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FRIENDS OF LAKE WISSOTA STATE PARK
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Open House at Lake Wissota State Park

Who are the Friends?

The Friends of Lake Wissota State Park volunteers help sustain educational programs and recreational activities in cooperation with park personnel. FLSWP is a non-profit private organization recognized by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. Join us!

Celebrating the Wisconsin State Parks Open House Day at Lake Wissota State Park was all wet. The Lake Wissota Improvement & Protection Association, Beaver Creek Reserve and the Friends of Lake Wissota State Park teamed up to provide a fun family nature and water based day for the whole family. A dozen Friends volunteers plus several volunteers from the other organizations hosted activities ranging from trying out Kayaks and canoes, building bluebird houses, exploring aquatic bugs and other neat lake critters with John Behling from UW-Stout, Clean Boats Clean Waters, playing games such as nature scavenger hunts, animal tracking, Learn landscaping and

restoring shorelands with native plants, Geocaching plus Beaver Creek Reserve Citizen Science, Nature- Mapping, bat monitoring, and other wildlife exhibits. Volunteers help create smiles for 1,155 people who took advantage of the free admission and free activities.

Park Manager, Scott Erickson appreciated the support: "Well attended event with many great comments. Thanks to all who helped organize and run the event. Taking the time from your busy schedules and donating it for events such as this is wonderful and appreciated by many. Thank you again for a job well done."



Open House Sponsors:

- Friends of Lake Wissota State Park
- Beaver Creek Reserve
- Riverside Bike & Skate
- DNR Family Fun Day
- Lake Wissota Improvement & Protection Association

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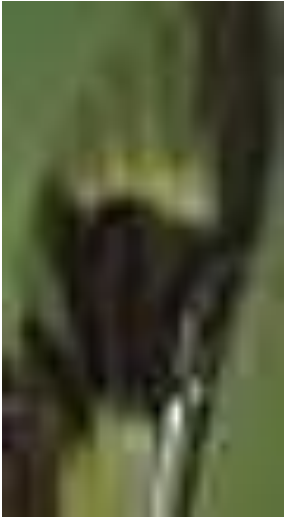
Breakfast is Served!

Thanks to Chuck Card, Kim and Terry Stoll and family for hosting Open House Day breakfast at their campsite. Breakfast was served starting at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday. It was delicious and plentiful. No one went to the days activities hungry! Chucks rhubarb ableskivers are the

best! Can't eat just one! In case you need to know—this is a Nordic delicacy.



Natures Clue—What is it?



What is it?

This is a partial picture of something found at Lake Wissota State Park. Guess what it is.

It's a diurnal animal.

It's an arthropod.

The male sips nectar.

Adult populations peak in July.

It can detect carbon dioxide.

Eyes are multi-colored.

“Help others enjoy what nature has to offer. Consider contributing to the LakeWissota State Park Endowment Fund!”

Support the Endowment Fund—Yes!

The Friends of Lake Wissota State Park has an Endowment Fund with the Community Foundation of Chippewa County. By supporting the Lake Wissota State Park Endowment Fund you will ensure the future of interpretive, historical and recreational programs and projects benefiting Lake Wissota State Park and the Chippewa Valley Community. A gift to

the endowment fund can be given in any amount and also can be made in honor or in memory of someone. You can give a gift of cash, stocks, bonds, real estate or other assets to the Foundation. Most charitable gifts qualify for the maximum tax advantages under federal law. Please contact the Community Foundation of Chippewa County today at 715.723.8125 or your-

legacyforever.org and give a gift that gives For Good, Forever.

Contact your financial advisor or the Community Foundation of Chippewa County for more information on how to name the Lake Wissota State Park Endowment Fund in your will, trust, life insurance or other estate plan.

The Friends say: “Thanks!”

Join the Friends

Your interest and talents are important to our success. Members can participate in educational activities, exhibits and displays, communications, and special events. Ask for a membership brochure at the Park office or ask the Park staff how to contact a FLWSP volunteer for more information

(715-382-4574).

Ready to Join now! A membership application is on the last page. Welcome to the Friends!



UPCOMING FRIENDS EVENTS

August 9 □ Tuesday, 6pm □ Prairie Walk □ Lake Wissota State Park

Meet at the Prairie Sign for a walk led by naturalist, Rod Gont. Members may hold a short meeting following the walk in the Nature Center.

September 6 □ Tuesday, 6pm □ ANNUAL MEETING □ Karen Lea Nature Center, State Park

Potluck. Election of board members and officers

November 8 □ Tuesday, 7pm □ Business Meeting

Karen Lea Nature Center

Night ski planning meeting. **NEW VOLUNTEERS APPRECIATED!** Call Gerry Schwoerer (715-723-3297) if you are unable to attend, but wish to sign up.

January 14 □ Sunday, 3pm □ Ski Snowshoe Walk

Margie and Allen Middendorp's Home □ Chippewa Falls (Call 715-288-5848 for directions)

Friends gather at Middendorp's home to ski or snowshoe (or walk if no snow) (3-5pm) and return to their home for chili around 5pm. Bring accompaniments for chili. Meet afterwards to finalize plans for winter candle light ski/snowshoe night.

January 7 Saturday, 7pm □ Chippewa Moraine Moonlight Snowshoe

A 30-minute program on snowshoe history and use starts at 6:30. Bring your own refreshments, snowshoes available. Call to reserve snowshoes 715-967-2800. FLWSP may also borrow snowshoes from LWSP.

January 28 □ Saturday, 5-8pm □ Candlelight Ski/Snowshoe □ Lake Wissota State Park

Lighted ski, snowshoe, walking trails. Refreshments are available. Call 715- 967-2800 to reserve a pair of snowshoes.

February 4 □ Saturday, 7pm □ Chippewa Moraine Moonlight Snowshoe

A 30-minute program on snowshoe history and use starts at 6:30. Bring your own refreshments, snowshoes available. Call to reserve snowshoes 715-967-2800. FLWSP may also borrow snowshoes from LWSP.

March 7 □ Tuesday, 7pm □ Planning Meeting

Meet to set the 2011-2012 calendar at Jan & Bill Kroll's home (715-726-1392).



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Chippewa Falls, WI 54729



Membership Registration

Valid for calendar year.

Name _____

Street _____

City _____

State/Zip _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Dues \$ _____ Individual - \$8.00 Student - \$5.00

Contribution \$ _____ Family - \$12.00 Corporate - \$15.00

Endowment Fund \$ _____

Total \$ _____

My special interest is:

- staffing the nature center communications
 interpretive programs bluebird trail
 special events other: _____

Send your tax-deductible dues/contribution to:

FLWSP

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Answer: Natures Clue—What is it?

What is it? Answer: Deerfly



Deerfly adults, about ½" long, are active in daylight (**diurnal**), becoming most numerous in **July**. An insect, it has jointed legs (**Arthropod**), three body parts (head, thorax, abdomen), and several stages in its life cycle. Deerflies go through complete metamorphosis; egg, larva, pupa, adult.

Eggs are laid on plants near or overhanging water. The maggot-like larva drops into the water and lives there 1-2 years as a carnivore of small aquatic invertebrates. It overwinters in its larval stage.

Adult males sip **nectar** while females, armed with razor-like mouth parts, pierce the skin of mammals and lap up blood, locating their food source, among other ways, by movement or an exhaled **carbon dioxide** trail.

Appreciate their adaptations, admire their **eye color** and beautifully patterned wings; and cover up to protect yourself from their bite.



About this Newsletter:

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