

RICHARD BONG STATE RECREATION AREA OCTOBER & NOVEMBER 2024

Saturday
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MEDITATION / SENSORY HIKE 10 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Meet at the Visitor Center and spend an hour in nature, bathing in forest light and seasonal change. Take a breather and connect with nature on this unique hike.

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

Learn all about our education reptiles and amphibians! Watch their feeding routine and learn all about the care of these special creatures! Meet at the Visitor Center.

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

Bats! Meet at Shelter 1 with your 3 to 5-year-old and enjoy learning all about bats! 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.

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ASTRONOMY DAY: SOLAR VIEWING 2 - 4 p.m.

Meet at the Parking Lot near Urban Pond/Shelter 2 for a chance to see the sun through a telescope!

ASTRONOMY DAY: STAR GAZING 7 - 10 P.M.

Meet at lot F for star gazing. Feel free to bring your own telescope or look through the ones we will have available.

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GROUNDWATER TALK & DEMO 11 a.m.–12 p.m.

Learn about the importance of groundwater, and see a demo of how groundwater moves through the ecosystem. Meet at the Visitor Center.

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Watercolor Leaves: Paint & Print 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Meet at the Visitor Center. Learn to use watercolors and leaves to paint and print them into colorful paintings. All materials are provided, but there is limited space available. Please call (262) 878-5602 to pre-register. Recommended ages 12+.

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ECO-HALLOWEEN HIKE 5 - 8 p.m.

Join the park and the Bong Naturalist Association in our annual Eco-Halloween Hike! There will be fun for the whole family, with a lighted trail with fun trick-or-treat stops that teach you about nature! Enjoy s'mores, cider, and more!

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HOLIDAY BOW MAKING 10 a.m.–noon

Get ready for the holidays with this special bow making class! Learn to adorn your wreaths, packages, and more with holiday wired ribbons. \$5 class fee for materials will be collected.

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

Stone Soup! Meet at Shelter 1 with your 3 to 5-year-old and enjoy learning all about nature! 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.

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Corn Husk People 10 a.m.. - noon

Meet at the Visitor Center. Make a corn husk doll, boy or girl. Learn to create the basic form, then decorate using corn-husk techniques. Please pre-register by calling (262) 878-5602. Recommended for ages 12+.

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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

Wetland Ecosystems:

Pond peeking, invertebrate life cycles and amphibian life cycles.

How To Stay Found:

Beginner compass skills, camping, hiking and outdoor education

Reptile Life and Habits:

Pond peeking, 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!

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bongrecreation.itemorder.com/
shop/sale/](https://bongrecreation.itemorder.com/shop/sale/)



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NATURE EDUCATION PROGRAMS

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