

Winter Events

Program size may be limited.
 Preregistration recommended.
 Please call **(315) 482-2479** to register.
Face covering required when indoors.

FREE SNOWSHOE DAYS

Second Saturday of the Month: January 8, February 12, and March 12

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.

BIRD FEEDER PROGRAMS

Saturdays: February 19 and March 19

PROJECT FEEDER WATCH 10:00am–11:00am

Become a citizen scientist and help us identify and count birds at our feeders! All data will be submitted to the Cornell Lab of Ornithology's *Project Feeder Watch*.

FEATHERED FRIENDS 11:00am–Noon

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

JANUARY

FIRST DAY HIKE

Saturday, January 1 // 10:00am–2:00pm

Kick off the New Year in the outdoors! Join us for this annual event held across New York State. Hikes are self-guided – choose your own adventure! Snowshoes will be provided if conditions allow.

NATURE DETECTIVES

Saturday, January 8 // 10:00am–11:00am

Ever wonder who made those tracks you passed in the woods? Let's be Nature Detectives! We'll explore and learn about the animals that are active during the winter months. Children and adults welcome. Snowshoes will be provided if there is enough snow.

BARN QUILT WORKSHOP

Saturday, January 15 // 9:00am–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! Quilter Barb Hearn will lead you step-by-step to make your own. Class size is limited. Preregistration required. Workshop fee including materials is \$30.

BALD EAGLE WATCHING

Saturday, January 22 // 10:00am—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.

THE BEAR SNORES ON

Saturday, January 29 // 10:30am—11:30am

Bring your snow gear for a fun day outside! Come listen to a fun story about a bear and his friends spending time together during the winter. After our story, we will explore and build what you think might be a good shelter for the winter. Creativity, imagination, and snow gear required.

FEBRUARY

ICE FISHING CLINIC

Saturday, February 5 // 10:00am—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, Nature Center is a 2 minute drive away.

WINTER EXPLORATIONS

Saturday, February 12 // 1:00pm—2:00pm

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.

TRAILS TALES

Saturday, February 26 // 1:30pm—2:30pm

Perfect for pre-school aged children (3-5 years old), accompanied by an adult. A naturalist will first read two stories to the children and then lead the group in an activity (weather dependent: hike or craft) themed to match the stories.

MARCH

NATURE'S PAINTBRUSH

Saturday, March 5 // 10:30am—11:30am

Pine boughs, acorns, icicles, oh my! Come make a beautiful painting using natural materials as paintbrushes. All ages and abilities are welcome, bring your imagination and creativity.

SCAT & SKULLS

Saturday, March 12 // 10:00am—11:00am.

Have you ever wondered how to identify scat (animal poop) or asked whose skull is that? Try our interactive scat and skull game. Guess what animal it is and learn how to identify it.

LITTLE HANDS, WILD!

Saturday, March 26 // 2:00pm—3:00pm.

Explore the spring! We'll be outside investigating this muddy season. The snow might still be around, so be prepared for all kinds of conditions! Recommended for Pre-K and under, but all ages welcome.