

Porcupine Ecology

Saturday, February 1
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Do porcupines shoot their quills? Come to Sandhill and find out! Join instructor Britt Searles and see how porcupine ecology research is conducted on the property. Search for signs and check live traps. We'll provide the snowshoes if needed; you bring your own lunch and appropriate clothes for outdoors and indoors. \$15 registration fee. Register by January 24, limit 20 people. Send registration and fee to: **Sandhill OSC, PO Box 156, Babcock, WI 54413**



Timber Wolf Ecology and Management

Saturday – Sunday, February 8 – 9
9:00 a.m. Saturday to noon Sunday

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 February 1, limit 25 people. Make checks payable to TWIN and mail, along with your contact information to: **TWIN, PO Box 192, Plover WI 54467**

Wilderness First Aid and Environmental Health Certification

Saturday – Sunday, March 8 – 9

Be prepared for the unexpected. Wilderness First Aid 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 is discussed. This two-day course provides extensive hands-on experience and leads to WFA certification. \$85 fee includes two meals, overnight dorm stay and all teaching materials. 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 26
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, tours, snacks and more. Something for everybody! For more information call 715-884-2437.



Orienteering

Saturday and Sunday, May 3 - 4

Do you love geocaching? Hiking? Exploring off the beaten path? Then orienteering is for you! You'll learn to use an orienteering compass, read topographic maps and practice your new skills on a basic compass course. You'll test your skills on a cross-country trek through Sandhill. \$40 includes two meals and dorm stay. Register by April 23. Send registration and fee to: **Sandhill OSC, PO Box 156, Babcock, WI 54413**

Outdoor Cooking with Dutch Ovens

Saturday, May 10
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 fishers 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 May 2. Limited to 25 participants. Send registration and fee to: **Sandhill OSC, PO Box 156, Babcock, WI 54413**

Trapper Education

Saturday – Sunday, September 13 – 14

Ages 12 and up. Required by law for first-time trappers, this two-day course provides hands-on learning about humane and efficient manners of trapping. Learn to



select, care for and set traps, prepare pelts. Co-sponsored with the Wisconsin Trappers Association. BYO Saturday lunch. Limit 25 people. Fee TBD. See website for more information: dnr.wi.gov and search on "Trapper Education" for current openings.

Nature Basketry

Saturday, October 11
9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Make your own beautiful basket from materials you gather in the wild. Instructor Sarajane Snyder will lead you on a collection walk and then guide you through the basket-making process. Students need clothing suitable for the outdoors, a pail, pruning shears, and lunch. This class is held rain or shine. For more information please e-mail ironcreekschool@yahoo.com Fee is \$50 per person, Maximum of 12 students. Please register by October 3 by mailing registration and checks (payable to Sarajane Snyder) to: **Sandhill OSC, PO Box 156, Babcock, WI 54413**

Wilderness Emergency Strategic Training

October 9, 2 p.m - October 10, 8 p.m.

WEST: Earn 16 hours of CME while learning to care for emergencies in the wilderness. The Mayo Clinic Health System "Team Tomah" includes extensive in-the-field experiences to make participants comfortable handling difficult emergencies in austere settings. Optional Day One is skills workshops and special topical seminars including "The Health Effects of Climate Change" presented by leading environmental experts. Day Two is the WEST Core Course from 8 am to 8 pm. Pre-course online self study is required. Fee includes course materials, CME, food, and lodging. Clinicians in practice: \$150; residents: \$80; students: \$50. **Contact: Rod Erickson, MD., 325 Butts Avenue, Tomah, WI 54660, erickson.rodney@mayo.edu, 608-372-5951.**



Magic on the Marsh

Saturday, October 18

3:00 p.m. - dark.

Experience the flight of thousands of cranes as they return to the Gallagher Marsh after a day of feeding in surrounding fields. 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 10, \$15 fee. Limit 20 people. Send registration and fee to: **Sandhill OSC, PO Box 156, Babcock, WI 54413**

Volunteer Carnivore Track-Training and Refresher Clinic

Saturday, December 6

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 November 21. Limit 30 people. Send registration and fee to: **Sandhill OSC, PO Box 156, Babcock, WI 54413**

To learn about more workshops and events, visit the website to see what's new! We update the online calendar throughout the year, so check back often to stay up to date.

Workshop Registration

Visit the website to download registration forms: Go to www.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.

Ongoing Opportunities at Sandhill

Trumpeter Trail

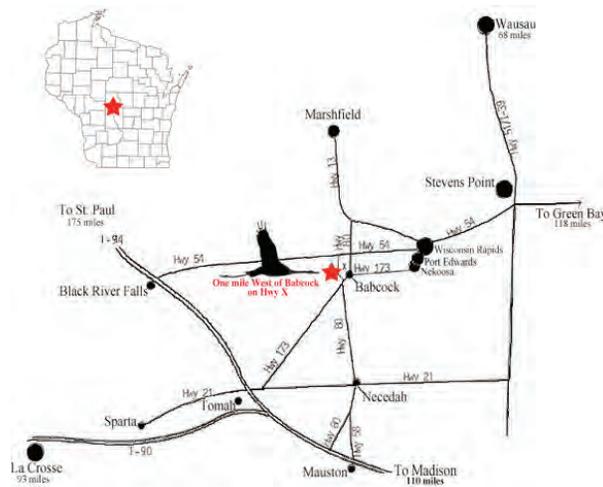
This auto tour is open to the public from April through October (weather permitting). The Trumpeter Trail winds through Sandhill and offers interpretive stops, places to hike, picnic areas, excellent bird watching, and viewing towers. Traveling during dawn or dusk is the best time to see wildlife. Don't 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.

Porcupine Project

Know a kid who is crazy for wildlife? The Porcupine Project is an independent-study program 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 or britt.searles@wisconsin.gov.



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Sandhill Outdoor Skills Center

2014 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.

