



Madeline Island Wilderness Preserve 2021 Education Programs

For 34 years, MIWP has preserved Island lands, helped manage invasive plants and explored environmental issues important to Island residents. Our 2021 education series invites you into our “Forest Classroom” to experience and learn the wonders of our natural world. Please join us this summer to hear about our storied wilderness and immerse yourself on this special place that is Madeline Island.

ALL PROGRAMS ARE FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
EXCEPT THE FALL RECEPTION
CLASSES and HIKES WILL BE HELD RAIN OR SHINE

Saturday, June 12th

Program: Early Summer Foraging for Mushrooms

Time: 10:00AM – Noon Location: Capser Trail, Middle Road Trailhead

Leader: Samantha Dobson: naturalist, educator, forager and year-round island resident

Summary: Learn about how to ethically and sustainably harvest early season mushrooms—specifically, oyster mushrooms on Madeline Island. Learn about weather patterns, phenology, habitat, and safe harvesting techniques. Also learn about how to store, preserve and prepare your harvested mushrooms. Finding mushrooms is not guaranteed.

Tuesday, June 15th

Program: Summertime Book Zoom: *The Bluebird Effect*

Time: 7:00PM Location: zoom address to be announced on website

(Collaboration with Madeline Island Book Club)

Leader: Julie Zickefoose, author

Summary: The author, a naturalist, bird painter, and songbird rehabilitator, shares her passion and curiosity for “the zone where birds interact with people...the moment when her gaze meets the bright bead of its eye.” She takes care of four tiny hummingbirds, “hatched from eggs no bigger than black-eyed peas,” who dominate her life with feedings every 20 minutes. Each chapter is illustrated with Zickefoose’s stunning watercolor paintings and is devoted to a different bird from Bluebirds to Sandhill Cranes. The book mixes humor, natural history, and memoir to give readers an intimate story of a life lived among wild birds while raising a family, as well.

Monday, July 12th

Program: See the Forest and the TREES!

Time: 1:00-2:30PM Location: Town Park Shelter

Leader: Margie Menzies Margie is Education Director for Hawk Ridge Bird Observatory in Duluth. After years teaching in the formal classroom, this educator has abandoned the indoors, for the great outdoor classroom. She is a veteran instructor in the Minnesota Master Naturalist training program and naturalist at Sugarloaf Cove up the North Shore in MN.

Summary: A forest is a community of much more than trees, but the trees play a dominant role in determining everything else that happens in that community. We know they are busy producing oxygen that allows us to breath – but there is so much more! Let's spend time exploring individual trees in the Madeline Island Forest. Who's who in the tree world, and how do we know – we'll use leaves, bark and shapes to find out. What are trees providing for the forest system? Who lives in the trees, and what changes for the trees through the summer season? Are trees connected and can they communicate with each other? Let's explore and find out! There's a lot more going on with the trees than meets the eye at first glance.

Wednesday, July 21st

Program: Painting by the Water – Big Bay on Madeline Island

Time: 10:00AM-12:00 Location: Town Park Shelter

Leader: Janet Moore Watercolor Artist and Naturalist. With a background in both art and environmental education, Moore teaches techniques to capture our experiences in nature through artistic expression.

Summary: Explore the unique features of Big Bay on Madeline Island, from its wide expanse of sandy beach and blue horizons to one of the Island's most iconic images, Big Bay Lagoon. Learn how to see this land and waterscape with an artist's eye and create a small watercolor painting to capture your own experience and vision of this amazing place. This class will focus on basic techniques in composition, sketching, and watercolor. All materials needed for the class are included. All abilities — especially beginners — are welcome.

Tuesday, August 10th

Program: See the Forest and the Trees!

Time: 1:00-2:30PM Location: Burroughs Trail Head, 2.5 miles north of Benjamin Blvd on the North Shore Drive

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Saturday, August 14th

Program: North End Forest Guided Hike

Time: 9:00-noon Location: Burroughs trail head, 2.5 miles north of Benjamin Boulevard on North Shore Drive

Summary: Join us as we explore the North End Forest of Madeline Island. The North End is pristine forest with stands of old hemlock, oak and an abundance of mushrooms. We will start each hike at the Burroughs Trail Head but may drive to other trails heads to explore the forest. The trails are rustic so good hiking boots and an adventuresome spirit are required.

Wednesday, August 18th

Program: The Art of Nature Journaling – North End Burroughs Trail

Time: 10:00AM – 12:00 Location: Burroughs Trail Head, 2.5 miles north of Benjamin Boulevard on North Shore Drive

Leader: Janet Moore, Watercolor Artist and Naturalist. With a background in both art and environmental education, Moore teaches techniques to capture our experiences in nature through artistic expression.

Summary: Experience the deep peace and serenity of the North End Trails on Madeline Island through this guided natural journaling class. Combining the art of observation, writing, sketching, and watercolor, nature journaling is a way to slow down, notice and capture the unique essence — the wooded trails, flora, fungi, and hemlock groves — of northern Madeline Island. This class will focus on field-sketching and writing techniques that will enable you to capture your impression of the natural world. All materials are provided for the class and all abilities are welcome.

Saturday, September 4th

Program: North End Forest Guided Hike

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Saturday, September 4th

MIWP Annual Meeting and Fall Reception

Time: 6:00PM Location: Madeline Island School of the Arts

Cost: \$35.00/person Hearty Appetizers and Wine

RSVP: Ned Hancock treasurer@miwp.org RE: MIWP Fall Reception

Deadline: Monday, August 23rd

Program: Logging Days in the Islands

Speaker: Bob Mackreth Apostle Islands Historian

Summary: Timber barons and lumberjacks left their marks throughout the Chequamegon region, while the Lake Superior environment presented loggers with challenges seldom seen elsewhere. Historian Bob Mackreth will explore the island's unique lumbering history, from the days of oxen and ax to the era of Outer Island's flying Lumberjacks with their Cessnas and chainsaws.

Saturday, September 11th

Program: Fall Foraging for Mushrooms

Time: 10:00am – noon Location: Burroughs Trail Head, 2.5 miles north of Benjamin Boulevard on North Shore Drive

Leader: Samantha Dobson: naturalist, educator, forager and year-round island resident

Summary: Learn about how to ethically and sustainably harvest late season mushrooms on Madeline Island. Learn about weather patterns, phenology, habitat, and safe harvesting techniques. Also learn about how to store, preserve and prepare your harvested mushrooms. Finding mushrooms is not guaranteed.

Saturday, October 2nd

Program: North End Forest Guided Hike & Annual Potluck gathering after the hike, location TBD. See www.miwp.org calendar.

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