIST OF THE YEAR

Pat Caffrey of Trempealeau has been an integral part of the conservation community in Wisconsin for more than 40 years. Pat helped set up many local conservation organizations. With his guidance, Mississippi Valley Conservancy transformed from an all-volunteer organization to an accredited, staffed land trust with a nine-county service area. Pat leads the charge for conservation through environmental education and his ability to bring individuals and groups together.



Jimmy VandenBrook

ROD NILSESTUEN AWARD FOR WORKING LAND PRESERVATION

Jimmy VandenBrook of Mount Horeb works to find pathways to conserve valuable working lands and water resources while addressing some of the most challenging issues facing agriculture in Wisconsin. During his tenure as the Executive Director of the Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Association, Jimmy led a collaborative in-depth study about the future of Wisconsin agriculture, and our state's land and water resources.



Jan Zimmermann

HAROLD "BUD" JORDAHL LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Jan Zimmermann of Madison has been a devoted conservationist in both the public and private sectors for 35 years. Jan was a strong advocate for the passage of Dane County's \$30 million Conservation Fund Referendum, served on land trust boards, and developed creative approaches to secure revenue and implement land acquisition around the state. Jan has helped permanently protect lands for Dane County, the Ice Age National Scenic Trail, Greenseams Milwaukee, and Town of Dunn farms—a legacy for Wisconsin residents and visitors for generations.

Learn more about the award winners and their impact on conservation at gatheringwaters.org/awards.

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JOIN US FOR



AUGUST - SEPTEMBER 2018

Wisconsin Land Trust Days have something for everyone to enjoy! Explore your favorite places or discover somewhere new in your community. Visit HaveFunOutside.org for more information.

Celebrate the Ice Age Trail Alliance's 60th Anniversary at the Land Trust Days Kick-off event.

- Tag monarch butterflies, learn about native plants on a prairie tour,
- help build part of the scenic Ice Age Trail, enjoy guided hikes, gaze at the stars,
- tour a farm, hike the blufflands, collect seeds during a prairie walk,
- or go on a cycling adventure with farm-to-table refreshments along the way.



Enter to win a YETI® cooler! The more events you attend, the better your chances! Learn more at HaveFunOutside.org.

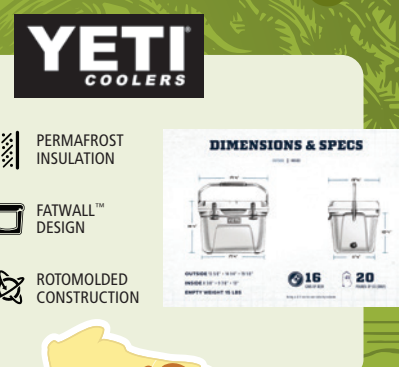
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2018 EVENTS



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

AUGUST

Wisconsin Land Trust Days Official Kick-Off Event

Ice Age Trail Alliance's 60th Anniversary

August 10
H.M. Zander Community Nature Park
1847 Bourbon Rd • Cross Plains
Host: Ice Age Trail Alliance

Join us for a celebration and dinner. There's no cost to attend the afternoon's events. There is a cost to attend the dinner; space is limited. Please register.



Ice Age Trail Days—Mobile Skills Crew Trail Building Event: Cross Plains Segment

August 8 – August 12
Cross Plains
Host: Ice Age Trail Alliance

Help build a piece of history. If you've never been involved in an Ice Age Trail building event, we encourage you to try it out! Registration is required.

Cookout at Kratzsch Conservancy

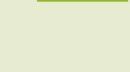
August 11
6670 Lovers Lane Rd • Trenton
Host: Ozaukee Washington Land Trust

Enjoy the fun of an old-fashioned cookout and celebrate with the volunteers, members, donors, and staff dedicated to land conservation. Join us for a hike, bird watching, and lawn and water games for all ages. Registration is requested.

Alexander Savanna Celebration

August 12
HWY 65, 2 miles south of River Falls
Host: The Prairie Enthusiasts

Celebrate the Alexander Savanna near River Falls, with guided tours, snacks, and a brief program.



Love from Nature: Forest Mindfulness Immersion III

August 14
Door County – Exact location to be provided upon registration
Host: Door County Land Trust

Rejuvenate with a guided hike and forest mindfulness meditation. Registration required. There is a fee for this event.



Hike the Blufflands: Buckthorn Blast

August 18
Bay Shore Blufflands Nature Preserve
5454 Bay Shore Dr • Egg Harbor
Host: Door County Land Trust

Witness the restoration of the blufflands landscape during a two-and-a-half mile hike.

Leaving a Legacy: Björklunden Conservation Easement Hike

August 18
Björklunden
7590 Boynton Ln • Baileys Harbor
Host: Door County Land Trust

Take a two-mile walk along the shoreline, through a boreal and upland hardwood forest.



10th Ride to the Barns

August 18
Camp Quad
6886 Hwy Q • Hartford
Host: Tall Pines Conservancy

A fundraising bike ride through the lake country and rolling farmland in Waukesha, Washington, and Dodge counties. Rest stops include farms serving locally produced food to highlight farmland preservation. There is a cost for this event.

Prairie Flower Hike and Presentation: Using Goats for Restoration

August 18
11949 Mount Ridge Rd • Fennimore
Hosts: Mississippi Valley Conservancy & The Prairie Enthusiasts

Enjoy a guided hike through 130 acres of the Borah Creek Prairie, which has been restored through volunteer efforts.

Reviving a Lost Prairie Landscape

August 18
Mounds View Grassland Preserve
8624 Reilly Rd • Barneveld
Host: The Prairie Enthusiasts

Hike across the 570-acre Mounds View Grassland Preserve. Experience a remnant prairie coming back to life.

Fireboat Ship Canal Tour

August 18
Door County Maritime Museum
120 N Madison Ave • Sturgeon Bay
Host: Door County Land Trust

All aboard! Cruise along the Sturgeon Bay Ship Canal aboard the historic 1937 City of Chicago Fireboat, Fred A. Busse. There is a cost to take part in this event.

Evening Under the Stars

August 18
Farmstead at Westport Drumlin
5208 Bong Rd • Waunakee
Host: Groundswell Conservancy
Spend an evening under the stars at Westport Drumlin to learn about constellations, the Milky Way, and how the sky changes over the year. Space is limited.

Protecting Endangered Species Walk

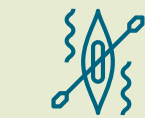
August 19
Sturgeon Bay Ship Canal Nature Preserve
5340 Lake Ln • Sturgeon Bay
Host: Door County Land Trust

Tour the Sturgeon Bay Ship Canal Nature Preserve. Volunteers removed invasive plants to restore the endangered Pitcher's Dune thistle and bird populations.

Door County Land Trust Annual Gathering

August 19
Stone Harbor Resort • Sturgeon Bay
Host: Door County Land Trust

Celebrate restoration success with presenters from the Chicago Botanic Gardens and DNR's Craig Thompson. Enjoy bluegrass music by Highland Road and an art lottery featuring six local artists. There is a cost for this event. Registration required.



Springstead Lake Paddle

August 23
1065 Springstead Lake Rd • Park Falls
Host: Northwoods Land Trust

Take a guided paddling (or pontoon boat) tour of Springstead Lake in Iron County followed by an optional lunch at Springstead Lake Lodge. Free public event. Registration required.

August Friday Night Hike

August 24
S5373 Durwards Glen Rd • Baraboo
Host: Baraboo Range Preservation Association

Explore 180 acres of mature oak woodlands with an evening hike followed by a campfire and cookout under the stars. Meat and ice provided. Bring a seasonal dish to pass and drinks of your choice.

Smith-Reiner Drumlin Prairie Field Trip

August 25
Near Cambridge
Host: The Prairie Enthusiasts

Visit the prairie and see the late-season blooms of liatris, gentians, and silphiums. Mowed paths and a kiosk highlight the features of the prairie preserve. Visit HaveFunOutside.org for directions.



Kayla Bepko

Otter Lake Esker Dedication

August 25
14187 360th St • Stanley
Host: Chippewa County Land Conservancy

Explore an ice-age esker and learn about its significance at the Chippewa County Land Conservancy's celebration of the Otter Lake Esker Preserve. Refreshments will be provided.

Shea Prairie Restorations and Remnants

August 26
3095 Mounds View Rd • Barneveld
Host: The Prairie Enthusiasts

Explore the restored stream, wetland, and remnant dry prairie in this 100-acre unit of the Mounds View Grassland.

Super Moon Night Hike

August 26
Fox Hill Nature Preserve
Sleeping Dragon Rd • West Bend
Host: Cedar Lakes Conservation Foundation

Take an hour-long hike under the light of the Super Moon. Enjoy stories around the campfire. Roast Marshmallows. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Weather dependent. Register by Aug. 22.

SEPTEMBER

Schurch-Thomson Prairie in Late Summer

September 1 • 1 - 4 PM
8624 Reilly Rd • Barneveld
Host: The Prairie Enthusiasts

Enjoy an extended hike into the secluded valley of the Schurch-Thomson and Underwood prairies. Enjoy Wisconsin's late summer wildflowers such as rough blazingstar, cream gentian, prairie goldenrods, and asters.

Garden Tour with Guided Hike and Stargazing

September 8 • 4 - 9 PM
FSPA Villa
Hwy 33 • St. Josephs Ridge
Host: Mississippi Valley Conservancy

Tour the private gardens of the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration. Hike to the overlook for breathtaking views of the valley. End the evening stargazing with the La Crosse Astronomical Society.

Northeast Wisconsin Land Trust Annual Picnic

September 8 • Noon - 3 PM
4700 Gibson Ln • New Franken
Host: Northeast Wisconsin Land Trust

Celebrate the rare Red Banks Alvar State Natural Area in Brown County with a picnic lunch, beverages, naturalist-led hikes, plein-air painters, children's activities, and presentation of the Northeast Wisconsin Land Trust Volunteer of the Year award. Hikes start at 11 am. Please register online.

Shea Prairie Restorations and Remnants

September 9 • 1 - 4 PM
3095 Mounds View Rd • Barneveld
Host: The Prairie Enthusiasts

Explore the restored stream, wetland, and remnant dry prairie in this 100-acre unit of the Mounds View Grassland.

Couderay Waters Meet & Greet

September 12 • 6:30 - 8 PM
Deerfoot Lodge
8534 N. Deerfoot Rd • Hayward
Host: Couderay Waters Regional Land Trust

Attend the annual meet & greet and conservation easement celebration at Deerfoot Lodge on the Chippewa Flowage.



Monarch Migration Tagging

September 15 • 9 AM - Noon
Iowa County Farm—8 minutes west of Dodgeville, WI on County Rd CH
Host: Driftless Area Land Conservancy

Catch and tag monarch butterflies. Learn more about monarch migration, research, and conservation efforts. This family-friendly event is open to the public. Space is limited. Please register.

Fall Land Walk

September 15 • 10 AM - Noon
Joe & Rita's Acres • Sheboygan County
Host: Glacial Lakes Conservancy

Take a guided walk of this privately owned and conserved property in Sheboygan



Kenneth Schmalzer

County. Two generations of land stewards have restored this 1960's sand and gravel pit. The current landowner will share his experience removing invasive species and replacing them with native species to restore the ecosystem.

Wisconsin's Land Trust of the Year

A Day of Nature at Hartland Marsh

September 15 • 10 AM - 2 PM
901 Cottonwood Ave • Hartland
Host: Waukesha County Land Conservancy

Join **Wisconsin's Land Trust of the Year** at Hartland Marsh Nature Preserve. Learn about the environmental significance of the area and enjoy a light picnic lunch.

Nature's Remedies Walk: Medicinal Plants

September 15 • 9 - 11 AM
Three Springs Nature Preserve
10442 3 Springs Rd • Sister Bay
Host: Door County Land Trust

Discover a host of medicinal plants native to Wisconsin. Take a one-mile hike with Holly Erskine, author, chemist, and

educator and learn about the biochemistry of medicinal plants, including nettle, chamomile, and yarrow. There is a cost for this event. Space is limited. Please register in advance.

Knob Road Farm Walkabout

September 15 • 4:30 - 7:30 PM
Knob Road • Burlington
Host: Geneva Lake Conservancy

Join the Geneva Lake Conservancy for property tours, walks, cocktails, dinner, and speaker Jack Phillips, the principal of the Naturalist School. There is a cost to take part in this event. Space is limited. Please purchase tickets online.



Stewardship Workday - Natureland Park

September 15 • 9 AM - Noon
W8338 Territorial Rd • Whitewater
Host: Kettle Moraine Land Trust

Volunteer at Natureland Park. Help remove invasive plants, trim the trail, and beautify the prairie—and, if weather permits, collect native seeds. Lunch will be provided.

Fall Prairies at Faville Grove Sanctuary

September 16 • 9 - 11 AM
Faville Grove Sanctuary
W7480 Prairie Ln • Lake Mills
Host: Madison Audubon Society

Immerse yourself in the textures, colors, sounds, and smells of Fall. Tour the Prairie Lane restoration bordered by late blooming wildflowers, and learn about seed collecting.

Reviving a Lost Prairie Landscape

September 16 • 9 AM - 3:30 PM
Mounds View Grassland Preserve
8624 Reilly Rd • Barneveld
Host: The Prairie Enthusiasts

Enjoy a day of hiking across the preserve. Enjoy wildflowers such as bottle, fringed, and prairie gentians, asters, and goldenrods. Bring a picnic lunch.

2018 Land Conservation Leadership Awards Celebration

September 20 • 5:30 - 8:30 PM
Monona Terrace
1 John Nolen Dr • Madison
Host: Gathering Waters: Wisconsin's Alliance for Land Trusts

Celebrate with the 2018 Land Conservation Leadership Award winners. Enjoy a silent auction, string quartet, appetizers, desserts, and a free drink. Space is limited. Register today.

Shillinglaw Mekan Prairie Walk and Seed Collection

September 22 • 10 AM - 1 PM
Near Richford, Wisconsin
Host: North Central Conservancy Trust

Take a walk on the wild side at Shillinglaw restored prairie and savanna. Explore rare plant communities and collect native seeds. Visit HaveFunOutside.org for directions.



Locations and dates were current at the time of printing. However, they are subject to change.

Please confirm event details with the hosting land trust organization. Most events are free, but some require registration and participation fees.

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