



### Letter from the President BILL TAGER



The Friends of Wisconsin State Parks are honored to partner once again with Wisconsin Natural Resources magazine to include the 2018 FWSP calendar with the December issue. The photographs in this calendar are the winning images from the 2017 FWSP photo contest, with entries offered in large numbers by users of Wisconsin's state parks, trails, forests and

recreation areas. Only a few of the contest photos can be selected for use in the annual calendar, but they are all winners and can be viewed on our website at FWSP.org.

Friends of Wisconsin State Parks are very proud of the support we and our local Friends groups have given to help accomplish our mission to "preserve, protect, promote and enhance" these state park system properties over the past year. We encourage everyone to help our state properties by enjoying them and promoting them as part of your healthy lifestyle!

To maintain the level of the state park system that we have learned to enjoy, please consider a tax-deductible donation to FWSP to help support these beautiful properties and the programming offered at each. Some would say we are lucky to have this great state park system, but it is really a credit to the forward thinking of our Wisconsin leaders to develop and maintain state properties that are an envy across the nation. If your local state park system property doesn't have a Friends group, we encourage you to rally local users to start one, or contact FWSP and volunteer as an individual to promote and maintain the property.

Let's all work together to preserve, protect, promote, enhance and enjoy these great jewels of Wisconsin in 2018!

### We hope to see you this year!

Friends groups and individuals contribute their time, energy and talents to preserve and improve the state properties they cherish. You can support this work by joining a Friends group or volunteering as an individual. See the back of this calendar for a list of all FWSP Friends groups. We hope to see you in 2018!

#### 2017 Gold Seal Award Winners

The Friends of Wisconsin State Parks would like to congratulate the 2017 Gold Seal Award winners. Every year, state park visitors vote for their favorite parks in 10 different categories. These parks are then honored at the FWSP annual meeting and awards banquet in November.

- 1. Best state park system property for winter recreating: Hartman Creek State Park
- 2. Best state park system property for a short hike with children: **Peninsula State Park**
- 3. Best state park system property for trail to ride horses with a group: Wildcat Mountain State Park
- 4. Most scenic state park system picnic area: Devil's Lake State Park
- 5. Best state park system office flower garden: Governor Thompson State Park
- 6. Best state park system property for star gazing: Newport State Park
- 7. Best state park fishing pier: Wyalusing State Park
- 8. Best state park system property to take nature photos: Governor Dodge State Park
- 9. Best state park family beach area: Whitefish Dunes State Park
- 10. Best view of the sunrise in a state park system campground: **Kohler-Andrae State Park**

Don't forget to vote for your favorite parks in 2018.

### Friends of Wisconsin State Parks photo contest

Photographs from the Friends' photo contest are used to produce the annual FWSP calendar and may be used in other DNR publications, presentations, websites and displays. Your photos help promote the Wisconsin State Park System and all seasons are needed. You can submit your photos throughout the year.

The submission deadline for the 2018 calendar is Aug. 31, 2018. For more information, visit FWSP.org.



## JANUARY 2018

### It's a new year!

The Friends of Wisconsin State Parks offer a convenient way to purchase state park admission stickers and state trail passes as part of gift packages through the Friends online store at FWSP.org. You also can renew your membership or join a Friends group near you. January is a great time to take photos for FWSP's annual photo contest or to check out a candlelight ski or hike.



Kettle Moraine State Forest-Southern Unit

### Park events

Visit dnr.wi.gov and search "Get Outdoors" for a complete list of nature programs and events happening in the parks.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
	Take a first day hike.  New Year's Day	2	3	Keep backyard birdfeeders full.	5	6	
	Full Moon						
7	8 Last Quarter Moon	9	10	11	12	13	
14	15 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	16  New Moon	17 Bald eagle viewing.	18	19	20 Free Fishing Weekend. See dnr.wi.gov.	
21 Free Fishing Weekend. See dnr.wi.gov.	22	23	24  First Quarter Moon	25	26	27	
28	29	30	31 Be aware of ice safety.  Full Moon		DECEMBER 2017 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	FEBRUARY 2018 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28	

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### FEBRUARY 2018

### **Enjoy winter!**

Friends groups sponsor many winter candlelight events. These may include lighted trails for classic- and skatestyle cross-country skiing, snowshoeing and hiking. There are usually fires for warming up and the Friends groups may sell concessions with proceeds going to benefit the parks. The Friends may also help put on cross-country ski clinics, races and other special events and assist park staff in grooming trails.



Governor Dodge State Park

#### Park events

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	4	5	6 Squirrels mating.	7  Last Quarter Moon	8	9	10				
ì	11	12	13	14	15	16	17				
	' '	Black bear cubs being born.	13	14	13		1 /				
ı				Valentine's Day Ash Wednesday	New Moon	3					
	18	19	20	21	22	23	24 Great horned				
		Presidents' Day				First Quarter Moon	owls nesting.				
ı	25	26	27	28							



Above: Kettle Moraine State Forest-Southern Unit Photo by LAURA FROH

### MARCH 2018

### Join a local Friends group!

Friends members and volunteers help park staff with spring cleaning projects, including trail brushing and cleanup, repairing fences, cleaning up park grounds and making information signs. The Friends also assist with some carpentry projects such as building birdhouses, constructing kiosks, repairing benches and picnic tables, and cutting and stocking firewood. Many Friends groups sell firewood with proceeds going back to the parks.



Kohler-Andrae State Park

### Park events

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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	4	5	6	Bald eagles migrating.	8	9 Last Quarter Moon	10
I	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
l	Daylight Savings Time Begins				4/		St. Patrick's Day
	18	19	20 Spring Begins	21	22 Maple sap running soon.	23	24  First Quarter Moon
	25 Palm Sunday	26	27 Robins and bluebirds arriving.	28	29	Good Friday Passover Begins at Sundown	31



Above: Potawatomi State Park Photo by **TIM SWEET** 

### Celebrate Earth Day!

FWSP hosts several Work\*Play\*Earth Day events in April and May. Volunteers at these events help the parks by cleaning up picnic and campground areas, planting trees, clearing park trails and removing invasive species such as garlic mustard. The Friends groups typically provide lunches to say thanks to everyone who has volunteered for the day. Trail-building crews also are out getting the park trails ready for summer users. Many volunteers even "adopt a trail" and do regular trail work throughout the year.



Governor Nelson State Park

#### Park events

Visit dnr.wi.gov and search "Get Outdoors" for a complete list of nature programs and events happening in the parks.

### **APRIL 2018**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5 Canada geese and bald eagles nesting.	6	7
Easter April Fools' Day						
8	9	10	11	12 Walleyes spawning.	13	14
Last Quarter Moon						
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
		Tax Day				
New Moon						
22	23	24	25 Crappies moving into shallow water.	26	27	28
Earth Day					Arbor Day	
First Quarter Moon						
29	30				MARCH 2018 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	MAY 2018 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31

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## MAY 2018

### Learn about nature!

In May, the Friends of Wisconsin State Parks announce the winners of the Incentive Grants, which are awarded to local Friends groups to support naturalist programs. The grants help provide for some of the new educational materials at the parks and nature centers. May also is a popular time for school field trips, and the Friends help the parks by presenting programs, conducting workshops and leading guided nature walks for school groups.



Kettle Moraine State Forest

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ı	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4	5 General inland fishing season opener.
	6	7  Last Quarter Moon	8	Q Look for morel mushrooms.	10	11	12
	13	14 Orioles arriving.	15	16	17	18	19 Lilacs blooming.
	Mother's Day		Ramadan Begins at Sundown		4/4		Armed Forces Day
	20	21  First Quarter Moon	22	23 Monarch butterflies arriving.	24	25	26
	27	28  Memorial Day	29	30	31 Deer fawns being born.	APRIL 2018  S M T W T F S  1 2 3 4 5 6 7  8 9 10 11 12 13 14  15 16 17 18 19 20 21  22 23 24 25 26 27 28  29 30	JUNE 2018 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30



# JUNE 2018

### Enjoy the night!

During summer, Universe in the Park programs are scheduled at parks around the state for learning about and viewing the night sky. Friends groups often plan additional events to coincide with these programs, including nightly campfire talks, sing-a-longs and visits by Smokey Bear. The Friends may bring in singers and musicians or even perform themselves. Campground hosts help with these events and other park projects and are available to make sure campers enjoy their stay.



High Cliff State Park

### Park events

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	MAY 2018 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	JULY 2018 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31				Smallmouth bass spawning.	Pree Fun Weekend. See dnr.wi.gov. National Trails Day
	<b>3</b> Free Fun Weekend. See dnr.wi.gov.	4	5	6  Last Quarter Moon	Watch for baby loons.	8	9
	10	11	12	13  New Moon	14 Flag Day	15	16
	17 Father's Day	18	19	20  First Quarter Moon	21 Summer Begins	22 Lightning bugs are out.	23
	24	25	26	27 Big brown bats giving birth to offspring.  Full Moon	28	29	30



### JULY 2018

### Explore the outdoors!

During summer, many Friends groups sell concessions and rent canoes, kayaks, boats and bicycles at the parks. Firewood and ice also are often sold by the Friends with proceeds staying at the property. If you're exploring the parks and need equipment or supplies, make sure to stop by the park concessions. Wisconsin's state parks and forests also offer many reservable shelters and are popular places to hold family reunions, birthday parties and weddings.



Big Bay State Park

### Park events

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ı	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY			
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7			
				Independence Day		Last Quarter Moon				
	8	9	10	11	12 Goldfinches gathering thistle down.  New Moon	13	14			
	15	16	17 Steelhead moving into Lake Michigan tributaries.	18	19  First Quarter Moon	20	21			
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28 Deer antlers nearing peak size.			
	29	30	31			JUNE 2018  S M T W T F S  1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	AUGUST 2018 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31			



Above: Harrington Beach State Park Photo by **DIANE JOHNSON** 

### AUGUST 2018

**WEDNESDAY** 

**THURSDAY** 

**FRIDAY** 

**SATURDAY** 

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organize these events.  Ind of August also brings  WSP photo contest  close. Don't miss your  ce to submit your best  os or to vote for your  ite parks for FWSP's  Seal awards. Winning	5	6	Blackberries and elderberries ripening.	8	9	10	New Moon
os appear in the FWSP al calendar.	12	13	14	15 Monarch butterflies begin migration south.	16	17	18
nan Creek State Park	19	20	21	22	23	24	25 Hummingbirds migrating.
events  Inr.wi.gov and search Outdoors" for a blete list of nature ams and events ening in the parks.	26	27	28	29	30	31 FWSP photo contest deadline.	

**TUESDAY** 

MONDAY

SEPTEMBER 2018

**SUNDAY** 

**JULY 2018** 

Full Moon

#### Park e

Visit dn "Get O comple prograi happening in the parks.



### SEPTEMBER 2018

### Thank you volunteers!

The annual Friends of Wisconsin State Parks Fall Jamboree is held in early September. The jamboree gives FWSP and park staff the opportunity to thank all the Friends, campground hosts and volunteers who have helped out at the parks throughout the year. All who have volunteered during the year are invited to attend this fun, educational and social gathering. There are campfires, dinners, entertainment, informative discussions and more.



Willow River State Park

### Park events

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2 Last Quarter Moon	3 Labor Day	4	5	6 Sumac leaves showing signs of red.	7	8
Rosh Hashanah Begins at Sundown Grandparents Day New Moon	10	Nhite-tailed bucks shedding velvet.  Patriot Day	12	13	14	15
16  First Quarter Moon	17	18  Yom Kippur Begins at Sundown	19	20	21	22
23 Autumn Begins	24	25	26 Oaks are raining acorns.	27	28	29



### OCTOBER 2018

#### Celebrate fall!

Autumn is in full swing in October, and there is no better time to take some amazing photographs of Wisconsin's state parks and forests at peak color. Nature centers are busy with activities and crafts for kids and Friends groups also hold many programs to celebrate fall and Halloween. There may be candlelight hikes with trails lit with jack-olanterns, non-scary night events and more.



Mirror Lake State Park

### Park events

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L	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5	6
			Last Quarter Moon				
	7	8	9	10	11	12	13 Fall leaf color show on full display.
		Columbus Day  New Moon					
	14	15	16	17 Snakes disappearing into winter dens.	18	19	20
			First Quarter Moon		4/		
	21	22	23	24	25	26 Black bears begin hibernating.	27
				Full Moon			
	28	29	30 Tundra swans arriving.	31		SEPTEMBER 2018 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	NOVEMBER 2018 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
				Halloween		9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30



### NOVEMBER 2018

### **Support the Friends!**

Friends groups raise money to come up with matching funds so they can apply for grants through the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program that aid in habitat restoration and the construction of park and trail facilities. Previous Friends projects have included the construction of shelters, playground equipment, boardwalks, trails, accessible cabins and interpretive exhibits, as well as invasive species removal and prairie and woodland restoration. Nov. 15 is the deadline for applying for Friends Stewardship grants.



Lakeshore State Park

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ı	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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	A  Daylight Savings Time Ends	5	6 Election Day	7 New Moon	8	9	10
	<b>11</b> Veterans Day	12	13	14	15  First Quarter Moon	16	17 Opening day of regular gun- deer hunting season.
	18	19	20	21	Thanksgiving  Full Moon	23	24
	25	26	27	28 Hang suet and stock birdfeeders.	29  Last Quarter Moon	30	



### DECEMBER 2018

#### Time to renew!

Just in time for the holidays, the Friends of Wisconsin State Parks offer online sales of state park admission stickers and state trail passes as part of gift packages through the Friends online store at FWSP. org. December also is the perfect time to join or renew your membership with the Friends of Wisconsin State Parks. A list of all local Friends groups is on the back of this calendar. We hope to see you in 2018!



Kettle Moraine State Forest-Northern Unit

### Park events

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY			
NOVEMBER 2018 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	JANUARY 2019 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31					2019 Wisconsin state park stickers available.			
2	3	4	5	6	7	8			
Hanukkah Begins at Sundown				3	Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day  New Moon				
9	10	11	12	13 Get snowblowers and shovels ready.	14	15			
				4/4	33	First Quarter Moon			
16	17	18	19	20	21	22			
					Winter Begins				
					2 2	Full Moon			
23	24	25	26	27	28 Be aware of ice safety.	29			
30	31 New Year's Eve	Christmas Day	Kwanzaa Begins			Last Quarter Moon			

# Thank you!

Local Friends aroups join with the Friends of Wisconsin State Parks and other volunteers to work together to preserve, protect, promote and enhance the state properties ground Wisconsin by providing on-the-ground work, monetary support and advocacy for our most special places. Our park properties simply would not be what they are today without the continued help and support of all our Friends and volunteers.

You can join the Friends of Wisconsin State Parks online at FWSP.org

### The Friends of Wisconsin State Parks include:

Black River Forest Trail Foundation (Black River State Forest)

Bona Naturalist Association (Richard Bona State Recreation Area) Brillion Nature Study Center Association (Brillion State Wildlife Area)

Chiwaukee Prairie Preservation Fund (Chiwaukee Prairie State Natural Area) Equestrian Friends of Governor Knowles State Forest

Friends Into Spooner Hatchery (FISH) Friends of the 400 State Trail Friends of the Ahnapee State Trail Friends of Aztalan State Park Friends of the Badger State Trail Friends of Big Foot Beach State Park Friends of the Bird Sanctuary

(Douglas County State Wildlife Area) Friends of Blue Mound State Park Friends of Buckhorn State Park Friends of Cadiz Springs State Recreation Area

Friends of Capital Springs State Recreation Area

Friends of Cedarbura Boa State Natural Area

Friends of the Chippewa River State Trail Friends of Copper Falls State Park

Friends of Council Grounds State Park Friends of Crex Meadows State Wildlife Area

Friends of Devil's Lake State Park Friends of the Elroy-Sparta State Trail

Friends of the Fox River State Trail Friends of the Friendship State Trail

Friends of the Glacial Drumlin State Trail Friends of Governor Dodge State Park

Friends of Governor Thompson State Park

Friends of the Great River State Trail Friends of the Hank Aaron State Trail Friends of Harrington Beach State Park

Friends of Hartman Creek State Park

Friends of Havenwoods State Forest Friends of High Cliff State Park

Friends of the Horicon Marsh International Education Center

Friends of Interstate State Park

Friends of the Kettle Moraine State Forest (Northern Unit)

Friends of Kohler-Andrae State Park Friends of the La Crosse River State Trail Friends of Lake Kegonsa State Park

Friends of Lake Wissota State Park Friends of Lakeshore State Park

Friends of McGilvray Road

Friends of the Mead/McMillan State Wildlife Area

Friends of the Military Ridge State Trail

Ice Age Scientific Reserve

Friends of Mirror Lake State Park Friends of the Mountain-Bay State Trail

Friends of New Glarus Woods State Park

Friends of the Old Abe State Trail Friends of Pattison and Amnicon State Parks

Friends of Peninsula State Park

State Forest

Friends of the Red Cedar State Trail

Friends of Rib Mountain State Park

Friends of Roche-A-Cri State Park

Friends of Lapham Peak, Kettle Moraine State Forest

Friends of the MacKenzie **Environmental Center** 

(Van Loon State Wildlife Area)

Friends of Mill Bluff State Park and

(Marathon County)

Friends of Perrot State Park

Friends of Pike Lake, Kettle Moraine

Friends of Point Beach State Forest

Friends of Potawatomi State Park Friends of the Poynette Game Farm

Friends of Rock Island State Park Friends of Sandhill State Wildlife Area Friends of Stonefield State Historic Site and Nelson Dewey State Park

Friends of the Stower Seven Lakes State Trail

Friends of the Sugar River State Trail Friends of the Tuscobia State Trail

Friends of Vernon Marsh State Wildlife Area Friends of the Wild Goose State Trail

(Dodge County)

Friends of Whitefish Dunes State Park

Friends of the White River State Trail Friends of Wildcat Mountain State Park

Friends of Willow River and Kinnickinnic State Parks

Friends of Wyalusina State Park

Friends of Yellowstone Lake State Park Heritage Hill Foundation

(Herifage Hill State Park) Kettle Moraine Natural History Association (Southern Unit)

Merrick State Park TURTLES

Navarino Nature Center Inc. (Navarino State Wildlife Area)

Newport Wilderness Society (Newport State Park)

Seth Peterson Cottage Conservancy





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