



Friends of Wisconsin State Parks

2017 CALENDAR

A night sky photograph showing the Milky Way galaxy arching over a dark forest silhouette. The galaxy's core is bright and yellowish, fading into a blueish-purple glow as it stretches across the sky. The foreground is dark, with the silhouettes of trees and a body of water visible against the horizon.

The mission of the Friends of Wisconsin State Parks is to **preserve, protect, promote** and **enhance** Wisconsin's state parks, forests, trails and recreation areas for future generations. FWSP accomplishes this mission by strengthening its network of local Friends groups and by enhancing the relationship between the DNR and partner groups.

## Letter from the President

Bill Zager



The Friends of Wisconsin State Parks are honored to once again partner with *Wisconsin Natural Resources* magazine and to have our calendar included in the magazine's December issue. The pictures in this calendar were offered in record numbers by users of Wisconsin's parks, trails, forests and recreation areas. Although only a few of these pictures could be selected for the calendar, they are all winners and can be viewed on our website at FWSP.org.

The Friends of Wisconsin State Parks are proud of the support that we and our local Friends groups have given to help accomplish our mission to "Preserve, Protect, Promote and Enhance" Wisconsin's state properties. We invite you to become involved with FWSP or your local Friends group — as a member or volunteer — and we welcome your help in supporting our beautiful state properties this year.

We encourage everyone to help our state park properties by enjoying them and promoting their use by others. Please thank the park staff and all state and local officials for their support of these Wisconsin jewels!

Some would say we are lucky to have this great state park system, but it really is due to the forward thinking of Wisconsin leaders who developed a system of parks that is the envy across the nation! If your local property doesn't have a Friends group, we urge you to rally the local users and start a new group, or you can contact FWSP and volunteer as an individual to help the property.

Let's all work together to preserve, protect, promote, enhance and enjoy these great places in 2017!

## 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 2017!

You can also support the Friends of Wisconsin State Parks by buying your 2017 state park stickers and state trail passes as part of gift packages through the Friends online store at FWSP.org.

## 2016 Gold Seal Award Winners

The Friends of Wisconsin State Parks would like to congratulate the 2016 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 park to visit in all four seasons – **Peninsula State Park**
2. Best backpack campsite – **Newport State Park**
3. Best park for adventure sports – **Devil's Lake State Park**
4. Best remote state park – **Rock Island State Park**
5. Best trail with interpretive signage – **Kettle Moraine State Forest - Lapham Peak Unit**
6. Best First Day hike – **Mirror Lake State Park**
7. Best park with an overlook – **Wyalusing State Park**
8. Best park for kids to complete *Wisconsin Explorer* books – **Peninsula State Park**
9. Best display of maple trees in fall – **Governor Thompson State Park**
10. Best park to offer naturalist programs – **Merrick State Park**

**Don't forget to vote for your favorite parks in 2017.**



## Annual 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 August 31, 2017. For more information, visit FWSP.org.



## 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](http://FWSP.org). You can also 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.



CAROL JAKSIC

## Park events

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# JANUARY 2017

| SUNDAY                                                                          | MONDAY                               | TUESDAY                       | WEDNESDAY                            | THURSDAY                    | FRIDAY                                                                                                                                   | SATURDAY                                                                                                                        |
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| 1<br>Take a First Day hike!<br><br>New Year's Day                               | 2                                    | 3                             | 4<br>Keep backyard birdfeeders full. | 5<br><br>First Quarter Moon | 6                                                                                                                                        | 7                                                                                                                               |
| 8                                                                               | 9                                    | 10                            | 11                                   | 12<br><br>Full Moon         | 13                                                                                                                                       | 14                                                                                                                              |
| 15                                                                              | 16<br><br>Martin Luther King Jr. Day | 17                            | 18<br>Bald eagle viewing.            | 19<br><br>Last Quarter Moon | 20                                                                                                                                       | 21<br>Free Fishing Weekend.<br>See <a href="http://dnr.wi.gov">dnr.wi.gov</a> .                                                 |
| 22<br>Free Fishing Weekend.<br>See <a href="http://dnr.wi.gov">dnr.wi.gov</a> . | 23                                   | 24                            | 25                                   | 26                          | 27<br><br>New Moon                                                                                                                       | 28                                                                                                                              |
| 29                                                                              | 30                                   | 31<br>Be aware of ice safety. |                                      |                             | <b>DECEMBER 2016</b><br>S M T W T F S<br>1 2 3<br>4 5 6 7 8 9 10<br>11 12 13 14 15 16 17<br>18 19 20 21 22 23 24<br>25 26 27 28 29 30 31 | <b>FEBRUARY 2017</b><br>S M T W T F S<br>1 2 3 4<br>5 6 7 8 9 10 11<br>12 13 14 15 16 17 18<br>19 20 21 22 23 24 25<br>26 27 28 |



Above: Amnicon Falls State Park.  
Photo by **ROBERT NEWMAN**

# FEBRUARY 2017

## Enjoy winter!

Friends groups sponsor many winter candlelight events. These events may include lighted trails for classic- and skate-style cross-country skiing, snowshoeing and hiking. There are usually fires to warm up by and the Friends groups may sell concessions with proceeds benefitting 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.



CAROL JAKSIC

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| 5                                                                                                                                              | 6<br>Squirrels mating.                                                                                                                       | 7                     | 8         | 9<br>Groundhog Day | 10<br>First Quarter Moon | 11                               |
| 12<br>Black bear cubs being born.                                                                                                              | 13                                                                                                                                           | 14<br>Valentine's Day | 15        | 16                 | 17<br>Full Moon          | 18<br>Last Quarter Moon          |
| 19                                                                                                                                             | 20<br>Presidents' Day                                                                                                                        | 21                    | 22        | 23                 | 24                       | 25<br>Great horned owls nesting. |
| 26<br>New Moon                                                                                                                                 | 27                                                                                                                                           | 28                    |           |                    |                          |                                  |

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Above: Lake Kegonsa State Park. Photo by **RYAN MOE**

## 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 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.



CHARLOTTE BARRIBEAU

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# MARCH 2017

| SUNDAY                                                                                                                                 | MONDAY                                                                                                                                       | TUESDAY                              | WEDNESDAY                     | THURSDAY | FRIDAY                              | SATURDAY |
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| 5<br><br> First Quarter Moon                          | 6                                                                                                                                            | 7<br>Bald eagles migrating.          | 8                             | 9        | 10                                  | 11       |
| 12<br><br>Daylight Savings Time Begins<br> Full Moon  | 13                                                                                                                                           | 14                                   | 15                            | 16       | 17<br>St. Patrick's Day             | 18       |
| 19                                                                                                                                     | 20<br>Spring Begins<br> Last Quarter Moon                 | 21                                   | 22<br>Maple sap running soon. | 23       | 24                                  | 25       |
| 26                                                                                                                                     | 27<br> New Moon                                           | 28<br>Robins and bluebirds arriving. | 29                            | 30       | 31                                  |          |

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| 2                                                                                                                                     | 3<br><br>First Quarter Moon                                                                                                         | 4<br><br>Canada geese and bald eagles nesting. | 5                            | 6        | 7                     | 8                         |
| 9<br><br>Palm Sunday                                                                                                                  | 10<br><br>Passover Begins at Sundown                                                                                                | 11<br><br>Full Moon                            | 12<br><br>Walleyes spawning. | 13       | 14<br><br>Good Friday | 15                        |
| 16<br><br>Easter                                                                                                                      | 17                                                                                                                                  | 18<br><br>Tax Day                              | 19<br><br>Last Quarter Moon  | 20       | 21                    | 22<br><br>Earth Day       |
| 23                                                                                                                                    | 24                                                                                                                                  | 25<br><br>Crappies moving into shallow water.  | 26<br><br>New Moon           | 27       | 28<br><br>Arbor Day   | 29                        |
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| 2                                                                                                                                                                                         | 3                                                                                                                                                                                       | 4                                                | 5                   | 6  | 7                | 8  |
|                                                                                                                                                                                           | <div>First Quarter Moon</div>                                                                                                                                                           | <div>Canada geese and bald eagles nesting.</div> |                     |    |                  |    |
| 9                                                                                                                                                                                         | 10                                                                                                                                                                                      | 11                                               | 12                  | 13 | 14               | 15 |
|                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                  | <div>Walleyes</div> |    |                  |    |



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| 30 |  | Crappies moving into shallow water. |  |  |  |  |
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Above: Kohler-Andrae State Park.  
Photo by **MIRIAM SHELEF**

## 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 is also 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.



KATIE WEISBECKER

## Park events

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# MAY 2017

| SUNDAY             | MONDAY             | TUESDAY                             | WEDNESDAY                                    | THURSDAY                | FRIDAY                                                                                                                                | SATURDAY                                                                                                                             |
|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                    | 1                  | 2<br>First Quarter Moon             | 3                                            | 4                       | 5                                                                                                                                     | 6<br>General inland fishing season opener.                                                                                           |
| 7                  | 8                  | 9                                   | 10<br>Look for morel mushrooms.<br>Full Moon | 11                      | 12                                                                                                                                    | 13                                                                                                                                   |
| 14<br>Mother's Day | 15                 | 16<br>Orioles arriving.             | 17                                           | 18<br>Last Quarter Moon | 19<br>Lilacs blooming.                                                                                                                | 20<br>Armed Forces Day                                                                                                               |
| 21                 | 22                 | 23<br>Monarch butterflies arriving. | 24                                           | 25<br>New Moon          | 26<br>First of Ramadan Begins at Sundown                                                                                              | 27                                                                                                                                   |
| 28                 | 29<br>Memorial Day | 30                                  | 31<br>Deer fawns being born.                 |                         | <b>APRIL 2017</b><br>S M T W T F S<br>1<br>2 3 4 5 6 7 8<br>9 10 11 12 13 14 15<br>16 17 18 19 20 21 22<br>23 24 25 26 27 28 29<br>30 | <b>JUNE 2017</b><br>S M T W T F S<br>1 2 3<br>4 5 6 7 8 9 10<br>11 12 13 14 15 16 17<br>18 19 20 21 22 23 24<br>25 26 27 28 29 30 30 |

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Above: Willow River State Park.  
Photo by **ROBERT MALINOWSKI**

## 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 will 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 that campers enjoy their stay.



LAUREN RHODES

## Park events

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# JUNE 2017

| SUNDAY                                                                                                                                     | MONDAY                                                                                                                                         | TUESDAY                                         | WEDNESDAY           | THURSDAY                                                 | FRIDAY                                        | SATURDAY                                                                                           |
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| 4<br>Free Fun Weekend. See <a href="http://dnr.wi.gov">dnr.wi.gov</a> .                                                                    | 5                                                                                                                                              | 6                                               | 7                   | 8                                                        | 9<br>Watch for baby loons.<br><br>Full Moon   | 10                                                                                                 |
| 11                                                                                                                                         | 12                                                                                                                                             | 13                                              | 14<br>Flag Day      | 15                                                       | 16                                            | 17<br>Last Quarter Moon                                                                            |
| 18<br>Father's Day                                                                                                                         | 19                                                                                                                                             | 20                                              | 21<br>Summer Begins | 22                                                       | 23<br>Lightning bugs are out.<br><br>New Moon | 24                                                                                                 |
| 25                                                                                                                                         | 26                                                                                                                                             | 27<br>Big brown bats giving birth to offspring. | 28                  | 29                                                       | 30<br><br>First Quarter Moon                  |                                                                                                    |

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Above: Buckhorn State Park.  
Photo by **DIANE JOHNSON**

## Explore the outdoors!

During summer, many Friends groups sell concessions and rent canoes, kayaks, boats and bicycles at the parks. Firewood and ice are also often sold by the Friends with proceeds staying at the property. If you're exploring the parks and need some 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.



BONNIE WILLISON

## Park events

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# JULY 2017

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

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Above: Big Bay State Park.  
Photo by **MICHAEL KNAPSTEIN**

# AUGUST 2017

## See the sights!

Wisconsin's state parks, forests, recreation areas and trails are popular places for special events such as marathons, bike competitions, triathlons and endurance races. Friends groups help park staff plan for and organize these events. The end of August also brings the FWSP photo contest to a close. Don't miss your chance to submit your best photos or to vote for your favorite parks for FWSP's Gold Seal awards. Winning photos appear in the FWSP annual calendar!



ROSE STEMPSKI

## Park events

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|        |                                                               | 1                            | 2                                                | 3<br>Wisconsin State Fair begins.  | 4                                                                                                                                       | 5                                                                                                                                      |
| 6      | 7<br>Blackberries and elderberries ripening.<br><br>Full Moon | 8                            | 9                                                | 10                                 | 11                                                                                                                                      | 12                                                                                                                                     |
| 13     | 14<br><br>Last Quarter Moon                                   | 15                           | 16<br>Monarch butterflies begin migrating south. | 17                                 | 18                                                                                                                                      | 19                                                                                                                                     |
| 20     | 21<br><br>New Moon                                            | 22                           | 23                                               | 24                                 | 25<br>Hummingbirds migrating.                                                                                                           | 26                                                                                                                                     |
| 27     | 28                                                            | 29<br><br>First Quarter Moon | 30                                               | 31<br>FWSP photo contest deadline. | <b>JULY 2017</b><br>S M T W T F S<br>1<br>2 3 4 5 6 7 8<br>9 10 11 12 13 14 15<br>16 17 18 19 20 21 22<br>23 24 25 26 27 28 29<br>30 31 | <b>SEPTEMBER 2017</b><br>S M T W T F S<br>1 2<br>3 4 5 6 7 8 9<br>10 11 12 13 14 15 16<br>17 18 19 20 21 22 23<br>24 25 26 27 28 29 30 |

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Above: Pattison State Park.  
Photo by **THEODORE SADLER**

# SEPTEMBER 2017

## Thank you volunteers!

After a busy summer season, FWSP and park staff would like to thank all the Friends members, campground hosts and volunteers who have helped at the parks throughout the year! With fall colors starting to dot the landscape and the parks being less crowded, September is also a great time to plan a trip to a park you've never been to before.



ROSE STEMPSKI

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| 3                                                                                                                                             | 4<br><br>Labor Day                                                                                                                             | 5                                  | 6<br><br>Full Moon                                    | 7<br><br>Sumac leaves showing signs of red. | 8                                             | 9        |
| 10<br><br>Grandparents Day                                                                                                                    | 11<br><br>Patriot Day                                                                                                                          | 12                                 | 13<br><br>Last Quarter Moon                           | 14                                          | 15<br><br>White-tailed bucks shedding velvet. | 16       |
| 17                                                                                                                                            | 18                                                                                                                                             | 19                                 | 20<br><br>Rosh Hashanah Begins at Sundown<br>New Moon | 21                                          | 22<br><br>Autumn Begins                       | 23       |
| 24                                                                                                                                            | 25                                                                                                                                             | 26<br><br>Oaks are raining acorns. | 27<br><br>First Quarter Moon                          | 28                                          | 29<br><br>Yom Kippur Begins at Sundown        | 30       |

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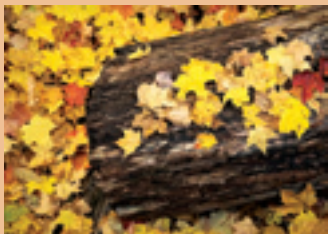


Above: Potawatomi State Park.  
Photo by **TIM SWEET**

# OCTOBER 2017

## 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-o-lanterns, non-scary night events and more.



ANNETTE KNAPSTEIN

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| 1      | 2                            | 3                                           | 4         | 5<br>Full Moon                       | 6                                                                                                                                      | 7                                                                                                                                     |
| 8      | 9<br>Columbus Day            | 10                                          | 11        | 12<br>Last Quarter Moon              | 13<br>Fall leaf color show on full display.                                                                                            | 14                                                                                                                                    |
| 15     | 16                           | 17<br>Snakes disappearing into winter dens. | 18        | 19<br>New Moon                       | 20                                                                                                                                     | 21                                                                                                                                    |
| 22     | 23                           | 24                                          | 25        | 26<br>Black bears begin hibernating. | 27<br>First Quarter Moon                                                                                                               | 28                                                                                                                                    |
| 29     | 30<br>Tundra swans arriving. | 31<br>Halloween                             |           |                                      | <b>SEPTEMBER 2017</b><br>S M T W T F S<br>1 2<br>3 4 5 6 7 8 9<br>10 11 12 13 14 15 16<br>17 18 19 20 21 22 23<br>24 25 26 27 28 29 30 | <b>NOVEMBER 2017</b><br>S M T W T F S<br>1 2 3 4<br>5 6 7 8 9 10 11<br>12 13 14 15 16 17 18<br>19 20 21 22 23 24 25<br>26 27 28 29 30 |

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Above: Rocky Arbor State Park.  
Photo by **MICHAEL KNAPSTEIN**

# NOVEMBER 2017

## 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 will aid in habitat restoration and the construction of park and trail facilities. Previous Friends projects include the construction of shelters, playground equipment, boardwalks, trails, accessible cabins and interpretive exhibits, as well as invasive species removal and prairie and woodland restoration. November 15 is the deadline for applying for Friends Stewardship grants.



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## Park events

Visit [dnr.wi.gov](http://dnr.wi.gov) and search "Get Outdoors" for a complete list of nature programs and events happening in the parks.

| SUNDAY                                                                                                                                         | MONDAY                                                                                                                                             | TUESDAY               | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY               | FRIDAY                            | SATURDAY                                                                |
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| <b>OCTOBER 2017</b><br><b>S M T W T F S</b><br>1 2 3 4 5 6 7<br>8 9 10 11 12 13 14<br>15 16 17 18 19 20 21<br>22 23 24 25 26 27 28<br>29 30 31 | <b>DECEMBER 2017</b><br><b>S M T W T F S</b><br>1 2<br>3 4 5 6 7 8 9<br>10 11 12 13 14 15 16<br>17 18 19 20 21 22 23<br>24 25 26 27 28 29 30<br>31 |                       | 1         | 2                      | 3<br>Get your blaze orange ready. | 4<br><br>○ Full Moon                                                    |
| 5<br><br>Daylight Savings Time Ends                                                                                                            | 6                                                                                                                                                  | 7<br><br>Election Day | 8         | 9                      | 10<br><br>◐ Last Quarter Moon     | 11<br><br>Veterans Day                                                  |
| 12                                                                                                                                             | 13                                                                                                                                                 | 14                    | 15        | 16                     | 17                                | 18<br>Opening day of regular gun-deer hunting season.<br><br>● New Moon |
| 19                                                                                                                                             | 20                                                                                                                                                 | 21                    | 22        | 23<br><br>Thanksgiving | 24                                | 25                                                                      |
| 26<br><br>◐ First Quarter Moon                                                                                                                 | 27<br>Hang suet and stock birdfeeders.                                                                                                             | 28                    | 29        | 30                     |                                   |                                                                         |

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Above: Devil's Lake State Park.  
Photo by **JILLIAN HEIDEMAN**

# DECEMBER 2017

## Mark your calendar!

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 is also 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!



J.H. ARNOLD

## Park events

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| SUNDAY                                                                                                                                | MONDAY                                                                                                                                  | TUESDAY                                          | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY                              | FRIDAY                                             | SATURDAY |
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| 3<br><br>○ Full Moon                                                                                                                  | 4                                                                                                                                       | 5                                                | 6         | 7<br><br>Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day | 8                                                  | 9        |
| 10<br><br>◐ Last Quarter Moon                                                                                                         | 11                                                                                                                                      | 12<br><br>Hanukkah Begins at Sundown             | 13        | 14                                    | 15<br><br>Get snowblowers and shovels ready.       | 16       |
| 17                                                                                                                                    | 18<br><br>● New Moon                                                                                                                    | 19                                               | 20        | 21<br><br>Winter Begins               | 22                                                 | 23       |
| 24<br><br>31<br>New Year's Eve                                                                                                        | 25<br><br>Christmas Day                                                                                                                 | 26<br><br>Kwanzaa Begins<br>◐ First Quarter Moon | 27        | 28<br><br>Beware of ice safety.       | 29                                                 | 30       |

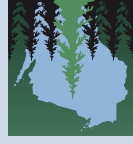
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# Thank you!

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|-----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Black River Forest Trail Foundation                 | Friends of the Chippewa River State Trail                   | Friends of Lapham Peak, Kettle Moraine State Forest             | Friends of the Poynette Game Farm                                     |
| (Black River State Forest)                          | Friends of Copper Falls State Park                          | State Forest                                                    | Friends of the Red Cedar State Trail                                  |
| Bong Naturalist Association                         | Friends of Council Grounds State Park                       | Friends of the MacKenzie Environmental Center                   | Friends of Rib Mountain State Park                                    |
| (Richard Bong State Recreation Area)                | Friends of Crex Meadows State Wildlife Area                 | Friends of McGillivray Road (Van Loon State Wildlife Area)      | Friends of Rock Island State Park                                     |
| Brillion Nature Study Center Association            | Friends of Devil's Lake State Park                          | Friends of McCall State Park                                    | Friends of Sandhill State Wildlife Area                               |
| (Brillion State Wildlife Area)                      | Friends of the Elroy-Sparta State Trail                     | Friends of the Mead/McMillan State Wildlife Areas               | Friends of Stonefield State Historic Site and Nelson Dewey State Park |
| Chiwaukee Prairie Preservation Fund                 | Friends of the Fox River State Trail                        | Friends of the Military Ridge State Trail                       | Friends of the Stower Seven Lakes State Trail                         |
| (Chiwaukee Prairie State Natural Area)              | Friends of the Friendship State Trail                       | Friends of Mill Bluff State Park and Ice Age Scientific Reserve | Friends of the Tussock State Trail                                    |
| Equestrian Friends of Governor Knowles State Forest | Friends of the Glacial Drumlin State Trail                  | Friends of Mirror Lake State Park                               | Friends of Vernon Marsh State Wildlife Area                           |
| Friends into Spooner Hatchery (FISH)                | Friends of Governor Thompson State Park                     | Friends of the Mountian-Bay State Trail                         | Friends of the Wild Goose State Trail                                 |
| Friends of the 400 State Trail                      | Friends of the Great River State Trail                      | (Dodge County)                                                  | Friends of the Whitefish Dunes State Park                             |
| Friends of the Ahnapee State Trail                  | Friends of the Hank Aaron State Trail                       | (Marathon County)                                               | Friends of the White River State Trail                                |
| Friends of Aztalan State Park                       | Friends of Harrington Beach State Park                      | Friends of the Normekagon Barrens Wildlife Area                 | Friends of Willow River and Kinnickinnic State Parks                  |
| Friends of the Badger State Trail                   | Friends of Hartman Creek State Park                         | Friends of New Glarus Woods State Park                          | Friends of Wyalusing State Park                                       |
| Friends of Big Foot Beach State Park                | Friends of Havenwoods State Forest                          | Friends of the Old Abe State Trail                              | Friends of Yellowstone Lake State Park                                |
| Friends of the Bird Sanctuary                       | Friends of High Cliff State Park                            | Friends of Pattison and Amnicon State Parks                     | Heritage Hill Foundation (Heritage Hill State Park)                   |
| (Douglas County State Wildlife Area)                | Friends of the Horicon Marsh International Education Center | Friends of Peninsula State Park                                 | Kettle Moraine Natural History Association                            |
| Friends of Blue Mound State Park                    | Friends of the Kettle Moraine (Northern Unit)               | Friends of Perrot State Park                                    | (Southern Unit)                                                       |
| Recreation Area                                     | Friends of Kohler-Andrae State Park                         | Friends of Pike Lake, Kettle Moraine State Forest               | Memick State Park TURTLES                                             |
| Friends of Capital Springs State Recreation Area    | Friends of Lake Kegonsa State Park                          | Friends of Point Beach State Forest                             | Navarino Nature Center (Navarino State Wildlife Area)                 |
| Friends of the Cedarburg Bog State Natural Area     | Friends of Lake Keshore State Park                          | Friends of Potawatomi State Park                                | Newport Wilderness Society (Newport State Park)                       |

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