

Chippewa National Forest: Norway Beach Summer Naturalist Programs

Meet Naturalist Sophie at the Visitor Center before each program.

June		Program
9	10:00 AM	Learn about Aquatic Food Webs! Ever wonder what fish eat? And who eats them? This program will outline an aquatic food web and discuss how energy transfers from one organism to another
	1:00 PM	Pop Can Fishing - Learn to make a fishing rod from an old pop can and discuss fishing safety.
10	10:00	Fish Printing - stop by our table by the picnic shelter to learn about the fish senses and try fish printing
	1:00	BioBlitz Hike - how many organisms can we find around Norway Beach Recreation Area?
16	10:00	Pollinators - learn about pollinators and why we need to protect them
	1:00	Bats! Do you see the black boxes on posts around the campgrounds? Learn more about their inhabitants and why we need to protect them.
17	10:00	Pollinator Hike - join us for a short hike as we look for pollinators in action
	1:00	Buzzing Bees - learn why bees are important to our ecosystem and the forest! And what you can do to help.
23	10:00	Adopt a Tree - Adopt a tree in the Norway Beach Recreation Area; Get to know your tree and then journal or draw so you will remember everything about your tree. Don't forget to mark where it is on a map so you can come back to visit!
	1:00	Wilderness Collages - Make artwork from supplies on the forest floor
24	10:00	Tree Factory – How do the parts of a tree work together so it can survive?
	1:00	Camping Triathlon! Compete in the Norway Beach Camping Triathlon: set up your tent, collect firewood and make a fire, and catch a fish. All supplies will be provided.
30	10:00	Strawberry Hike
	1:00	Lady's Slipper Hike –Car Caravan up the Lady's Slipper Scenic Byway—approx 15 miles round trip. Follow the naturalist to the Lady's Slipper Interpretive Site up County 39 (toward Blackduck).
July		
1	10:00	"The Thunderstorm" - What happens during a thunderstorm? We will answer this question and make a storm of our own.
	1:00	Storm History - Join us for a program on the Severe Storm history at Norway Beach. Feel free to share stories from the July 2, 2012 storm after the program.
	7:00	Showy Lady's Slippers and other Forest wildflowers: Presentation by Master Naturalist Steve Daigle
2	10:00 AM	Pre-4 th of July Bike Parade---Our Annual Bike Parade to celebrate the upcoming holiday. Families can come by between 9-10 a.m. to decorate bike. Follow the naturalist on the Migizi trail from the Visitor Center to Wanaki Campground. Back by 10:30 a.m.
2	11:00	2012 Storm Potluck: Let's mark the 5-year anniversary of the 2012 Blowdown at Norway Beach with a potluck. Share a dish and your stories at the Norway Beach Picnic Area.
7	10:00	All about Loons - We see them all the time, but how much do you know about the Minnesota State Bird?
	1:00	Loons vs. Eagles - Each bird has made its home in the forest, but why do they thrive here?
	7:00	Migizi Trail Bike Ride: Follow along with Master Naturalist Steve Daigle along the Migizi Trail to Moss Lake. Start at Visitor Center. Bring water bottle and please wear a helmet!
8	10:00	Macroinvertebrate Mayhem - what critters are found at the beach?
	1:00	Beach Chair Birdwatching - Join us at the beach to see what flies by! Please bring your own beach chair.
	7:00 PM	Live Critters! By the Audubon Center of the Northwoods
9	10:00	Loon Calling Contest - Who can make the best call?

11	7:00 PM	Bat Program
14	10:00	Stop by our Discovery table by the picnic shelter to see animal signs and make nature art.
	1:00	Fish Printing – learn about the fish senses.
15	10:00	Dream Catchers - Learn the story behind the dream catcher and make one of your own!
	1:00	Ojibwe Calendar - From Blueberry Moon to Rice Moon, learn how the Ojibwe marked seasons throughout the year.
16	10:00	Join us for an Ojibwe breakfast followed by Pine needle basket weaving and a scavenger hunt.
21	10:00	Build a Nest - have you seen an eagle nest? Help us build one at the Norway Beach Recreation Area!
	1:00	Legends of the Bald Eagle - Come hear legends about the Bald Eagle, and how it became a Sacred Bird.
22	10:00	All about Eagles! Join us for an Eagle program followed by Eagle crafts!
	1:00	Eagles - learn the history of Eagle populations on Chippewa National Forest.
	7:00	LIVE Birds of prey Program! By the Audubon Center of the Northwoods
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28	10:00	Turtle Hurdles - do you have what it takes to overcome the obstacles and lay eggs that survive to hatch?
	1:00	Incredible Journey - Where does the water you drink come from? And where will it go?
29	10:00	Macroinvertebrate Mayhem - what critters are found at the beach? What do they eat? Who eats them?
	1:00	Norway Beach Art Show! Bring your nature art of all kinds - poems, drawings, paintings, photography- to be on display in the Visitor Center.
30	10:00	Berry Hike - Join us for a longer hike as we look for wild berries in the forest.
August		
4		Visit us at Walker Bay Days!
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6	10:00	Logging Lore! Learn logging folklore stories and how CCC men spent their days.
11	10:00	Forests and Fires - Learn how forests and fires interact
	1:00	"Smokey the bear said what?" - Learn the fuels in the forest and how you can prevent forest fires.
12	10:00	Smokey's Story - hear the story of Smokey the Bear before celebrating his birthday!
	1:00	Smokey's Birthday Party! Join us for a celebration of Smokey! If we're lucky, Smokey himself will make an appearance!
	7:00	LIVE Wild Critters! Bemidji Naturalist Kris Tolman and the Nature Connection
13	10:00	BioBlitz Hike - how many organisms can we find around Norway Beach Recreation Area?
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	3	End of Season! Thanks for another great summer!