

Snowshoe Saturdays

January 24 and February 14

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Don't get SAD, get outside and enjoy winter at Sandhill! We'll take you on a short, fun, hike through the property. Use our snowshoes, or bring your own. Hot cocoa in the Skills Center to follow. Weather dependent; call ahead to confirm by Friday at noon prior to event. 715-884-6335 or e-mail britt.searles@wisconsin.gov



Flint Knapping with Arthur Boehm

Saturday – Sunday, January 17 – 18

Join Instructor Arthur Boehm and learn the primitive art of flint knapping. Students will learn to prepare proper tools and learn the techniques of percussion, indirect percussion and pressure flaking that primitive hunters used to make the tools and weapons that were an important part of everyday living. Students will leave with the basic skills and a number of serviceable tools and weapons. \$165 fee plus \$60 fee for tools and materials. BYO meals and refreshments. Register by January 9, limit 10 people. For registration information, contact Art Boehm at 715-403-2106 or e-mail stoneagereplicas@yahoo.com. Dormitory stay available for \$20, contact Britt at 715-884-6335 or britt.searles@wisconsin.gov

Timber Wolf Ecology and Management

Saturday – Sunday, February 7 – 8

Timber Wolf Information Network (TWIN) discusses wolf ecology, population biology, management issues and field study techniques, including winter

tracking in the field. The \$90 fee includes in-depth lectures, dorm lodging, two meals and field trip into wolf territory. BYO Saturday lunch and refreshments. Register by January 30, limit 25 people. Questions? Please contact Donna Brandl at admasst.twin@yahoo.com Make checks payable to TWIN and mail, along with your contact information and names of all people attending, to:

TWIN
PO Box 192
Plover WI 5446

Flint Knapping with Arthur Boehm

Saturday – Sunday, February 21 – 22

See January 17–18. Register by February 13.

Wilderness First Aid and Environmental Health Certification

Saturday – Sunday, March 7 – 8

Times TBD

Be prepared for the unexpected. Wilderness First Aid (WFA) teaches prevention and treatment of the most common medical emergencies in the wilderness. In addition to the WFA course that provides certification, the health impact of climate change and preparation for large scale disasters are discussed. This two-day course provides extensive hands-on experience and leads to WFA certification. \$75 fee includes two meals, overnight dorm stay, and all teaching materials. Student fee \$50. Registration deadline is February 26 and is limited to 20 participants. Send registration and fee to: Sandhill OSC, PO Box 156, Babcock, WI 54413

Friends of Sandhill OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, April 25

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Join the Friends of Sandhill for a day of fun exploring nature's secrets on Sandhill. Kids' activities, nature store, tours, free snacks and more. Something for everybody! For more information call 715-884-2437.



Outdoor Cooking with Dutch Ovens

Saturday, May 2

10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Great food makes any experience better. The Dutch oven is a great tool for campers, hunters and fishermen to make delicious meals just about anywhere! Join us as we learn about equipment, equipment care, fire-building, cooking techniques, recipes and more. We'll cook around the campfire and enjoy a delicious meal together. You'll walk away ready to "wow" your friends on that next camping trip! \$20 fee, registration deadline April 24. Limited to 25 participants. Send registration and fee to:

Sandhill OSC
PO Box 156
Babcock, WI 54413



Bats of Wisconsin

Saturday, May 16, 2014

6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Join the folks from the Wisconsin Bat Program for an evening of bats! Learn about the natural history and basic biology of bats, echolocation and current threats to the population. Meet one or more live native Wisconsin bats! End the evening with an echolocation stroll. All proceeds from the \$10 fee go towards bat conservation. Registration deadline is May 8. Send registration and fee to:

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Make Your Own Hiking/Walking Stick

June date TBD

Create your own hardwood walking stick with the Friends of Sandhill. You will choose a suitable hardwood stick; smooth, decorate and finish it as you like. Participants under age 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Sign-up deadline one week in advance. Saturday morning June date to be announced in May. Arrange to return the following Saturday if you do not complete your walking stick. Fee \$5. Limited to 12 people.



Summer Sing-along

July date TBD

The Friends of Sandhill host this old-fashioned campfire sing-along at the Outdoor Skills Center fire pit. Bring roasting forks for marshmallows, and your favorite camp songs. 7 p.m. until dark. In case of rain, sing-along will be held inside the OSC classroom. For more information contact Britt at 715-884-6335 or e-mail britt.searles@wisconsin.gov

Trapper Education

Saturday – Sunday, September 19 – 20

Times TBD

Ages 12 and up. Mandatory for first-time trappers, this exciting two-day course provides hands-on learning about humane and efficient manners of trapping. Learn to select, care for and set traps, prepare pelts, learn about rules and regulations and how to be responsible trappers. Co-sponsored with the Wisconsin Trappers Association. BYO Saturday lunch. Registration begins April 15, deadline September 2. Limit 25 people. Fee TBD – please call 715-884-6335. Mail registration and check to:

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Babcock, WI 54413



Crane Watch

Saturday, October 17
3:00 p.m. - dark.

Watch and listen as thousands of cranes descend on Sandhill's Gallagher Marsh, a staging area during the fall migration. Dress warmly in neutral colors (camouflage preferred). Participants should be prepared to walk on uneven ground, and sit still on uneven ground for an hour or more. Rain or shine (the birds will be there)! Scopes, binoculars and cameras welcomed. Register by October 9, \$15 fee. Limit 20 people. Send registration and fee to: Sandhill OSC
PO Box 156
Babcock, WI 54413

Grill, Baby, Grill!

Saturday, November 14
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Explore preparation methods for wild game and fish using marinades, heart-healthy seasonings, and basting sauces. The session will include a review of suggested cooking techniques and selected recipes. Possible meats may include venison, goose, bison, wild turkey and selected fish species. Participants will enjoy freshly prepared samples. Register by November 6, \$10 fee. Send registration and fee to: Sandhill OSC
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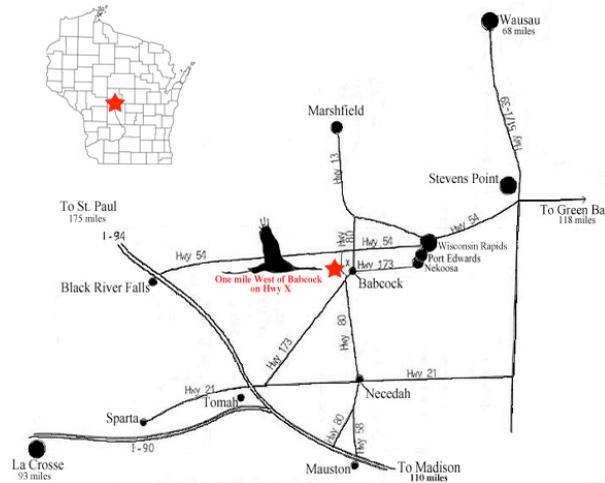
Volunteer Carnivore Track-Training and Refresher Clinic

Saturday, December 5
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

This training clinic is mandatory for persons seriously interested in contributing volunteer time (run three surveys per winter) assisting in the DNR annual winter wolf census. Not to be confused with educational workshops, this is for people willing to commit time. Fee: \$15.00, register by December 1. Limit 30 people. Send registration and fee to: Sandhill OSC
PO Box 156
Babcock, WI 54413

Workshop Registration

Visit the website to download registration forms: Go to dnr.wi.gov and search on "Sandhill." Mail completed forms and fees to: **Sandhill OSC, PO Box 156, Babcock, WI 54413.** Or call Britt Searles at 715-884-6335 or email britt.searles@wisconsin.gov.



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Ongoing Opportunities at Sandhill:

Trumpeter Trail

This auto tour is open to the public from April through October (weather permitting). The Trumpeter Trail winds through Sandhill and offers interpretive stops, places to hike, picnic areas, excellent bird watching, and viewing towers. Traveling during dawn or dusk is the best time to see wildlife. Don't forget: Sandhill's walk-in gates are open year-round for foot traffic! Call ahead for closures due to weather 715-884-2437.

Learn to Hunt Deer

Held in the fall, this mentored hunt offers an opportunity for new and young hunters to learn ethical, safe and enjoyable ways to hunt deer. The program involves a one-day workshop in late summer, and a one or two-day hunt in late October or early November. Check the website dnr.wi.gov for updated information on Sandhill's Learn to Hunt Deer program.



High School Independent Studies (HSIS)

Know a kid who is crazy for wildlife? The High School Independent Study program is for motivated high school students interested in learning about field-research techniques, and who love the outdoors. Contact Britt Searles for more information and an application at 715-884-6335.

For information on these and other Sandhill events, contact Britt Searles at 715-884-6335 or e-mail Britt.Searles@wisconsin.gov

Sandhill Outdoor Skills Center

2015 Event Calendar



The **Sandhill Outdoor Skills Center** provides a variety of educational activities in the wide, wild world of wildlife recreation. Wildlife staff, volunteers and guest instructors conduct a variety of workshops throughout the year in both an indoor classroom center and the living laboratory of Sandhill Wildlife Area. Sandhill workshops foster appreciation of the natural world and its inhabitants in participants of all ages and skills. Whether it's learning to cook over an open fire, enjoying the annual spectacle of cranes and other birds on migration, or honing your carnivore-tracking skills, Sandhill Outdoor Skills Center provides an authentic learning experience for everyone.

