



# DOUGLAS COUNTY OUTDOORS

## DOUGLAS COUNTY FORESTRY DEPARTMENT

### OUTDOOR REPORT

JULY 2015

#### NATURE

- Summer seems to be progressing quickly as we are already into July. The summer flowers are shifting into the later summer varieties. Ox-eye Daisies, Black-eyed Susans, Orange Hawkweed, Fireweed, Wood Lily, Buttercup, Valerian, and Yarrow, are some of the prominent flowers that can be seen now.
- People are noticing that blueberries are just beginning to ripen, time to break out the recipe books!
- Deer and bear are being noticed along the roadsides more often, trying to escape the mosquitoes, deerflies, and horseflies. Dragonflies are out in great numbers (with their voracious appetites) to rally against many of these pesky insects. Their aerobic flights are exciting to see as they are looking for a meal on the wing, to defend their territory, and for a mate. Also plentiful are the delicate looking damselflies. Damselflies are similar to dragonflies but they hold their wings against their body at rest while dragonflies will hold their wings straight out at rest.



#### What Does a Cord of Wood Equal?

One cord of wood equals a pile of wood measured 4' x 4' x 8', or 128 cubic feet of solid wood, allowing for air space.

Lumber is often sold in board feet, which is defined as 12" x 12" x 1". An average single-family home contains 12,975 board feet of lumber (approximately one semi-trailer load) and up to 9,500 sq. ft. Of panel products.

One cord of wood will yield the following products;

- ◆ 7.5 million toothpicks
- ◆ 942 - one pound books
- ◆ 61,370 #10 envelopes (standard)
- ◆ 460,000 personal checks
- ◆ 250 copies of the Sunday "New York Times"
- ◆ 1,000-2,000 pounds of paper (depending on the process)
- ◆ 2,700 copies of the average daily newspaper (35 pages)
- ◆ 4,384,000 commemorative size postage stamps
- ◆ 89,870 sheets of letterhead bond paper (8 1/2 x 11")
- ◆ 12 dining room tables (one table seats eight people)

One semi-trailer load contains approximately 12 cords of wood.

Over the last 3 years, an average of 107,300 total cords of wood have been harvested off of the Douglas County Forest each year equating to approximately 8,942 semi-loads/year or 24 semi-loads/day.



Douglas County Forestry Department  
Home of Wisconsin's Largest  
County Forest



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forestry@douglascountywi.org



## Douglas County Parks

In the winter of 2013-2014 the heavy snows caused the Bateau Shelter in Lucius Woods Park to collapse. We've re-built! Come and see the new Bateau shelter, it is ready for summer! No reservations are necessary as the shelter is first come, first served.

## RECREATIONAL TRAILS

- As conditions change throughout the season, be sure to get the latest update on trail conditions by visiting [www.douglascountywi.org/forestry](http://www.douglascountywi.org/forestry), or by calling the Douglas County Trail Hotline 24 hours a day 7 days a week at (715) 378-4528.



New Bateau shelter in Lucius Woods

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### LUCIUS WOODS PERFORMING ARTS CENTER CONCERTS

Summer is here....that means that the Lucius Woods Performing Arts Center concert series will soon begin again at Lucius Woods County Park. Find more information about the concert schedule at <http://www.lwmusic.org/>



### BARRENS FEST

Wednesday, July 15, 3:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.

Those dancing sharp tailed grouse can't be wrong!

Guided Hikes, presentations, Activities and Demonstrations.

All activities are free and start at the Bird Sanctuary Clubhouse located just south of Solon Springs. Picnic supper available. [www.FOTBS.org](http://www.FOTBS.org)



### CHILDREN'S NATURE PLAYGROUP

A Children's Nature Playgroup, sponsored by the Friends of the Bird Sanctuary will be gathering every 3rd Wednesday through September at the Bird Sanctuary Club House in Solon Springs. See the attached flyer for more information and the schedule of events. Find their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/FOTBSNaturePlaygroup?fref=ts>

### HIKING

Join members of the North Country Trail Association's Brule-St. Croix Chapter for hikes on the North Country National Scenic Trail. Meet at 9:00 a.m. at KD's Restaurant in Solon Springs. See the attached flyer for the schedule.

For more information;

715-292-3484

[www.meetup.com/sscbhikers](http://www.meetup.com/sscbhikers)

email: [bsc@northcountrytrail.org](mailto:bsc@northcountrytrail.org)

Facebook: NCTinWI





## Bountiful Barrens Fest!!!

**When:** Wednesday, July 15, 2015, 3:00 pm – 10:00 pm.

**Where:** Douglas County Wildlife Area, Just South of Solon Springs, HWY 53, West on Cty. Hwy M. to Bird Road.

**Why:** If Sharp-tailed Dance Here, it must be SPECIAL!

**3:10 Kick off:** Douglas County Barrens Day Proclamation.

**3:20 Hikes into the Barrens With Local Experts:** Birds, Butterflies, Botany and Barrens Section of the NORTH COUNTRY TRAIL. \* Leaving every 45 min. \*

**3:20 Presentations:** Local History, Native American Culture, Natural History of the Barrens, Furbearers and their Secrets, Restoring the Barren Landscape in Wisconsin \*Presentations and Demonstrations Throughout the Event. \*

**6:00- 7:30 Trail Riding!** Bring your Horse and Ride along through this remarkable landscape.

**5:30- Picnic Supper with Friends and Neighbors.** Barrens Burgers, hotdogs and snacks provided.

**9:00: Night Time in the Barrens:** Wolf Howling, Star Gazing, Night Jars.

**Get to know this Globally Significant Place  
in the Northwest Sands of  
Douglas County, Wisconsin.**

**Hosted By Friends of the Bird Sanctuary and supported with a grant from  
Friends of Wisconsin State Parks.**

# 2015 Summer Concert Schedule

July 11 – Big Time Jazz Orchestra

July 18 – The Fractals

July 25 – The Rusty Wright Band

August 1 – The Whitesidewalls

August 8 – Gulney & Grimes

August 15 – Blue Water Big Band

August 22 – The Jimmys

Gates open at 6:00 PM

(except August 1, when gates open  
at 5:30 PM for our Silent Auction)

Concerts begin at 7:00 PM

Visit [www.lwmusic.org](http://www.lwmusic.org) or call  
715-379-4272 for ticket information



## Ticket Information

Flex Tickets \$85.00

Includes 8 tickets to the concerts.  
Can be used individually or  
all together for any of the concerts.

Advance Tickets \$15.00

Gate Tickets \$20.00

Students \$10.00

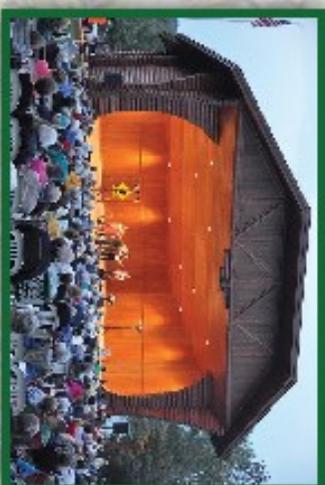
Children 15 and under are FREE

Concerts are held on summer nights in  
July & August at Lucius Woods Park,  
Solon Springs, Wisconsin.  
Just 35 minutes from the Twin Ports.

For more information about LWPAC,  
concert sponsorships or how to donate,  
please visit [www.lwmusic.org](http://www.lwmusic.org)

Write LWPAC at PO Box 295  
Solon Springs, WI. 54873 or  
call 715-379-4272

## Put Yourself in the Picture!



Lucius Woods Performing  
**Arts Center**  
Solon Springs, WI  
**Nature Never  
Sounded So Good!**





# Take a Walk on the North Country Trail

**Meet 9 AM Saturdays at K D's Restaurant in Solon Springs**

**Join members of the North Country Trail Association's Brule-St. Croix Chapter  
for hikes on the North Country National Scenic Trail**

## **Spring Hikes**

Saturday, May 9th - Brule Bog Boardwalk - spring flower and birding hike

Saturday, May 23rd - Memorial Day Weekend - Leo Creek

Saturday, June 6th - National Trails Day hikes

Saturday, June 20th - Douglas County Wildlife Area, Bird Rd. to Stuckey Rd.

Saturday, July 4th - Brule-St. Croix Portage - regional history hike

## **Fall Hikes**

Saturday, August 22nd - Aden Creek

Saturday, September 5th - Labor Day Weekend - Brule Bog Boardwalk

Saturday, September 19th - Brule Valley Overlooks in the Brule River State Forest

Saturday, October 3rd - St. Croix National Scenic Riverway - fall color hike

Saturday, October 10th - Ahmeek Lake Moraine in the Bayfield County Forest - fall color hike

Saturday, October 17th - MacQuarrie Wetlands - waterfowl viewing hike



Your Adventure Starts Here

**For more information**

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## Children's Nature Playgroup

At the Bird Sanctuary Clubhouse

Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday May thru September 9 – 11 am

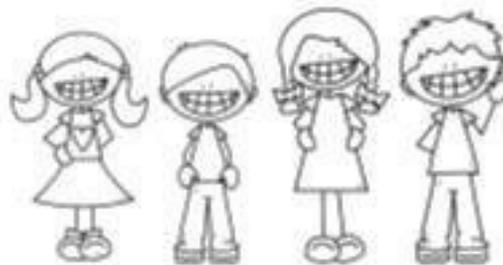
**May 20 – Exploring the Bird Sanctuary.** Hike to the sharptail grouse blind. Making our Summer Journals to note observations made while at home and in playgroup. Children will bring their Journals with questions they have about nature to each group time for an open discussion.

**June 17<sup>th</sup> – Upside Down: Curious George, the creative nature explorer.** Challenging the children to think how the natural world is all around us and we are very much part of it. Using Jack Johnson's song and lyrics "Upside Down" to demonstrate and get kids grooving! Introduce Scientific Method for older children.

**July 15<sup>th</sup> – ICE!** What could be more fun on a hot summer day? We are going to pretend it is winter and explore the properties of ice, how it melts, does it evaporate?

**August 19<sup>th</sup> – Discovery Lab.** Kids will create collections of things in nature and use our science tools and observations to learn.

**September 16<sup>th</sup> – Seasons.** Follow bears through all 4 seasons. Why do we have seasons? What season are we entering? All about black bears and why they are an important piece to our natural landscape.



Directions to the Clubhouse: On US Hwy 53 go south 3 miles from Solon to Cty Hwy M or north 3 miles from Gordon to Cty Hwy M (by Poodle Inn) turn west on Cty M, go ¼ mile to Bird Sanctuary Road, turn north, go ¼ mile to clubhouse (on the right beyond the split rail fence).

Call Becky 715-378-4518 for more information.

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