



Chequamegon Bay Birding & Nature Festival

May 18 – 20, 2023
Summary of Activities

ACTIVITY TIMES

All start and end times include round-trip traveling time from the David R. Obey Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center (NGLVC). Each off-site activity will have a group departing from NGLVC. However, some activities will also have a local meeting point and time listed in their descriptions so you can start at that site for your convenience. It is the responsibility of the participant to be at the correct location at the correct time. Refunds will not be given for missed attendance.

REGISTRATION FEES

Costs will be **\$20 per person per field trip or \$15 per person per group of indoor programs** on Thursday & Friday afternoons. Additional costs apply to some activities. Cruise, dinner, and keynote costs apply as listed. **Participants will be limited to signing up for no more than four field trips**, excluding the pre-festival cruise, walk-in trips listed as FREE, indoor programs, Friday evening activities (38-41)

ADDITIONAL COSTS

A few activities have some additional costs over & above the fees above. Whenever there is an additional cost, it will be indicated in the activity description and table. Parking fees are payable at the time of the activity.

TYPES OF ACTIVITIES

Most 2023 activities are outdoor FIELD TRIPS that feature guided tours on foot, by car, or kayak. Several indoor programs are offered Thursday and Friday afternoon (see Descriptions).

GROUP SIZES

Each activity has a minimum and maximum group size. If the number of participants is less than the minimum required, the activity may be subject to cancellation. Activities that have the maximum number of participants will be highlighted in red and marked FULL. Signing up early is the best way to ensure you get the activities you want!

TRANSPORTATION

Transportation for field trips and other activities is not provided by the festival. Be aware that some trips may involve rough unpaved roads – medium to high-clearance vehicles are recommended. Some activities may have additional parking costs that are payable at the time of the activity.

LEVELS OF DIFFICULTY

Numerical categories ranging from 1 (easiest) to 5 (most challenging) indicate the level of difficulty for each activity. Please note these are guesstimates made at the time of planning and subject to minor changes based on current conditions.

1=Accessible, 2=Easy, 3=Average, 4=Challenging, 5=Extreme

Wednesday Pre-Festival Trip

Program #	Activity Name	Start Time	End Time	Difficulty	Min / Max	Extra Cost
--	FULL Stockton Island Cruise – Bayfield City Dock	7:45 AM	3:00 PM	3	20*35	\$55

Thursday Morning

Program #	Activity Name	Start Time	End Time	Difficulty	Min / Max	Extra Cost
1	FULL Bibon Swamp Birding	6:30 AM	11:00 AM	3	5*15	
2	FULL Birding Copper Falls State Park	6:30 AM	11:30 AM	3	5*15	Parking
3	Birds & Wildlife of the Moquah Pine Barrens	6:30 AM	11:30 AM	4	5*15	
4	A Bird in the Hand...	7:00 AM	11:00 AM	2	Open	FREE
5	FULL Birding Along Pikes Creek	7:00 AM	11:00 AM	2	5*15	
6	FULL Birding by the Bay	7:00 AM	11:00 AM	3	5*15	
7	FULL Birding At Beaver Hollow	7:00 AM	11:30 AM	2	5*15	
8	FULL Loon Pontoon	7:30 AM	11:30 AM	2	5*18	\$20

Thursday Afternoon

Program #	Activity Name	Start Time	End Time	Difficulty	Min / Max	Extra Cost
9	Birding by the Bay - Washburn	12:30 PM	4:30 PM	2	5*15	
10	FULL Hiking the Jerry Jolly Trail	12:30 PM	4:30 PM	3	5*15	
11	FULL Natural Connections - North Country Trail	12:30 PM	4:30 PM	4	5*15	
12	FULL Northwoods Nature Hike at Houghton Falls	1:00 PM	4:30 PM	2	5*15	
13	Paddling Lower Chequamegon Bay	1:00 PM	4:30 PM	3	5*15	BYOC
14	FULL Wildflower Walk - Spring Ephemerals	1:00 PM	4:30 PM	3	5*15	
15	Butterflies, Bugs, & Blooms	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	n/a	5*25	
16	Native Landscaping & Butterfly Gardens	2:00 PM	3:00 PM	1	5*25	
17	Piping Plovers in the Apostle Islands	3:00 PM	4:00 PM	n/a	5*25	

Thursday Evening

Program #	Activity Name	Start Time	End Time	Difficulty	Min / Max	Extra Cost
18	FULL Owl Prowl & Other Night Sounds	7:30 PM	10:30 PM	2	5*15	
19	FULL Woodcock Walk	8:30 PM	10:00 PM	2	5*15	

Friday Morning

Program #	Activity Name	Start Time	End Time	Difficulty	Min / Max	Extra Cost
20	FULL Birding at Bark Bay	6:30 AM	11:30 AM	3	5*15	
21	FULL Birds of Morgan Falls & St. Peter's Dome	6:30 AM	11:30 AM	4	5*15	
22	Sea Caves Nature Hike	6:30 AM	11:30 AM	4	5*15	Parking
23	A Bird in the Hand...	7:00 AM	11:00 AM	2	Open	FREE
24	FULL Birding by the Bay - Washburn	7:00 AM	11:00 AM	2	5*15	
25	Birding Whittlesey Creek National Wildlife Refuge	7:00 AM	11:00 AM	3	5*15	
26	FULL Grassland Birding	7:00 AM	11:00 AM	2	5*15	
27	FULL Discovering Caroline Lake State Natural Area	7:00 AM	11:30 AM	3	5*15	

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28	FULL Paddling Bibon Swamp	12:30 PM	4:30 PM	3	5*15	BYOC
29	FULL Spring Discovery Walk Lincoln Comm Forest	12:30 PM	4:30 PM	3	5*15	
30	Nature Hike to Lost Creek Falls	12:30 PM	5:00 PM	4	5*15	
31	Birding by the Bay - Ashland	1:00 PM	4:30 PM	2	5*15	
32	Birding by the Bay - Washburn	1:00 PM	4:30 PM	2	5*15	
33	FULL Birds & Wildlife of the Moquah Pine Barrens	1:00 PM	4:30 PM	4	5*15	
34	Reptiles & Amphibians of Wisconsin	1:00 PM	2:45 PM	1	5*25	
35	Woodworking for Wildlife	1:00 PM	2:45 PM	n/a	5*15	\$12.50
36	A Year in Birds	2:00 PM	2:45 PM	n/a	5*25	
37	Wrong Tree: Adventures in Wildlife Biology	3:00 PM	3:45 PM	n/a	5*25	

Friday Evening

Program #	Activity Name	Start Time	End Time	Difficulty	Min / Max	Extra Cost
38	Silent Auction & Social	5:00 PM	7:00 PM	n/a	50*200	
39	Dinner Banquet	6:00 PM	7:00 PM	n/a	50*200	\$22.50
40	Sightings of the Day & Welcome	7:00 PM	7:30 PM	n/a	50*200	
41	KEYNOTE PRESENTATION – Loon Lessons: Uncommon Encounters with the Great Northern Diver	7:30 PM	8:30 PM	n/a	50*200	\$10

Saturday Morning

Program #	Activity Name	Start Time	End Time	Difficulty	Min / Max	Extra Cost
42	FULL Birding at Port Wing	6:30 AM	11:30 AM	3	5*15	
43	FULL Birding Porcupine Lake Wilderness Area	6:30 AM	11:30 AM	3	5*15	
44	Sea Caves Nature Hike	6:30 AM	11:30 AM	4	5*15	Parking
45	FULL Wetland & Woodland Birds of Iron River	6:30 AM	11:30 AM	4	5*15	
46	A Bird in the Hand...	7:00 AM	11:00 AM	2	Open	FREE
47	Birding Bayfield's Big Ravine	7:00 AM	11:00 AM	4	5*15	
48	Birding by the Bay	7:00 AM	11:00 AM	2	5*15	
49	Bibon Swamp Birding	7:00 AM	11:30 AM	3	5*15	

Saturday Afternoon

Program #	Activity Name	Start Time	End Time	Difficulty	Min / Max	Extra Cost
50	FULL Birding at Long Lake & Birch Grove	12:30 PM	4:00 PM	3	5*15	
51	Fire & the Ecology of the Pine Barrens	12:30 PM	4:30 PM	3	5*15	
52	Tracking Mammals in the Field	12:30 PM	4:30 PM	4	5*15	
53	Beginning Birding by Ear	1:00 PM	4:00 PM	1	5*15	
54	Shorebirds Made Simpler	1:00 PM	4:30 PM	3	5*15	
55	FULL Wildflower Walk - Spring Ephemerals	1:00 PM	4:30 PM	2	5*15	