



Cable Natural History Museum 2015 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!

January

Saturday, January 3
Snowshoes and Sweets
At Farmstead Creamery & Café



Join Naturalist Emily Stone for an easy adventure through the wooded trails at North Star Homestead Farms. Learn about winter tree ID, animal tracking, birds, and anything else you're curious about! Then gather at Farmstead Creamery & Café for hot drinks and sweet treats. Dress for the weather. Meet at 10:00 a.m. in the Café. Return by 11:30 a.m. Register by January 2, and reserve snowshoes (if needed) by calling 715-798-3890. \$10 per person.

Sunday, January 4
Snowshoe Adventure at the Cable Community Farm

Join Naturalist Emily Stone for a moderately strenuous snowshoe adventure on the trails at the Cable Community Farm. Discover what's beyond the gardens! Learn about animal tracking, winter ecology, and anything else you're curious about! Then warm up in the farmhouse with hot chocolate, cookies, and community. All ages welcome. Dress for the weather. Meet at the Cable Community Farmhouse at 2:00 p.m., return by 3:30 p.m. Register by January 3, and reserve snowshoes (if needed) by e-mailing emily@cablemuseum.org or calling 715-798-3890. Donations accepted.



Monday, January 5
Full Moon Snowshoe Hike

Enjoy a moonlit snowshoe hike through the woods. We will be hiking about one mile, over uneven terrain, and occasionally stopping to experience the night time winter world with activities. Meet at the Forest Lodge Nature Trail at 7:00 p.m. Register by noon on January 5, and reserve snowshoes (if needed) by calling 715-798-3890. Dress for the weather. Donations accepted.

 **Tuesday, January 6**
Winter Animal Tracking:
Part I - Hands-On Presentation

Learn the basic skills of animal tracking with tracking expert, Sarah Boles. Meet at the Cable Natural History Museum from 12:00-4:00 p.m. for a slide show presentation, interactive lecture, and discussion. Registration is required by January 2, and is limited to 15 participants over the age of 12. \$15 member/\$20 non-member for both sessions.



Wednesday, January 7
Winter Animal Tracking: Part II - Field Trip

Meet at the Cable Natural History Museum from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. for the second half of Winter Animal Tracking. 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. Participants must provide their own bag lunch. Dress for the weather. Snowshoes may be borrowed from the Museum, please reserve them when you register. Registration is concurrent with Part 1.



Saturday, January 10
Live Raptor Program

Come learn about the fascinating world of raptors, and meet one of the Museum's live education birds. Please come early to find a seat by 11:00 am. Donations accepted.

Saturday, January 17
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 16, and reserve snowshoes (if needed) by calling 715-798-3890. Brought to you in partnership with Sherman & Ruth Weiss Community Library, Hayward. Donations accepted.

Thursday, January 22
Dinner Lecture: Hot Topics in Geoscience
(Adult Naturalist Program)

Tom Fitz, Associate Professor of Geoscience at Northland College, will share the newest discoveries in geoscience. Possible topics include: the latest in climate science; looking at the Earth's interior through seismography; and landing on comets. 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 January 21. \$5 member/\$10 non-member.

Saturday, January 24
Nature Lab at the Museum! Stop by 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

Saturday, January 31
Nature Lab at the Museum! Stop by 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

February



Friday, February 6

Sax-Zim Bog Birdwatching Trip (Adult Naturalist Program)

Join local birders Skip Perkins and Tom Matthiae 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! Register by February 4. \$20 member/\$25 non-member.



Saturday, February 7

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, February 7

Wisconsin Herpetology at the NGLVC

Herpetology is the scientific study of reptiles and amphibians. Wisconsin is home to many different species of turtles, lizards, snakes, frogs, salamanders, and toads. Join Museum Naturalist Katie Connolly at the Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center as we discover what makes these critters so unique. Get up close and personal with a few live "herps" from the Museum! Please come early to find a seat by 12:30 p.m.



Tuesday, February 10

Table Top Fruit Basket (Adult Naturalist Program)

This beautiful fruit basket has a 10 inch round wooden base and colored reed for accent. Weavers will be able to hone their twining skills using round reed. Join instructor Jean Carryl from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Space is limited. Register and get your supply list by February 3. If you can't attend, a kit will be provided for you. \$37 member/\$42 non-member.

Saturday, February 14

Snowshoe and Tracking Adventure at Forest Lodge

Join Naturalist Emily Stone for a moderately strenuous adventure at Forest Lodge. Explore trails on the former estate of Museum founder Mary Griggs Burke. Love is in the air this time of year, as many mammals enter their mating season. We'll look for their tracks and signs. Dress for the weather, bring snacks and water. Meet at 10:00 a.m., 10 miles east of Cable. Call ahead by February 13, for directions and to register. Snowshoes are available to borrow by calling ahead. Donations accepted. Note: This hike is NOT at the Forest Lodge Nature Trail.

Wednesday, February 18

Dendrology in the Winter Woods

Master Naturalist Volunteer and professional forester, Suzanne Brown and her daughters will share their passion for winter tree identification. Join them for a short snowshoe hike at the Wayside Wanderings Natural Play Area, and learn to ID the winter trees! Meet at the Museum at 10:30 a.m. Return by noon. Dress for the weather. Register by February 17. Snowshoes are available to borrow by calling ahead. Donations accepted.

Friday, February 20

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 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 21

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 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.



Thursday, February 26

Dinner Lecture: Following the Voyageurs (Adult Naturalist Program)

In the summer of 1971, Larry and Margaret Stone (Emily's parents) paddled and portaged 1200 miles in 109 days from Grand Portage to Saskatchewan following the fur trade route of the voyageurs. Larry wrote about the trip for the Des Moines Register. They will share their real, old fashioned slide show of the trip, and reminisce about the adventure, voyageur history, and much more. 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 February 25. \$5 member/\$10 non-member.

Saturday, February 28

Subnivean Chronicles

Who lives beneath the snow? Kids and families are invited to explore this magical world, and the animals that live there, with Master Naturalist Volunteer, Jane Weber. Meet at the North End warming hut at 10:30 a.m., return by noon. Dress to play in the snow. Register by February 27. Donations accepted.

March



Tuesday, March 3

Ski-By Tree ID (Adult Naturalist Program)

Join Naturalist Emily Stone at the North End warming hut at 2:00 p.m. for a quick workshop on winter tree identification. Then strap on your skis for a fun competition! Participants can skate or stride the 5k A-Loop while stopping to identify marked trees along the way. Back at the warming hut, enjoy hot chocolate and cookies while we wait for everyone to finish. Answers will be checked, and prizes will be given! Finish by 5:00 p.m. Brought to you in partnership with the North End Ski Club. Register by March 2. \$5 member/\$10 non-member.



Saturday, March 7

Snowshoe Adventure on the Hayward Library Trails

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Thursday, March 19

Backcountry Film Festival

Presented by the Cable Natural History Museum and the Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center

The Winter Wildlands Alliance Backcountry Film Festival celebrates the human powered winter experience through film. Join us on Thursday, March 19, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center auditorium in Ashland, WI, to enjoy great films, win great raffle prizes, and support the Cable Natural History Museum's snowshoe programs. Tickets are \$5 in advance, \$10 at the door, and go on sale on February 17. They can be purchased at the Museum, the Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center, and Solstice Outdoors.

Saturday, March 21

Last day of the "Nature's Superheroes" exhibit!

Saturday, March 21

Snowshoe Adventure in Fairyland

Join Naturalist Emily Stone for a moderately strenuous adventure in the Fairyland State Natural Area at Forest Lodge. Explore enchanted haunts on the former estate of Museum founder Mary Griggs Burke while experiencing and learning about the magic of nature. Be prepared for off-trail explorations. Dress for the weather. Families welcome. Meet at 10:00 a.m., 10 miles east of Cable. Call ahead by March 20, for directions and to register. Snowshoes are available to borrow by calling ahead. Donations accepted.



Saturday, March 21

Backcountry Film Festival at the Park Theater

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Festival celebrates the human powered winter experience through film. Join us on Saturday, March 21, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Park Theater in Hayward, WI, to enjoy great films, win great raffle prizes, and support the Cable Natural History Museum's snowshoe programs. Tickets are \$5 in advance, \$10 at the door, and go on sale on February 17. Tickets can be purchased at the Museum.



Thursday, March 26

Dinner Lecture: The Amazing Properties of Birch Bark with Dr. Pavel Krasutsky (Adult Naturalist Program)

Northwoods explorers already know that birch bark is amazing stuff. Did you know that it is also being researched for applications such as: pharmaceuticals, cosmetics, and the prevention and treatment of cancer, HIV, and other human pathogens? Dr. Pavel Krasutsky is director of the Chemical Extractives Program at the Natural Resources Research Institute in Duluth, MN. He will share amazing discoveries from 15 years of birch bark research. 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 25. \$5 member/\$10 non-member.

Saturday, March 28

Introduction to Geocaching at the NGLVC

Geocaching is the real-world treasure hunt that's happening right now, all around you. Join Katie Connolly, Museum Naturalist and avid geocacher, in learning more about using GPS to hide and seek geocaches. Meet at the Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center in Ashland, WI, at 10:00 a.m. and return by noon. Dress for the weather. Space is limited. Register by March 27, by calling the NGLVC at 715-685-9983.

Saturday, March 28

Night Owls at the NGLVC

Owls are expert nocturnal hunters. Learn more about these mysterious creatures, and meet a live Great Horned Owl. We will also dissect real owl pellets, and explore hands-on specimens such as feathers, skulls, wings, and feet. Join us at the Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center in Ashland, WI. Please come early to find a seat by 12:30 p.m. Space is limited. Register by March 27, by calling the NGLVC at 715-685-9983.

April

Friday, April 17

Viking Shoe Workshop

Join Vivianne Hanke to create your own easy to make leather "Viking shoes". No sewing required. Use your foot as a template, add a few measurements, draw the pattern, punch a few holes and lace your beautiful and functional sandals. All ages are welcome, but each child must be accompanied by an adult helper. Noon - 3:00 p.m. at the Museum. Space is limited. Register by April 10. \$20 for members/\$25 non-members. \$5 price reduction if you provide the leather.



Saturday, April 18

Midwest Crane Count

Get involved with citizen science! Participants are needed 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 Katie to be assigned a site location. (katie@cablemuseum.org or 715-798-3890)

May



Saturday, May 2

Rag Rug Workshop (Adult Naturalist Program)

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. Lesson runs from 10 a.m.-noon. After a lunch break, come back if you want more help and fellowship. Register by May 1. \$5 member/\$7 non-member.



Wednesday, May 6

Pastels: Painting Lakes with Diana Randolph

Use your own photos to capture the atmosphere and various moods of lakes. Explore the Museum's new exhibit: "Lakes Alive!" for inspiration. We will use dry pastel sticks (not the oil type). This class is for all levels but drawing experience is helpful. Meet at the Museum from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. You may bring a sack lunch or order lunch from the Brick House Café. To register please phone WITC - Ashland at 715-682-4591, ext. 3170.

Saturday, May 9

Fairy House Making Workshop

Come and help out the fairies by crafting housing from found materials at the Museum from 10:00 a.m.-noon. Bring an empty oatmeal container (the small size), or an empty can or small box. We will provide additional materials for making darling, irresistible houses for our Northwoods fairies. All ages welcome. \$5 member/\$10 non-member per house.

Thursday, May 14

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 6:30 a.m. and return by 10:30 a.m. Space is limited. Registration is required by May 13. Cost is \$8 member/\$13 non-member or \$20 member family. No charge if you are a registered Chequamegon Bay Birding and Nature Festival participant.

Saturday, May 23

Exhibit Open House: Lakes Alive!

What life lurks beneath our lakes? Dive in to the Museum's 2015 exhibit, "Lakes Alive!" and find out! Explore the cycles, systems, and mysteries that connect lakes with uplands, and you with lakes. Discover cool creatures, and experience the submarine magic for yourself. You'll never look at lakes the same way again. Stop by the Museum to celebrate and learn more between 2:00 and 4:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served. Donations accepted.



Mark Your Calendars!

June



Monday, June 15 through Saturday June 20

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! Register by May 27. Cost is \$250. For more info email emily@cablemuseum.org at the Cable Natural History Museum. To register, visit www.wimasternaturalist.org.

September



Tuesday, September 8 to Friday, September 11

Natural History Paddle in the Boundary Waters 2015

Join Museum Naturalist Emily Stone on a four-day adventure in her favorite place on Earth. Learn about the unique natural history of the border country as you paddle and portage lightweight Kevlar canoes into moosey lakes with great fishing, beautiful vistas, and intriguing bays. You can gain the skills to plan your own voyage, or just enjoy the company of like-minded people on this partially outfitted trip. Space is limited. Contact Emily at 715-798-3890 or emily@cablemuseum.org with questions and to register by August 1, by calling 715-798-3890. \$325 member/\$350 non-member.

Visit Our Current Exhibit!

Open through March 21, 2015



Thanks to our many partners, sponsors, and supporters!

We also thank the Mary Livingston Griggs and Mary Griggs Burke Foundation for their generous program support.

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.

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