

Blue Mound State Park 2016 Interpretive Schedule

Please check in at the park office this weekend for a free flyer of interpretive programs.



Recurring Programs

- Most Saturdays and Sundays from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend, 10:00 a.m. – **“Morning Hike”** – with park naturalist, Reed Cockrell. Meet at the north end of the pool parking lot (Friend’s Shelter). Check with the park office to confirm dates & times and to see what topic will be covered.
- Most Saturdays from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend, 3:00 p.m. – **“Wisconsin Explorers Program”** (ages 6 and up) with park naturalist. Check with the park office to confirm dates & times and to see what topic will be covered.

Special Programs

All programs held at 7:00 p.m. at the **“Friends Shelter”** unless otherwise noted.

- * *Saturday, June 11th*, - **“Food, Medicine, and Poison in the Woods”** – Explore plants in the park and their uses with park naturalist, Reed Cockrell.
- * *Friday, June 17th*, **6:00-9:00 p.m. at Picnic Shelter** – **“Madison Folk Music Society”** Sing fun songs with the Folk Music Society who provide song books, song leaders and instrumental accompaniment; Held at Friend’s Shelter if raining
- * *Saturday, July 2nd*, **7:00 p.m. at Friends’ Shelter** – **“Let Sleeping Bears Lie (Sort Of)”** Examine hibernating bears in northern Wisconsin, with former Blue Mound State Park Naturalist Al Swain.
- * *Saturday, July 9th*, **“Ecological Restoration, for Landowners and Groups”** Explore restoration potential at home, from small gardens to the “Back 40”, with Blue Mounds Area Project board member Mike Anderson.
- * *Saturday, July 16th*, **7:00 p.m. at Friends’ Shelter** – **“Prairies of Southern Wisconsin”** – An exploration of the natural history of prairie ecosystems in the state, their decline in the decades since European settlement, and recent attempts to heal and restore prairie remnants. With Christopher Kirkpatrick, director of The Prairie Enthusiasts.
- * *Friday, July 22nd*, **6:00-9:00 p.m. at Picnic Shelter** – **“Madison Folk Music Society”** Sing fun songs with the Folk Music Society who provide song books, song leaders and instrumental accompaniment; Held at Friend’s Shelter if raining
- * *Saturday, July 23rd*, **7:00 p.m. at Friends’ Shelter** – **“Take a Geo – Journey”** –A n exploration of the geology of Blue Mound State Park, nearby Cave of the Mounds, and the surrounding area of Wisconsin. With a representative from Cave of the Mounds.
- * *Sunday, July 24rd*, – **“Shakespeare In The Park”** – A fun spin on Shakespeare for all ages. Join the cast at 1:00PM for a workshop with some games, work on some texts, and learn a little about Shakespeare. Then join the cast for a 2:30PM show.
- * *Saturday, August 13th*, **4:00am at the East Tower** - **“Perseid Meteor Shower”** – Rise early to observe the most spectacular meteor shower of the Summer, with Park Naturalist Reed Cockrell and amateur astronomer Mary Bobiak. Binoculars and a telescope will be provided, but feel free to bring your own as well. Dress warmly!
- * *Saturday, August 13th*, - **All afternoon at Site #61** - **“Dutch Oven Cooking Demonstration”** Learn to cook on an open campfire, using Dutch Ovens. With Park Naturalist Reed Cockrell and guest Dutch Oven enthusiast Mary Bobiak. Meet at Campsite #61. Workshop begins at 1:00 pm and will continue throughout the afternoon. Feel free to come and go throughout the day, and bring your appetite!
- * *Friday, August 19th*, **6:00-9:00 p.m. at Picnic Shelter** – **“Madison Folk Music Society”** Sing fun songs with the Folk Music Society who provide song books, song leaders and instrumental accompaniment; Held at Friend’s Shelter if raining
- * *Saturday, August 20th*, **7:00 p.m. at Friends’ Shelter** – **“Take a Geo – Journey”** – An exploration of the geology of Blue Mound State Park, nearby Cave of the Mounds, and the surrounding area of Wisconsin. With a representative from Cave of the Mounds.
- * *Saturday, August 27th*, **7:00 p.m. at Friends’ Shelter** – **“Falconry: An Extreme Form of Bird Watching”** Falconry enthusiast Jack Pace will bring his birds and demonstrate their proper handling.

To enquire about program topics and whether or not it is offered in the current week, call the Park Office at 608.437.5711 or check the Friends of Blue Mounds web site: <http://fwspluemound.blogspot.com/>

If the weather is at all uncertain, call the park office for cancellations @ 608.437.5711
Thank you for enjoying Blue Mounds State Park! (updated 6/24/16)