



Driftless Area Land Conservancy

The Land Trust for Southwest Wisconsin

2019 Field Trips

Forage, explore, hike, paddle, learn ... and have fun!

We invite you to connect with the Driftless Area and resource experts through our 2019 field trips. Full details and directions will be provided via email to those who register. Some trips have limited capacity.

There is no registration fee, but we encourage a free-will offering of \$10/person/session for adults ages 16+, collected on site.

Please register for field trips by submitting a brief form at the [Events page](#) of our website or by calling our office at 608-930-3252.

Spring Bird Migration Walk

Saturday, May 18 from 7:00-9:00 a.m.

Hollandale, Dane Co.

Search this DALC-protected property for warblers and other spring migrants while exploring its prairie, woodland, pine relict, wetland, and lovely Gordon Creek.

Leaders: Dave Clutter, Jeb Barzen

Group limit: 20

Family Monarch Exploration

Tuesday, June 25 from 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Argyle, Lafayette Co.

Bring the kids to this fun and frolicking search for monarch caterpillars and butterflies! Learn the basics about monarch biology, observe monarch caterpillars up close, and participate in a monarch-themed story walk.

Leaders: Amy Alstad, Emily Benz

Group limit: none

Canoe the Lower Wisconsin River

Saturday, July 20 from 8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Spring Green, Sauk Co.

Enjoy a relaxed half-day paddle on the beautiful Lower Wisconsin State Riverway with leaders of Driftless and Friends of the Lower Wisconsin. Learn about the river's natural and cultural history at sandbar stops and explore the backwaters of Mill Creek. Put in at the Highway 14 landing and take out at the Wisconsin River Resort in Spring Green. Bring a picnic lunch. If you do not have a canoe, please contact Wisconsin Riverside Resort at <https://www.wiriverside.com/> and reserve your canoe. Reference "Driftless & FLOW Canoe Trip" for rentals. Shuttles will be available.

Leaders: Dave Clutter, Timm Zumm

Group limit: 20

Geology of the Driftless Area

Saturday, August 24 from 9:00-noon

Muscoda, Grant Co.

Spend a morning exploring the Wisconsin River valley, a quarry, and the “Frank’s Hill” effigy mounds to learn about the fascinating geology of the Driftless Area. We will see evidence of ancient sea beds, ancient peoples, and why our trip leader thinks the Wisconsin River once flowed in the opposite direction of what we see today.

Leader: Dr. Eric Carson

Group limit: 25

Monarch Tagging

Saturday, September 14 from (A) 9:00-10:30 or (B) 11:00-12:30

Dodgeville, Iowa County

Every fall, thousands of migrating monarch butterflies are tagged through citizen science programs that promote monarch research and conservation efforts. Join DALC to participate first hand in catching and tagging monarch butterflies, and to learn more about the amazing phenomenon of their migration.

Leaders: Amy Alstad, Karen Oberhauser

Group limit: 20 per session

Sandhill Crane Viewing

Saturday, October 26 from 4:00-5:30 p.m.

Spring Green, Sauk County

From a bluff perch, observe sandhill cranes in the thousands as they stage for migration on islands in the Wisconsin River. Learn about crane migration patterns, biology, and more. The viewing location is also an oak savanna restoration project.

Leader: Jeb Barzen

Group limit: none

Driftless Skies Solstice Eve Stargazing

Friday, December 20 from 6:30-8:30 pm

Spring Green Preserve, Sauk County

Enjoy an evening of stargazing under the dark skies of the Driftless Area. View stars through a telescope and binoculars, learn winter constellations, and hear stories of the stars. Bring the kids! Stop by when you can.

Please note: If skies are cloudy, the back-up date will be Sunday, December 2

Leader: John Heasley

Group limit: none



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