

Winter Calendar

Preregistration recommended.
Please call **(315) 482-2479** to register.
Face covering encouraged when indoors.



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2023

RECURRING EVENTS

FEATHERED FRIENDS

Saturday, January 7 and March 4 // 11:00 a.m.—Noon

Every winter the Nature Center builds a bird feeder station to help the wintering bird population. Birdseed will be provided to feed the birds. Our feathered friends may even land and take seed from your hand, or your head! All ages are welcome.

FREE SNOWSHOE DAYS

Saturday: January 14, February 18, and March 11 // 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

Gear up – for free! Take a pair of snowshoes out on our trails and explore winter! Weather permitting: seven inches of snow is needed to take our snowshoes out on the trail. Please call for conditions. Visit the Nature Center during open hours to sign out your shoes.

PACK BASKET CLASS

Saturday, February 4 and March 18 // 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Have you ever wanted to weave your very own pack basket? Come join a small class to learn this traditional craft. This is an all-day workshop, please bring a lunch. Space is very limited, please call to reserve your spot. Fee is \$100.00; payment is due when reserving your spot. This class is recommended for adults.

JANUARY

FIRST DAY HIKE

Sunday, January 1 // 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

Kick off the New Year in the outdoors! Join us for this annual event held across New York State. Hikes are self-guided all day— choose your own adventure! An easy, guided, family-friendly hike will be offered at 1:00 p.m. Snowshoes will be provided if conditions allow. Please call to preregister.



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Minna Anthony Common Nature Center
Wellesley Island State Park

WINTER EXPLORATIONS

Saturday, January 14 // 1:00 p.m.—2:00 p.m.

The winter months provide some of the best opportunities for viewing wildlife along our trails. Come brave the cold and the wind and learn about plant and animal adaptations to winter, winter tree identification, and more! Snowshoes will be provided if there is enough snow.

BALD EAGLE WATCHING

Saturday, January 21 // 10:00 a.m.—Noon

The bald eagles are here! Wellesley Island is one of the best places in New York State to see these magnificent birds. We'll search for these cold-weather visitors along frozen waterbodies and in the treetops overhead. BYO binoculars and dress for cold, windy weather.

ICE FISHING CLINIC

Saturday, January 28 // 10:00 a.m.—Noon

Join local fishing guide Aziel Snyder for a step-by-step instruction of ice fishing on Eel Bay! Augering the ice, tip-up setup, and baiting will be demonstrated. Meet at Eel Bay boat launch, near Campsite Area H. No restrooms on site, the Nature Center is a 2-minute drive away.

FEBRUARY

DOG SLED DEMONSTRATION by RIVER FEVER MUSHING

Saturday, February 11 // 10:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m.

Ever wonder what it takes to run a dog sled team? Come meet local dog sled team River Fever Mushing! Watch the dogs in action with a live demonstration followed by a meet-and-greet at the end. This is an outdoor activity; please dress for all weather conditions.

A LOUD WINTER'S NAP

Saturday, February 18 // 1:00 p.m.—2:00 p.m.

Join us for a reading of the book *A Loud Winter's Nap* written by Katy Hudson. This is a hilarious kids' story you don't want to miss. After the story we will head outside for some winter outdoor fun. Please dress to play outside in the snow.

KIDS' WEEK!

Wednesday, February 22 – Sunday, February 26 // 10:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m.

School's out! This winter break, stop by the Nature Center for some winter fun! We will have programs daily. Topics include fairy houses, storytelling, bird bingo, snow flea discovery, winter track identification, and a scavenger hunt!

MARCH

SNOW FLEA HUNT

Saturday, March 11 // 1:00 p.m.—2:00 p.m.

Come join us on a fun hunt for the amazing, but very tiny, snow flea! We will take a hike through the woods to see if we can find this small creature. Learn what a snow flea is, and how to find them – no worries, snow fleas won't bite!

BARN QUILT WORKSHOP

Saturday, March 25 // 9:00 a.m.—Noon

Have you ever seen quilt patterns painted on wood? Even if you don't have a barn to hang one on, join us to learn this regional artform! Instructor Brian Hudon will lead you step-by-step to make your own. Class size is limited. Preregistration required. Workshop fee including materials is \$30.