



Friends OF THE
LAKESHORE NATURE PRESERVE

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The Friends focus their work on raising public awareness and appreciation of the Preserve as well as on supporting this Committee and Preserve staff in their efforts through stewardship, education, and projects/research. Our work this year continues to benefit from collaboration and regular communication with Preserve staff.

Focus on Field trips

Among the most valuable contributions by the Friends to the Preserve is the educational outreach to the community through field trips. This is accomplished through three types of field trips: 1) specialized topics 2) general, family oriented field trips, and 3) larger events.

So far this past year, more than 400 people have attended these scheduled events, advertised widely at the university and through public outlets such as Isthmus, WSJ, and websites. With several more field trips still to come this year, we may reach **500** participants.

1) Specialized topics

- Evening Owl Prowl in the Preserve
- Beyond Backyard Birding
- Frautschi Point Mothers Day Wildflower
- Warblers of Frautschi Point
- Lake Mendota Boat Trip with the Limnos
- Groundwater Resources of the Preserve
- Native Pollinators in the Preserve
- A Different "View" of the Lakeshore Nature Preserve (galls, critters, insects)
- Fall Birding in the Lakeshore Nature Preserve
- Pleasure Bike Ride Through the Lakeshore Nature Preserve
- Fall Colors in the Preserve (trees)
- Exploring Past and Present History of the Preserve
- Geologic History of the Preserve and Madison Lakes
- Birding Madison's Lakes
- Animal Tracking in the Preserve

2) General, family oriented field trips

- Bird and Nature Walks every 4th Sunday

1) Larger event field trips

- Exploration Station for the UW Science Expedition event in spring
- Picnic Point celebration with Bird and Nature walk in fall

By the end of this year, a core of about 30 individual volunteers will have guided about 25 field trips. Other members of the Friends have provided additional support. We are happy to continue this valuable support in the future, following the Friends mission – to connect people to the Preserve and inspire them to care for it.

Submitted by Gisela Kutzbach, President