Past Events - 2022

Saturday, January 15, 11:00 am

Snowshoe/Hike - Newbold Outdoor Recreation Area (NORA)

This is a short but sweet trail

Saturday, January 29, 11:00 am

Snowshoe/Hike - Heal Creek Trails

Heal Creek adjoins the Northwoods gold Course. Meet at the parking lot next to the Ski trailhead and Storage Garage. There's always tracks in the snow to decipher and occasional bird sightings.

Saturday, February 5, 10:00 am

Snowshoe/Hike - Underdown Recreation

Northwoods Chapter of the Ice Age Alliance. Meet at the Underdown Recreation Parking Lot on Copper Lake Road at 10:00 am. The trail is well marked and packed. Hikers can choose between distances of one to four hours depending on your ability, experience and endurance. The trail is "moderately difficult". Treats will be served. See their flyer for more information.

Saturday, February 12, 4:00 pm until dusk

Join Tara Lila's Snowshoe Celebration

This is a really fun event with guided naturalist tour, campfire with treats and luminary walk at dusk. Meet and park at Sundstein Road Winter entrance. For more information go to taralila.org or checkout their poster.

Sunday, February 20, 1:00 pm

Cross Country Ski – McNaughton Ski Trails

This is a state groomed trail meandering through upland hardwoods and passing by several small lakes. This is a great trail for beginner and intermediate skiers. There is no snowshoeing on these trails. Invite a friend or two.

Friday, March 4, 1:00 – 4:30 pm

Ice Shuffleboard and Squash Lake Disc Golf

Enjoy this fun outdoor late winter outing with Ice shuffleboard, fire ring, and game of disk golf (Squash Lake special).

Friday-Sunday, March 11-13

Canoecopia Event in Madison

Canoecopia is the largest paddle sports consumer even in the world, with over 250,000 square feet of kayaks, canoes, Stand Up Paddle Boards, outdoor equipment and clothing. Plus, numerous presentations on all aspects of silent sports and adventure opportunities. Visit the Event Website: canoecopia.com for more information

Friday, April 22, 10:30 am

NPT Chat – Tilly's

Informally meet to reflect on **Earth Day** over coffee at Tilly's downtown Rhinelander at 69 Brown St. Bring a favorite book, poem, or story that reflects on Earth Day and the care and appreciation of our earth.

Saturday, April 23, 10:30 am

Earth Day Hike - Hanson Lake

A follow-up to our Earth Day discussion. Bring a trash bag in case we find litter to pick up along the trail, otherwise we'll simply enjoy a hike together.

Friday, April 29, 10:30 am

NPT Chat - Tilly's

Informally meet to reflect on **Arbor Day and the importance of trees and tree planting** over coffee at Tilly's downtown Rhinelander at 69 Brown St. Bring a favorite book, poem, or story that reflects on trees and tree planting.

Saturday, April 30, 10:30 am

Arbor Day Hike – Hanson Lake

As a follow-up to our Arbor Day discussion. Let's get out and enjoy looking at some beautiful trees.

Saturday, May 14, 1:30 pm

Hike – Tara Lila Ripco Road Park Unit

Enjoy an afternoon spring hike on one of the trails within Tara Lila. The group will decide which trail we'll hike. For a complete description go to https://www.taralila.org/ and scroll down to Ripco Road Unit.

Saturday, May 21, 10:30 am

Hike – Grandfather Falls

We will hike the scenic Grandfather Falls segment of the Wisconsin River from the southern end by the river north to the falls and back. We will go slow enough to look at flowers. Bring your flower identification book, water and a lunch.

Saturday, June 11, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Paddle - Nixon Creek Area

Slow Water. Nixon Creek, in the Manitowish River Watershed, is a 2.86 mile river that falls in Vilas County. Plan for 4-5 hours.

Sunday, June 12, 1:00 pm

Bike - Bearskin State Trail

Meet at the Bearskin Trailhead on Cty. K at 1:00 P.M. We'll plan to bike to the picnic tables on Blue Lake, have a snack and return to the trailhead. Dress appropriately for the weather, bring water and a snack.

Monday, June 27, 10:00 am

Paddle - Wisconsin River

We will paddle the stretch from Newbold Memorial Park on Blackhawk Lake Rd to the McNaughton Bridge on Bridge Rd for approximately 7 river miles. Meet at the Newbold Park landing at 10:00 am to drop off boats and prepare for the car shuttle to the McNaughton Bridge landing. This stretch is all flat water with a current that will move you along at a relaxed pace. Not many houses, so you get a "wilderness" sense with the wooded shoreline. Get opportunity to view river wildlife.

Wednesday, July 6, 5:00 pm

Paddle - Wisconsin River

An easy evening paddle. Meet at the McNaughton boat landing off of Bridge Rd. near Hwy 47 at 5:00 pm. Paddle to either the Apperson boat landing or Backwaters Bar. Backwaters is open until 8:00 pm so we could stop there for a bite to eat after the paddle. Thursday the 7th is a rain date.

Thursday, July 28, 10:30 am

Paddle - Perch Lake

A small 35-acre lake that is rimmed with interesting aquatic plants. Maybe frogs and turtles, maybe other bog plants but definitely lily pads in bloom. Panfish fishing is a possibility. Enjoy a leisurely paddle with time to visit and identify aquatic plants. Weather dependent. Nice sandy boat landing. Located off Trout Creek Rd off Washburn Lake Rd off Co. Hwy K west of Rhinelander.

Sunday, July 31, 1:00 pm

Bike - Three Eagle Trail

Bike the Three Eagle Trail starting at the eastern end and biking to the western end and back, about 14 easy miles. The small parking lot is located about 4 miles north of Three Lakes off Hwy 32/45. Watch for a sign indicating 1 mile ahead then another sign at the entrance to the parking lot. Mostly hard packed gravel surface. Scenic trestle overlooks and sections of large pine. Weather dependent.

Wednesday, August 10, 12:30 pm

Bike – Three Eagle Trail

About 17 miles round trip if you ride to ice cream in Three Sisters. Park at Tara Lila Sundstein trailhead 128 Sundstein Rd, Eagle River, WI 54521

Tuesday, August 16, 4:00 pm

Hike - Holmboe

Hike the Holmboe conifer forest then Dine at CTs Deli. The trailhead is by the COVantage credit union and the nursing home on Boyce Drive. CTs has outdoor seating if the weather cooperates!

Wednesday, August 17, 10:00 am

Bike - Three Eagle Trail

About 17 miles round trip if you ride to ice cream in Three Sisters. Park at Tara Lila Sundstein trailhead 128 Sundstein Rd, Eagle River, WI 54521

Tuesday, August 30, 10:00 am

Paddle – Lake Creek

Let's do another paddle. The lake is just outside Rhinelander on River Road, heading out to the Hodag Country Fest Grounds. Directions from Rhinelander: Taking Stevens Street turn left at BP and Kwik Trip gas stations on to Hwy W, then turn left on River Road and boat landing is on the right. Drop your boat at the landing, but park on the shoulder of the road so we aren't blocking the landing while we are out paddling.

Hope to see you on the water!

Thursday, September 8, 7:00 pm

Squash Lake Moonlight Paddle

Come join us for a fun a moonlight paddle followed by a campfire & smore's on September 8th on Squash Lake. The paddle starts at 7:00. We'll paddle for about 1 hour. Then back on shore we'll have a campfire & smore's.

Saturday, October 8, 10:30

Hike - Fallison State Nature Trail

Moderate difficulty, maximum distance of 4 miles but cutoffs available. Bring lunch so we can stop and eat midway along the trail. Meet at the Trailhead at 10:30 am. Trail parking and trail is Located across from Crystal Lake Campground. No facilities at the trailhead but at the intersection of M and N, there is a real nice one. Take Hwy 51 north from Rhinelander, about ¾ hr, turning east on Hwy M, then east (right) on Hwy N. Watch for signs. Weather dependent. Make a day of it with the Boulder Junction Fall Fest and Northwoods Art Tour (10am-5pm) going on just a few miles away. Info on this available on the Boulder Junction website.

Saturday, October 29, 3:00 pm

Halloween Scavenger Hunt and Potluck

The scavenger hunt starts at 3:00 pm. The potluck starts at 5:45. We have lots of fun searching along the trails. Join with several other members & see which team finds the most critters. For the potluck bring some food to share. We'll have hot drinks, paper plates & plastic tableware. We meet at the Judy Swank, Perch Lake Shelter. The potluck will be either outside by the fireplace or inside depending on the weather.