



North Lakeland Discovery Center







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Center Hours

Office & Nature Center
Monday - Saturday
 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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Become a Friend of the Van Vliet Hemlocks

This Spring, the Friends of the Van Vliet Hemlocks were founded under the auspices of the Discovery Center. The Friends' purpose is to protect and preserve the unique ecology of Van Vliet Hemlocks (VVH), a 400-acre Presque Isle site owned by the State of Wisconsin, Board of Commissioners of Public Lands. The Friends have planned projects and raised funds to aid in the development of educational materials, including a new and improved trail system with maps and interpretive signs. On May 12, the Discovery Center used the Charles Petrie Scholarship to bring elementary students to the VVH for exploratory sessions on woods, wildlife and vernal pools. On May 28, more than 50 gathered for a Friends sponsored trail opening and ribbon cutting.



Friends President Tom Olson cuts the ribbon, accompanied by Board Members (L to R) Ed Brodsky, Sarah Johnson-Discovery Center, Al Eschenbauch-Last Wilderness Conservation Association, Ronie Jacobson-Van Vliet Lake Association, Paul Specht and John Schwarzmann-Board of Commissioners of Public Lands. Not pictured: Board members, Jill Wilm and John Bates. Photo by Guy David

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Wine in the Woods

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OUR MISSION

The North Lakeland Discovery Center is a community-based environmental learning center that promotes stewardship of the region's natural and cultural resources.

Property managed under an agreement with the WI DNR.

Looking for the perfect start to your holiday weekend? How about live music, gourmet food, great wine, and fantastic prizes!

You'll find all that and more at this year's *Wine in the Woods* event on Thursday, June 30th 4:30-7:30PM.

This year's theme, "**Red Wine, White Wine, and Bleu Cheese**" is the perfect set up for celebrating an All-American Gourmet Barbecue. Sample splendid wines donated by **Trig's Cellar 70** and **Allstate Liquor and Company**, along with delectable cheese pairings by **The Wine Barn**.

Live music by acoustical trio, **Take 3**, adds to an entertaining night of raffles, the famous Party Wheel, and silent auctions. The Wine Cork Raffle guarantees everyone wins a bottle of wine. Other raffle items include vintage wines worth up to \$1500, wine baskets, and a variety of fun prizes. This is definitely one event you don't want to miss!

The night is supported in part by our premier sponsors, **ACE Hardware, Thrivent Financial, Pukall Lumber, and Jacquart Fabrics, Home of Stormy Kromer**; along with generous support from our partner sponsors.

Tickets (\$25 thru June 26, \$30 thereafter) are available at **Trig's Cellar 70** in Minocqua, **McGann's Wine Bar** in Boulder Junction, and at the Discovery Center.

To purchase tickets online, visit our website DiscoveryCenter.net.

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The VVH, with 1½ miles of shoreline, represents a rare remnant of the northern hardwood-hemlock forest, once the largest and most characteristic in northern Wisconsin. It houses eagle and shoreline Loon nests, includes sightings of birds such as the Blackburnian Warbler and Winter Wren, houses vernal pools and wetlands, and features a unique array of glacial moraines. It is a true Northwoods treasure, supported by an active group of citizens and service organizations. To learn more or to plan a visit, go online to DiscoveryCenter.net.

The Friends are seeking more friends! To join us, mail in your tax-deductible donation to NLDC-VV Friends, PO Box #237, Manitowish Waters, WI 54545.

Bog members <\$100

Yellow Birch members \$100-\$499

Sugar Maple members \$500-\$999

Hemlock members \$1000

All donors in the first six months of the campaign are designated **Founding Members**.

Thanks to a generous donation through the Charles Petrie Memorial Scholarship Fund, 45 second through fifth grade students from the Land O Lakes Elementary School recently participated in programming at the Van Vliet Hemlocks. They studied forestry, vernal pools and wildlife.



7th Annual Birding Festival a Success!

Nearly 100 participants and presenters from several states gathered on May 20 and 21 to take part in the 7th Annual Birding Festival, hosted by the North Lakeland Discovery Center and the Discovery Center Bird Club in Manitowish Waters, WI.

A Friday evening reception, sponsored by the Bird Club, provided participants, presenters, and sponsors a chance to enjoy a program by author and naturalist, John Bates.

Saturday's all-day affair was packed with birding and educational opportunities. Early morning warbler walks, bird banding demos, instructive presentations, bird feeder building, and more kept participants quite busy. A Discovery Center Memorial Fund, in memory of the late Bruce Janssen, provided supplementary funding to allow for a line-up of fabulous presenters and field trip leaders. The Manitowish Waters Chamber of Commerce sponsored this year's keynote speaker, award winning author, renowned birder and producer of the radio program "For the Birds" Laura Erickson. In the end, all of the hard "work" paid off, as exactly 96 species of birds were heard and seen! Visit our website for a complete list of bird species detected during the festival.

A group of twenty businesses and communities sponsor this event. The positive nature of this event is compounded

by the knowledge that regional support is what allows for a celebration of our environment, wildlife and the beautiful Northwoods. *Event organizers cannot thank our event sponsors, partners, raffle donors, trip leaders, program presenters and volunteers enough for their generosity!*

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BIRD FEST PARTNER SPONSORS



Discovery Center grounds coordinator Ryan Wahlgren helps Bird Club member Katie Foley construct a bird feeder. Participants were able to take home this fun project.



Master bird bander Bruce Bacon, from the WDNR, measure the wing length of a Rose breasted grosbeak. A highlight of the event was the capture and banding of a male and female Evening grosbeak!



Welcome New Summer Staff!

With a new summer season come new staff to the Discovery Center. We are excited and fortunate to welcome three more staff to our crew. As you participate in our summer trips, workshops and programs, look for these new faces. Welcome, ladies, to the Discovery Center family!

Meet Anne Kretschmann....Water Educator



Anne Kretschmann received her undergraduate degree in Environmental Science with a competence in Conservation Biology from Prescott College, AZ. She is also a candidate for an M.S. in Wildlife and Fisheries Management and a graduate certificate in Geographic Information Sciences at the University of Arizona. Anne has incorporated environmental education into every position she has held. During her five years of employment with the Arizona Game and Fish Department she was instrumental in developing a GIS framework for a watershed scale integrated fisheries management plan for the Verde River Watershed, AZ. Anne is interested in the relationships between native and nonnative, or invasive species, and in exploring the role that citizen science can play in addressing environmental concerns such as invasive species.

Meet Emily Sage....Environmental Educator

Emily grew up in Cross Plains, Wisconsin and is a senior at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. She graduates in May 2012 with a degree in Biology and Natural Science with teaching certification. Emily loves learning and has discovered her love of teaching through becoming a swim instructor, tutoring at the University and teaching as a naturalist at Upham Woods. She loves spending time outdoors, whether it be hiking through the woods, canoeing along a river or lake, or relaxing in the sun- it's where she wants to be. Emily is looking forward to building on her prior experiences during her summer at the Discovery Center. She also hopes to gain completely new experiences by working with everyone at the Discovery Center. She hopes to reach those that she teaches, and to continue her journey of lifelong learning by joining the Discovery Center team.



Meet Caitlin Newman....Wildlife Educator



Caitlin, who hails from Duluth, Minnesota, graduated from the University of Minnesota Twin Cities in May 2010 with a Bachelor of Science in Wildlife and Conservation Biology. She has been working as an environmental educator since 2009 in both urban and rural settings and is excited to join the team at the North Lakeland Discovery Center! In particular, Caitlin is enthusiastic to learn about wildlife conservation education and participate in citizen science events. She enjoys cycling, bogs, and identifying every plant that crosses her path!

15th Annual Just Tri It! Triathlon

Stay active this Fourth of July weekend.

Join the Discovery Center for our 15th Annual Just Tri It! Triathlon on Saturday, July 2 at 9:00 AM.

Noted for its unique Northwoods venue, this triathlon is truly one-of-a-kind. It includes a 300 yard swim in Statehouse lake, a 10K mountain bike, and 5K trail run. Great for first-time triathletes, this wonderful outdoor course also attracts plenty of repeat attendees who come back for the experience and the fun.

Participants are encouraged to register by June 17th to pay a reduced early bird rate of \$30, assure a spot in the event, and claim a complimentary 2011 Just Tri It! Triathlon t-shirt. Relay teams are welcome.

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Double Your Dollars

This summer, all new memberships, increased giving levels, and any donations to the Center will be **doubled**. Please consider helping to support us, in our **largest ever \$50,000** matching challenge grant.

Cut Here.....

Membership Form

Discovery Center Membership

- Individual/Seeker.....\$25.00
- Family/Household/Trekker.....\$50.00
- Adventurer.....\$100.00
- Trailblazer.....\$250.00
- Explorer.....\$500.00
- Voyageur.....\$1,000.00
- Pathfinder.....\$2,500.00
- Guide.....\$5,000.00
- Business.....\$250.00
- Please make me a **Bird Club** member for an additional \$10
- Please make me a **Timber Wolf Alliance** member for \$25.00 or more: _____ Amount

All membership levels include:

- Free onsite use of watercraft and snowshoes
- Monthly newsletters
- Program guide mailed to your home
- Discounts on programs and NLDC merchandise

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 Increased benefits at higher membership levels:
 please call or see our website for details.

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The North Lakeland Discovery Center is a 501 (c) (3) not-for-profit corporation, so your contribution to The Center is fully tax deductible as allowed by relevant law.

My check for \$ _____ is enclosed

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For more details about becoming a member of the Discovery Center, NLDC Bird Club or TWA please visit our website at DiscoveryCenter.net.



Please return membership form to:
 NLDC, PO Box 237 Manitowish Waters, WI 54545.

June 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4 Bog Walk 9-11 a.m.
5 Eagle Banding 10 a.m. and 12 p.m. (two sessions)	6 Yoga Class 7:30-8:45 a.m. (Intermediate-Vinyasa) 10-11 a.m. (Beginner-Gentle Flow)	7 Scenic Waters Pontoon Tour 9 a.m.-12 p.m. and 1-4 p.m.	8 Free Guided Nature Art Walk 10-11:30 a.m.	9 Nibbles n' Knowledge: Life without the Honey Bee 5-7 p.m.	10 Lake Captain Training and AIS Tour 9-11:30 a.m.	11 Nature Nook: Animal Tracks 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
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19 Nature Nook: Squirrel Antics 10 a.m.-12 p.m.	20 Yoga Class 7:30-8:45 a.m. (Intermediate-Vinyasa) 10-11 a.m. (Beginner-Gentle Flow)	21 Scenic Waters Pontoon Tour 9 a.m.-12 p.m. and 1-4 p.m.	22 Free Guided Nature Hike 10-11:30 a.m.	23 Sunset Canoe Paddle 6:30-9 p.m.	24 Invasive Species Control Efforts 9-11:30 a.m.	25 Nature Nook: Big, Bad Birchbark Canoe 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Free Guided Nature Art Walk 10-11:30 a.m. Historic Dillinger Tour 9 a.m.-12 p.m. and 1-4 p.m.
26	27 Yoga Class 7:30-8:45 a.m. (Intermediate-Vinyasa) 10-11 a.m. (Beginner-Gentle Flow)	28 Scenic Waters Pontoon Tour 9 a.m.-12 p.m. and 1-4 p.m.	29 Free Guided Nature Hike 10-11:30 a.m. Dream Catcher Making 1-2:30 p.m.	30 Wine in the Woods 4:30-7:30 p.m.		
	Discover Your World: Web of Wonder 9-11:30 a.m. Understanding Black Bear 7 p.m.	Adventure Club: Mountain Adv. 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.	Adventure Club: Fishing Tournament 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.			

For further details on programs and registration information, please call 877.543.2085 or visit and register online at www.discoverycenter.net.