

# RICHARD BONG STATE RECREATION AREA SEPTEMBER 2024 EVENTS

**Friday**  
**Sept.**  
**6**

**SCAVENGER HUNT**  
**10 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

Stop by the Visitor Center during our open hours to pick up a scavenger hunt! Enjoy the nature walk and be on the lookout for some unique nature finds! Bring back your scavenger hunt for a prize!

**Thursday**  
**Sept.**  
**12**

**KNEE HIGH NATURALIST**  
**10 - 11:30 a.m.**

Turkey Tales! Meet at Shelter 1 with your 3 to 5-year-old and enjoy learning all about turkeys! Enjoy a story, craft and hike with your Knee High Naturalist! If you have a large group or need special accommodations, please call 262-878-5602 and leave a message with our entrance station staff.

**Saturday**  
**Sept.**  
**14**

**INTERNATIONAL OBSERVE  
THE MOON CELEBRATION**  
**1 - 3:30 p.m. Activities and Video**

Meet at 1 or 2 p.m. to enjoy a video showing and Q&A with our astronomer Tom Harper. Enjoy fun moon activities and treats!

**5 - 6 p.m. Setting Up A Telescope**

Meet at Lot F with your telescope or binoculars to learn how to set them up to view the moon and stars!

**6 - 11 p.m. Moon Observation**

Join us at Lot F to watch the moon rise and get the chance to observe the moon and other celestial bodies through a telescope!

**Tuesday**  
**Sept.**  
**17**

**ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY**  
**4:30 p.m.**

Join our volunteers in the important task of roadside clean-up along the highway! Meet at the Visitor Center parking lot and dress for the weather.

**Friday**  
**Sept.**  
**20**

**FALL SEED SCATTER**  
**3 - 4 p.m.**

Meet our natural resources educator at the Visitor Center for a fun seed project! Use mud and seeds to make "Seed Bombs" then, head out to launch native seeds into the prairie! All ages welcome!

**Saturday**  
**Sept.**  
**21**

**FRIENDSHIP BRACELET FUN**  
**10 a.m. - noon**  
**1 - 3 p.m.**

Learn the basics to make a friendship bracelet from start to finish. Leave with a finished bracelet and the "know how" to make more for your friends! There is a \$5 class fee for materials and to support the Bong Naturalist Association. This class is recommended for children and adults 12 years old and older. Please pre-register by stopping at Entrance Station or calling 262-878-5602.

**LIVE ANIMAL ENCOUNTER**  
**2 - 3:30 p.m.**

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**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**ECO-HALLOWEEN HIKE**

## Field Trips and Group Programming!

### Philosophy

We offer a variety of programming and often work with the requesting organization to create a program that best suits their needs and participants. Our lessons are based on nature exploration, inquiry led science and child centered learning.

### Available Topics

Topics are not limited to the following, please reach out to: [Emily.Cole@wisconsin.gov](mailto:Emily.Cole@wisconsin.gov)

#### **Wetland Ecosystems:**

Pond peaking, invertebrate life cycles and amphibian life cycles.

#### **How To Stay Found:**

Beginner compass skills, camping, hiking and outdoor education

#### **Reptile Life and Habits:**

Pond peaking, reptile identification and characteristics

#### **Prairie Plants:**

Prairie ecosystems, plant identification, biodiversity and pollinators

#### **Early Wisconsin Land and Life, Champion Tree Trail and Rhodes Family Homestead**

#### **Foundation:**

Land succession and observation, early Wisconsin pioneers and land use, guided visit the Rhodes family foundation and Champion Tree Trail.

## CHECK OUT THE GIFT SHOP

Want to represent Richard Bong State Recreation Area?

Visit the gift shop, located in Molinaro Visitor Center! We have t-shirts, hats, stickers, patches and more!

Check out our online store for more selections and personalized items!

<https://bongrecreation.itemorder.com/shop/sale/>



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*September 2024*



## NATURE EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Vehicle admission sticker or daily entrance fee required unless otherwise noted.