



Cable Natural History Museum 2017 Winter/Spring Calendar of Events

Museum Hours:

Tuesday—Saturday 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

For information and registration

call 715-798-3890 or e-mail

emily@cablemuseum.org

Please pre-register for classes when it is mentioned in the program description. All registration classes are subject to cancellation due to low registration.

In the event of inclement weather, please call ahead!



The Mission of the
Cable Natural History Museum is:

Connecting people to Northwoods nature through educational experiences that inspire wonder, discovery, and responsibility.

Talon Talks: Live Raptor Programs!

Meet the Museum's live education raptors in person! Our birds cannot be released into the wild due to permanent injuries, but they are able to teach you all about the amazing world of raptors. Please come early to find a seat. Donations accepted.

Saturday, January 7	1:30-2:30 p.m.
Saturday, February 4	1:30-2:30 p.m.
Saturday, March 11	10:30-11:30 a.m.
Saturday, March 25	10:30-11:30 a.m.
Saturday, April 22	10:30-11:30 a.m.
Saturday, May 13	10:30-11:30 a.m.

January

Saturday, January 7

Falling Snow

We love snow! Cut a flurry of paper snowflakes, listen to a story about a person who truly loved snow, sing a snowflake round, and make a snow ice cream snack. All ages welcome, those 8 and under should bring an adult. 10:30-11:30 a.m. at the Museum. Donations accepted.



Tuesday, January 10

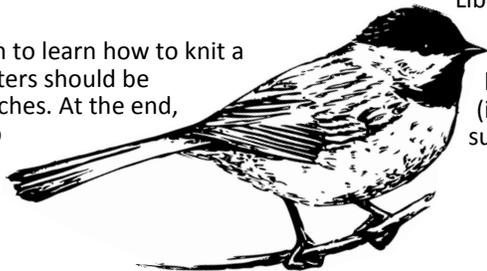
Nature Movie Night! at the Sawmill Saloon (Adult Naturalist Program)

Beautiful bugs will fill the screen and wonder will fill your heart. On this unique movie night, talking is permitted and hilarious commentary is encouraged. Join us from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at the Sawmill Saloon in Seeley, WI, to enjoy a great film (*Microcosmos*), and support the Cable Natural History Museum's nature programs. \$10 suggested donation.

Saturday, January 14

Knitting Hats with Haley

Join Museum Naturalist Haley Appleman to learn how to knit a hat "sideways" on straight needles. Knitters should be comfortable with basic knit and purl stitches. At the end, schedule knitting bees with the group to continue the project. 10:30-noon at the Museum. Space is limited. Register by January 10 to get your supply list. \$10 member/\$15 non-member.



*payment required with registration



Tuesday, January 17

Hen Antler Basket (Adult Naturalist Program)

This dramatic basket/sculpture shows off an antler nicely, while still being useful. Join expert instructor Della Pleski to weave this 14" by 7-9" rib-style basket. Predrilled antlers are provided. You will weave in the tapestry style, using a variety of materials for color and texture, and finish off with a bit of decorative jazz. If you have beads, feathers or a special token you want to include in the basket, bring it along. This basket is a challenge, but you will truly end up with a unique creation! In case of bad weather, the class will be held on January 19. 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. at the Museum. Space is limited. Register and get your supply list by January 10. All registrations are FINAL after this date. \$77 member/\$82 non-member.*



Thursday, January 19

Dinner Lecture: I Heart Wisconsin River Trip (Adult Naturalist Program)

The I Heart Wisconsin trip was an 18-day paddle from the source of the Wisconsin River to the confluence with the Mississippi in October 2015. As a positive response to the state's budget cuts to natural resources, Ruth Oppedahl (Executive Director of the Natural Resources Foundation of Wisconsin) decided to use her vacation exploring our state from north to south and meeting with conservation groups and citizens along the way to learn how they help protect our lands, waters and wildlife. She discovered a beautiful, wild river and wonderful people along the way. Join us at 5:30 p.m. at the Rookery Pub. You may join us for dinner and conversation after the presentation. Register by January 18. \$5 member/\$10 non-member.

Saturday, January 21

Natural Patterns

Hear a story about the sound pattern of falling rain, sing a silly song about purple peacocks, visit art stations in our classroom to create mosaics based on natural designs, and make a pretty patterned snack. All ages welcome, those 8 and under should bring an adult. 10:30-11:30 a.m. at the Museum. Donations accepted.

Saturday, January 21

Snowshoe Adventure on the Hayward Library Trails

Join Naturalist Emily Stone for an easy adventure at the Hayward Library Trails. Learn about winter tree ID, animal tracking, birds, and anything else you're curious about! Dress for the weather. Meet at 10:30 a.m. in front of the library. Register by January 20, and reserve snowshoes (if needed) by calling 715-798-3890. Brought to you by supporters of the Hayward Library. Donations accepted.



Winter Animal Tracking

(Adult Naturalist Program)

Wednesday, January 25

Part 1: Hands-On Presentation

Learn the basic skills of animal tracking with tracking expert, Sarah Boles. Meet at the Museum from 12:00–4:00 p.m. for a slide show presentation and interactive lecture and discussion. Registration info below.

Thursday, January 26

Part 2: Field Trip

Meet at the Museum from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. for the Winter Animal Tracking field experience. Participants will carpool to areas within the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest in search of animal tracks such as: wolf, coyote, fox, fisher, bobcat, elk, and deer. Depending on the snow depth and location of tracks, tracking may be done on snowshoes over uneven terrain. A limited number of adult snowshoes are available for use from the Museum with advanced notice. Participants must provide their own bag lunch. Dress accordingly for the weather. The field session is dependent on weather conditions and may need to be rescheduled. Space is limited. Registration is required by January 20. \$15 member/\$20 non-member covers both sessions.

Saturday, January 28

Creepy-Crawly Critters at the NGLVC

Are you brave enough to come face-to-face with slithering snakes and slimy salamanders? Meet live reptiles and amphibians from the Cable Natural History Museum and learn about the important role they play in their ecosystems. 1:30-2:30 p.m. at the Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center in Ashland, WI.

Saturday, January 28

Exploring the Layers of Lakes

Why does ice float? What happens to lakes in the winter? How can you create a rainbow in a glass? Kids ages 6 and up can join us at the Museum from 10:30-11:30 a.m. to explore the concept of density with hands-on (indoor) experiments. Register by January 27. Donations accepted.

February



Thursday, February 2

Snowshoe Hike to a Heron Rookery (Adult Naturalist Program)

Join Naturalist Emily Stone for a moderately strenuous adventure behind the Rookery Pub. We'll look for tracks and signs, talk about the local natural communities, and view a great blue heron rookery. Dress for the weather. Meet at 3:00 p.m. at the Rookery, then end in the restaurant for a warm drink. Register by February 1. Snowshoes are available to borrow by calling ahead. \$10 member/\$15 non-member, includes your first drink. Receive 15% off your dinner if you stay and eat!

Saturday, February 4

Falling Snow

We love snow! Cut a flurry of paper snowflakes, listen to a story about a person who truly loved snow, sing a snowflake round and make a snow ice cream snack. All ages welcome, those 8 and under should bring an adult. 10:30-11:30 a.m. at the Museum. Donations accepted.



**Watch for our new online program
registration system to go live soon!**



*payment required with registration



Tuesday, February 7

Backcountry Film Festival at the Sawmill Saloon

The Winter Wildlands Alliance Backcountry Film Festival celebrates the human powered winter experience through film. Join us from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the Sawmill Saloon in Seeley, WI, to enjoy great films, win great raffle prizes, and support the Cable Natural History Museum's educational programs. (Caution: some films may contain casual profanity and intense situations.) Tickets are \$10 at the door (\$5 with valid student ID).



Wednesday, February 8

Sax-Zim Bog Birdwatching Trip (Adult Naturalist Program)

Join Museum Naturalist Haley Appleman for a long, fun day of winter birding at the Sax-Zim Bog, which is an hour northwest of Duluth. Target birds will be Great Gray Owl, Northern Hawk Owl, Black-billed Magpie, Black-backed Woodpecker, Boreal Chickadee, Northern Shrike, Gray Jay, Hoary Redpoll, Pine and Evening Grosbeak, and maybe a Boreal Owl. The pursuit of winter wildlife at its best! Meet at 10:00 a.m. at the Museum, return by 9:00 p.m. Bring your lunch and snacks. We'll go out for dinner in Duluth. Binoculars are available to borrow—just let us know! Call the Cable Natural History Museum 715-798-3890 to register by February 4. \$20 member/\$25 non-member.*



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Thursday, February 9

Backcountry Film Festival at the Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center

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Saturday, February 11

My What Big Teeth You Have!

Teeth, and all the other bones in skulls, can tell you a lot about what an animal eats and how it lives. Join Master Naturalist Volunteer David Broadwell in examining animal skulls to learn more about their former owners. Everyone is welcome. Kids under age 11 should bring an adult helper. 10:30-11:30 a.m. at the Museum. Register by February 9. Donations accepted.

Saturday, February 11

Rag Rug Workshop at the NGLVC

Scandinavian loop weaving is a simple and durable technique that uses no thread or looms, and turns trash into treasure! Bring 1-2 old bed sheets (any size will work) or other fabric that can be easily torn into strips, and a pair of sharp scissors. Some extra materials will be on hand. You will take your rug home to finish. Younger students are welcome with an adult helper. Meet at the Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center in Ashland, WI, from 12:30-3:00 p.m. Space is limited. Register by February 9, by calling the NGLVC at 715-685-9983. \$5 per person.



Thursday, February 16

Dinner Lecture: Edible Insects (Adult Naturalist Program)

Insects are the new protein! Yulia Welk will talk about insect eating in cultures around the world, how the practice is growing, and ways to do it without the yuck factor. Samples provided! Meet at 5:30 p.m. at the Rookery Pub. You may also join us for dinner and conversation after the presentation. Register by February 15. \$10 member/\$15 non-member (this includes a \$5 fee to cover the insect samples!).

Saturday, February 18

Oh, Deer; Oh, Deer!

Play the Deer Survival Game, feel a deer pelt, listen to excerpts from Bambi by Felix Salten, nibble on a twig (pretzel) snack. All ages welcome, those 8 and under should bring an adult. 10:30-11:30 a.m. at the Museum. Donations accepted.

Friday, February 24

Family Snowshoe Hike

Are you looking for a fun activity to do with the family before the big "Birkie" race? The Cable Natural History Museum has partnered with the American Birkebeiner Ski Foundation for a one-mile leisurely snowshoe hike in the peaceful winter woods. Learn about winter ecology and wildlife tracking and experience the Northwoods on snowshoes. Meet at the Museum at 10:00 a.m. and return by noon. Adult and children's snowshoes are available for use from the Museum for \$2/child pair and \$4/adult pair. The program will not occur if the temperature is below 5° F. Donations accepted. Call the Museum at (715)798-3890, to register and reserve your snowshoes.

Saturday, February 25

Camp Birkie for Kids

Come join the fun at this year's Camp Birkie for Kids! Children in Kindergarten through 6th grade can participate in this day-long environmental education camp sponsored by Conserve School of Land O'Lakes, WI, in partnership with the American Birkebeiner Ski Foundation and the Museum. Camp Birkie for Kids will include outdoor activities, crafts, games, snacks, and lunch. Participants will also have the opportunity to visit the Museum. Space is limited. Registration is required. Register online at the Conserve School's website: www.conserveschool.org or call (866) 547-1300.



Tuesday, February 28

The Copper Pot Basket (Adult Naturalist Program)

This basket is made using a continuous weave technique. It has a copper painted wood base. You will use real copper strips as an overlay in the middle and at the rim as accents. The handle has a copper finish with a wood grip. Join instructor Jean Carryl at the Museum from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Space is limited. Register and get your supply list by February 14. All registrations are FINAL after this date. \$43 member/\$48 non-member.*



March



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Saturday, March 18

Fairy House Making Workshop at the NGLVC

Come help out the fairies. Materials for making darling, irresistible houses for our Northwoods fairies will be provided. All ages welcome, but children under age 13 need to be accompanied by an adult. Meet at the Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center in Ashland, WI, from 10:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Space is limited. Register by March 17, by calling the NGLVC at 715-685-9983. \$5 per house.



Thursday, March 23

Dinner Lecture: Limitations to the Success of Martens in NW Wisconsin (Adult Naturalist Program)

Martens have been reintroduced to Wisconsin 4 times in 50 years. In 2013 and 2014, Phil Manlick, PhD candidate at the University of Wisconsin, researched martens near Clam Lake. Now, with the help of that data, he will discuss the limitations to reintroduction success in Wisconsin and the future of martens in the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest. Join us at 5:30 p.m. at the Rookery Pub. You may also join us for dinner and conversation after the presentation. Register by March 22. \$5 member/\$10 non-member.

April

Saturday, April 1

Buckskin Pouch Workshop

Learn how to make your own handy buckskin pouch. Students will design, cut, lace and finish a useful, attractive pouch. All tools, buckskin and other leather provided. All ages welcome but children under age 13 need to be accompanied by an adult. Meet at the Museum from 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Space is limited. Register by March 28. \$5 member/\$10 non-member per pouch.

Saturday, April 8

Midwest Crane Count

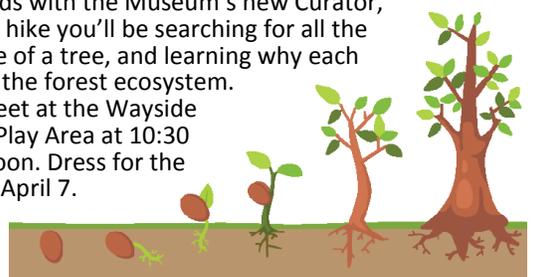
Get involved with citizen science! We need to help count and monitor the abundance and distribution of sandhill and whooping cranes at sites in Ashland, Bayfield, and Sawyer counties from 5:30-7:30 a.m. This statewide survey is organized through the International Crane Foundation. Contact Haley to be assigned a site location. (Haley@cablemuseum.org or (715) 798-3890)

Saturday, April 8

Seeds to Snags Hike

Enjoy the spring woods with the Museum's new Curator, Kaylee Faltys! On the hike you'll be searching for all the stages in the life cycle of a tree, and learning why each stage is important to the forest ecosystem.

Ages 8 and up can meet at the Wayside Wanderings Natural Play Area at 10:30 a.m. and return by noon. Dress for the weather. Register by April 7. Donations accepted.



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Saturday, April 15

The Smallest Falcon at the NGLVC

The American Kestrel is North America's smallest falcon, but as we all know, big things come in small packages. Come learn more about this tiny predator and meet our live kestrel at the Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center in Ashland, WI.

Please come early to find a seat by 10:00 a.m.

Saturday, April 22

Hatch Day Party and Talon Talk

Happy Earth Day! Our raptors are one year older! Join us to celebrate their "hatch day" with a Talon Talk program from 10:30-11:30 a.m..

Then drop by the Museum between 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. to create enrichment toys for the birds and watch live videos of wild raptor nests. Donations accepted.

May

WISCONSIN Master Naturalist Saturday, May 6

Spring is Almost Here Hike

Join Master Naturalist Volunteer Sharon Schaver to discover the signs of spring in a beautiful forest. Be prepared for off-trail explorations. Dress for the weather. Families welcome. Meet at the Drummond Woods Trail, just north of Drummond on Old Hwy 63, at 10:30 a.m. Register by May 5. Donations accepted.

WISCONSIN INDIANHEAD TECHNICAL COLLEGE WITC Wednesday, May 10, and Thursday May 11

Pastels: Luminous Landscapes with Diana Randolph

Explore your favorite landscapes during any season using your own photos with strong contrasts of lights and darks for reference. This class is for all levels, though basic drawing experience is helpful. 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Museum. Participants may bring a sack lunch, or lunch may be ordered from the Brick House Café. There is a supply list for this class. You may sign up for one or both days. To register please call WITC at 715-682-4591, ext. 3170.*

Saturday, May 13

International Migratory Bird Day Talon Talk

Join Naturalist Haley Appleman, and at least one of the Museum's education raptors to learn about amazing bird migration journeys that happen ever year. Meet from 10:30-11:30 p.m. at the Museum. Please come early to find a seat. Donations accepted.

Thursday, May 18

Birding in the National Forest

Hike trails in the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest in search of birds. See blackburnian warblers and scarlet tanagers. Walk through a northern hardwood forest, and skirt the edge of a bog and wetland. Meet at the Museum at 7:15 a.m. and return by 11:00 a.m. Space is limited. Registration is required by May 17. Cost is \$5 member/\$10 non-member. No charge if you are a registered Chequamegon Bay Birding and Nature Festival participant.

Saturday, May 27

Exhibit Open House:

Better Together—Celebrating a Natural Connection

Stop by the Museum to celebrate our 50th Birthday Year and learn about the amazing partnerships that make our world go round. Refreshments will be served from 10:00 a.m. to noon. Free admission all day. Donations accepted.



The Museum is proud to be certified by the Wisconsin Department of Tourism as a Travel Green Business.

June

WISCONSIN Master Naturalist Monday, June 5 through Saturday June 10

Wisconsin Master Naturalist Volunteer Training Course

The WIMN Volunteer Training Course is a 40-hour series of classes and field trips. The course covers geology, ecology, plant communities, wildlife, interpretation, water, water life, and human impacts, through lectures and field trips with local experts. Visit and learn about some of the most beautiful natural areas in Northern Wisconsin! Become a certified naturalist! Cost is \$250.

For more info, email emily@cablemuseum.org at the Cable Natural History Museum. To register, visit wimasternaturalist.org.*

Thanks to our many partners, sponsors, and supporters!

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The Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center
American Birkebeiner Ski Foundation
Winter Wildlands Alliance
Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College*

Museum Admission Policy:

All current members will be granted free admission to the Museum. All other adult visitors to the Museum are charged a \$5 admission fee. Children (up to the age of 18) always have free admission when accompanied by an adult. On Tuesdays, admission is free for all visitors. If you are at the Museum just to attend a program, you will not be required to pay admission as well, unless you wish to visit the exhibits.

Becoming a Member of the Cable Natural History Museum has never been more beneficial!

In addition to unlimited free admission, members receive reduced rates on our nature and education programs, and a 10% discount in the Museum Shop. Members play a vital role in supporting exhibits, programs and special events. Annual memberships start at just \$30. Visit www.cablemuseum.org for more information, and to become a member today! Thank you to our current members, whose support makes our programs possible!

Get Involved — Become a Museum Volunteer!

Volunteers are always needed and appreciated. Call our Volunteer Coordinator, Beda McKinney, at 715-798-3890.

Visit Our Current Exhibit!

Open through March 11, 2017



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