

Take the Land Trust Days Adventure Challenge

Visit a land trust property. Volunteer for a land trust. Attend a Land Trust Days event.

Tell us about your experience and you will be entered into the drawing to win a YETI cooler and other YETI branded items.

Just scan this QR code. Upload your photo and/or write a short message about the property you visited, the event you attended, or your volunteer experience during Wisconsin Land Trust Days. Include your name and address and you'll be entered to win.



Team Knowles Nelson works because of you!

Thanks to everyone who took the time to contact their elected officials by email or phone, letting them know protecting Wisconsin's land, water, and wildlife is important.



Because of your commitment, you helped secure state funding and defend the permanent protection of Wisconsin's land—even in a difficult political climate.

From hunters to birders, bikers to prairie conservationists, foresters to paddlers, and from parks advocates to wilderness buffs, the collective effort of Team Knowles Nelson shows what we can accomplish together. Visit knowlesnelson.org for more information.

We hope you take some time to get outside and enjoy the places you've worked so hard to protect.

Check for Wisconsin Land Trust updates at HaveFunOutside.org



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2022 LAND CONSERVATION LEADERSHIP AWARD WINNERS

Gathering Waters is delighted to recognize the 2022 Land Conservation Leadership Awards winners. We are presenting the awards at events around the state this summer and fall.

HAROLD "BUD" JORDAHL LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Meta Reigel Brandt of Waupaca has dedicated her life to environmental education and natural resource management, teaching at UW-Stevens Point and working at nature centers. She also served for 16 years as a board member of Northwoods Land Trust and permanently protected her 195-acre property in Springstead, Wisconsin.



Creat Zearing

WORKING LANDS PRESERVATION AWARD



Town of Dunn

For more than two decades, the **Town of Dunn** has protected working agricultural lands from development through their Purchase of Development Rights (PDR) program. The Town co-holds conservation easements on farmland with Groundswell Conservancy, and, together, they have successfully preserved the Town's rural character and quality of life.

Members of the Town's Land Trust Commission look over Wisconsin's first PDR farmland project

LAND LEGACY AWARD

The Benedictine Women of Madison live and work at Holy Wisdom Monastery. They have spent years stewarding nearly 200 acres of native habitat at the monastery. Through their generosity and leadership, they have inspired a community of volunteers to help restore prairies and oak savannas on the property, and they have set aside a portion of their land for a planned bike path connecting to Governor Nelson State Park.



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LAND TRUST PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR



Todd Holschbach of Manitowoc has spent much of his career with The Nature Conservancy in Wisconsin securing funding and support for conservation projects across the state and nationwide. Recently, Todd advocated for and defended the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program and worked with his colleagues and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to add 301 acres to Devil's Lake State Park.

LAND TRUST VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Ice Age Trail Alliance's Advocacy Committee works tirelessly to ensure that local, state, and federal decision makers understand the importance and value of the Ice Age National Scenic Trail. They educate elected officials about the essential role that public funding plays in protecting the trail, and they engage a grassroots network across Wisconsin to speak up on issues like the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program.



Ice Age Trail Alliance

Learn more about the award winners and their impact on conservation at gatheringwaters.org/awards22.

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Explore over 50 special places protected by Wisconsin's land trusts. Find an interactive map at GatheringWaters.org/Places22.



ATTEND AN EVENT
Choose from 37 LAND TRUST DAYS EVENTS featured inside

EXPLORE ONE OF OVER 50 Land Trust Days destinations listed at GatheringWaters.org/Places22

Take part in the new LAND TRUST DAYS ADVENTURE CHALLENGE & enter to win a YETI cooler and other YETI prizes
(See details on the back page.)



Caledonia Conservancy



Trail Pines Conservancy



Landmark Conservancy

Enjoy the unique beauty Wisconsin's natural and protected areas have to offer. From Cable to West Bend, the Fifth Annual Wisconsin Land Trust Days event line-up has something for everyone!

DISCOVER AND EXPLORE PROTECTED PLACES

Enjoy self-guided hikes through Wisconsin's prairies, forests, and scenic bluffs. Go on a cycling adventure featuring farm-to-table refreshments. Help build part of the historic Ice Age National Scenic Trail. Learn about the birds and the bees (we're talking pollinators, of course). Visit a fishing park with your children or grandchildren. Take guided hikes to learn about mushrooms, native plants, and geology. Volunteer your time to collect native seeds, pull buckthorn, and more.

The following land trusts took part in the mailing of this calendar:



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JOIN US AND EXPLORE NATURE YOUR WAY



PLAN YOUR WISCONSIN LAND TRUST DAYS ADVENTURE

#HaveFunOutside and make this August and September a time to remember. Check out all the events at [HaveFunOutside.org](https://www.havefunoutside.org). Find other protected places to visit at [gatheringwaters.org/Places22](https://www.gatheringwaters.org/Places22).

Always confirm the details with the host before the event.



SPECIAL EVENT!

Town of Dunn Food Cart Night
Groundswell Conservancy
Madison
July 27

Sample tasty food and drinks from local food carts and walk the trails at a beautiful protected prairie in the Town of Dunn. Bring cash for food.

Educational Day at White River County Park
Geneva Lake Conservancy
Lake Geneva
August 5

Join Conservancy staff and presenters from Fellow Mortals Wildlife Hospital for a presentation on birds.



Shillinglaw Mekan Prairie Interpretive Hike
North Central Conservancy Trust
Richford
August 6

Join NCCT for an interpretive hike at John Shillinglaw's Mekan Prairie, led by Emeritus Professor of Biology and Plant Taxonomy Expert, Dr. Bob Freckmann.



Protect & Preserve Pollinator Hike
Ozaukee Washington Land Trust
West Bend
August 9

Hike with OWLT through the Schoofs Preserve to see diverse pollinators and their natural habitat.

Geology of the Telemark Forest Preserve
Landmark Conservancy
Cable
August 11

Explore glacial kames and kettles, and other depositional landforms of the Telemark Forest Preserve with geologist Tom Fitz.



Celebrate Grasslands A Pollinator Party!
Driftless Area Land Conservancy
Dodgeville
August 13

Hike through fields of flowers at Bloomfield Prairie and get resources to help protect the butterflies, bumblebees, and other amazing pollinators.



SPECIAL EVENT!

14th Annual Ride to the Barns
Tall Pines Conservancy
Hartford
August 13

Ride your bicycle through lake and farm country to benefit the conservation work of Tall Pines Conservancy.



Family Day at Helen Rohner Children's Fishing Park
Geneva Lake Conservancy
Lake Geneva
August 14

Geneva Lake's local Bird Lady and the City of Lake Geneva Avian Committee will talk about the different types of birds found in Williams Bay. Plus, enjoy a guided bird-inspired scavenger hunt.

Heritage Wheat & Bread Workshop
Seno K/RLT Conservancy
Burlington
August 14

Learn the simple but delicious "2-1" method of sourdough bread baking, using only flour, water, and salt. The process is flexible, forgiving, and fun!



Nature Art-Field Sketching Prairie Plants

The Prairie Enthusiasts
Barneveld
August 14

Sketch prairie plants surrounded by the beautiful Schurch-Thomson Prairie. All you need for this class is a pen or pencil, paper, and a hard surface to work on.



Sunset Yoga at Willow Creek Preserve
Glacial Lakes Conservancy
Sheboygan
August 17

Spend a peaceful evening at Willow Creek Preserve with a sunset yoga session led by GLC staff and volunteer Allison Wallner.



VOLUNTEER

Trailbuilding: LaBudde Creek Segment
Ice Age Trail Alliance
Elkhart Lake
August 18-21

Help provide hikers with an additional mile of new trail through the recently acquired section of the Ice Age Trail protecting the LaBudde Creek watershed.

Volunteer, learn, and have fun.



Meet the Pollinators
Glacial Lakes Conservancy
Sheboygan
August 20

Hike through an established prairie on the ledge in the City of Fond du Lac with Jay Watson from the Wisconsin DNR.



Migratory Bird Hike at Willow Creek Preserve
Glacial Lakes Conservancy
Sheboygan
August 27

Join GLC and Moraine Shores Audubon for a migratory bird hike through Willow Creek Preserve.



SPECIAL EVENT!

Mane Event Mounted Photo Scavenger Hunt and Obstacle Course
Caledonia Conservancy
Racine
August 27

Ride your horse on beautiful, marked country trails. Find scavenger items and compete in an obstacle course for prizes.

Night-Flying Prairie Insects: Blacklighting & Sugaring for Moths

The Prairie Enthusiasts
Barneveld
August 30

Learn about the life cycle, behavior, and ecology of prairie moth species in this evening workshop.

Cassville Mushroom Foray
Mississippi Valley Conservancy
Cassville
September 10

Mycology students from UW-La Crosse will guide this hunt for seasonal mushrooms at Cassville Bluffs State Natural Area.



Grandparents Day and Kids Nature Celebration
Glacial Lakes Conservancy
Sheboygan
September 11

Naturalist David Stokes leads a fun program that includes live animals and songs for kids and grandparents!



VOLUNTEER

Trailbuilding: Rib Lake Segment
Ice Age Trail Alliance
Taylor County
September 14-18

Lots of treadwork, stonework, and boardwalk construction to continue progress on four miles of new trail to get ready for a 2023 planned opening.



Interpreting the Land
Glacial Lakes Conservancy
Lyndon
September 17

Naturalist David Kuckuk will lead a hike through the Kettle Moraine area of Sheboygan County.



Fall Prairies at Faville Grove
Madison Audubon
Lake Mills
September 18

Immerse yourself in the textures, colors, sounds, and smells of fall at Faville Grove. The prairie can be just as beautiful as the iconic northern forest in fall.



SPECIAL EVENT!

2022 Annual Harvest Dinner
North Central Conservancy Trust
Stevens Point
September 22

Join NCCT for their Annual Fall Harvest Dinner. The evening features live music, guest speakers, a silent auction, and local food at the beautiful Bukolt Lodge.

Nature at Night
Baird Creek Preservation
Foundation
Green Bay
September 23

Learn about nature under the stars on a night hike. Learn about bats, owls, and the constellations.



VOLUNTEER

Buckthorn Removal at Willow Creek Preserve
Glacial Lakes Conservancy
Sheboygan
September 24

Lend a helping hand to remove invasive buckthorn within a woodland at Willow Creek Preserve.

Muffins with MALC
Milwaukee Area Land
Conservancy
Franklin
September 24

Learn about MALC's wilderness preserves and volunteer opportunities as you enjoy delicious coffeehouse treats. Then, take a nature hike at nearby Ryan Creek Prairie.

VOLUNTEER

Hackmatack Seed Harvest
Geneva Lake Conservancy &
Kettle Moraine Land Trust
Genoa City
September 24

Collect seeds from native prairie plants at Hackmatack National Wildlife Refuge. Harvest seeds from live plants under the guidance of professionals. The collected seed will be used to plant more prairies in the future.

SPECIAL EVENT!

WCLC's 30th Anniversary Celebration
Waukesha County Land
Conservancy
Hartland
September 24

WCLC is celebrating their 30th year of protecting and caring for the lands and waters of Waukesha County! Help celebrate their successes and learn more about land conservation.

SPECIAL EVENT!

Pairings on the Preserves
Ozaukee Washington Land Trust
Farmington
September 24

Enjoy libations and delicacies at this food and wine pairing event on a beautiful private preserve in Farmington.



Two Towers Trail Hike at Minocqua Winter Park
Northwoods Land Trust
Minocqua
September 28

Hike along the newly created Two Towers Trail, a 5 km loop that visits the two highest points at this popular winter recreation facility.

Autumn Hike at The Community Forest
Kinnickinnic River Land Trust
River Falls
September 30

Celebrate Autumn! Flameless candle luminaries will light the path for your journey at The Community Forest. Beverages provided.

Enjoy a guided hike.



Invite your friends and have fun outside.

Treasures of Oz Event Day
Ozaukee Washington Land Trust
Ozaukee County
October 1

Discover what Ozaukee Washington Land Trust does for its community. Visit OWLT preserves and partner preserves in Ozaukee County.



Wonders of Washington Event Day
Ozaukee Washington Land Trust
Washington County
October 1

Discover what Ozaukee Washington Land Trust does for its community. Visit OWLT preserves and partner preserves in Washington County.

SPECIAL EVENT!

Road Rally
Geneva Lake Conservancy
Walworth County
October 1

Drive through the country and visit nature preserves. Get out and hike if you'd like. End the day with a catered picnic.

Saturday on the Road
Glacial Lakes Conservancy
Two Rivers and Tisch Mills
October 8

Take a road trip with stops at local preserves for guided hikes, then finish at Hunner Preserve with cupcakes and wine.

Fall Migratory Birding Hike at Willow Creek Preserve
Glacial Lakes Conservancy
Sheboygan
October 9

This hike will kickstart a month-long birding competition for any birders hoping to spot migratory birds on GLC properties!

SPECIAL EVENT!

Race for Open Space
Cedar Lakes Conservation
Foundation
West Bend
October 16

Lace up your running shoes for a 5k run, 10k run, or 1-mile walk and enjoy the fall colors on the beautiful rolling trails of Fox Hill Nature Preserve!

CHECK OUT these seasonal and year-round, nature-based events.

Trail Trek Challenge
Mississippi Valley Conservancy
La Crosse area - Various Locations
Year-Round

Enjoy the beauty of the Driftless area and hike at least five trails on properties protected by MVC for a chance to win prize drawings.

NatureNOW
Ozaukee Washington Land Trust
Ozaukee and Washington Counties
July 1 - October 31

Enjoy the nature preserves in Ozaukee and Washington Counties on foot, by bike, or canoe/kayak. Plan day trips with self-guided tours and interactive maps.

Explore the Ice Age National Scenic Trail
Year-Round

This natural classroom winds throughout Wisconsin. The Ice Age Trail Alliance has family-friendly resources to enhance your hike, including games and activities for all ages.

Visit Helen Rohner Children's Fishing Park
Geneva Lake Conservancy
Williams Bay
Year-Round

There's always something happening at the fishing park, from fishing lessons to nature classes.

Nature's Learning Landscape
Caledonia Conservancy
Racine | King's Corner
Year-Round

Head out to King's Corner nature learning area for outdoor games and fitness activities.

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