

# RICHARD BONG STATE RECREATION AREA MARCH & APRIL 2025 EVENTS

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**A PEEK INTO WILDLIFE REHABILITATION**  
1 – 2 p.m.

Richard Bong State Rec Area's Wildlife department has teamed up with Fellow Mortals to create a unique program that offers a special look into wildlife rehabilitation! Yvonne, Marty, and Ola will provide guidance on what to do when you find an injured or orphaned animal and discuss the nuanced field of wildlife rehabilitation. You will even get the chance to meet an animal ambassador, with a unique rehabilitation story. Meet at the Visitor Center Auditorium.

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**WHAT'S AN ECLIPSE?**  
1 – 3 p.m.

Richard Bong State Rec Area's volunteer astronomer, Tom Harper, will lead a short program on what eclipses are and how they happen in preparation for the Lunar eclipse on March 14, 2025. After which telescopes will be available to see the Moon and Sun. Meet at Shelter 2, or the Visitor Center in case of inclement weather.

**ASTRONOMY VIEWING**  
6:30–8:30 p.m.

Richard Bong State Rec Area's volunteer astronomer, Tom Harper will bring his telescopes out to Parking Lot F and lead an astronomy viewing program! Stop by to expand your knowledge of the universe and take a peek through some special scopes! Meet at Parking Lot F. This program will be cancelled in the event of inclement weather or over 30% cloud cover.

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

Foxes & Friends! Meet at Shelter 1 with your 3 to 5-year-old and enjoy learning all about canines! Enjoy a story, craft and hike with your Knee High Naturalist! If you have a large group or need special accommodations, please call 262-818-1712.

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**Celebrate Spring Hike**  
1 – 3 p.m.

The spring Equinox is this week—celebrate with a Saturday hike at Richard Bong State Recreation Area! The trail will be determined based on trail conditions, but please dress for the weather and plan for about 2 miles of hiking. Waterproof footwear is recommended. Meet at the Visitor Center.

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**ASTRONOMY VIEWING**  
8 –10 p.m.

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

Earth Day Everyday! Meet at Shelter 1 with your 3 to 5-year-old and enjoy learning all about caring for the Earth! Enjoy a story, craft and hike with your Knee High Naturalist! If you have a large group or need special accommodations, please call 262-818-1712.

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**Breakfast with the Cranes**  
5–7 a.m.

Bring your own beverage, and meet at Parking Lot F and the Observation tower early in the morning to watch the sandhill cranes! Enjoy baked breakfast treats and the sandhill show! Please feel free to bring your own scopes and binoculars! We will also have some for you to borrow!



## 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 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!

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



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## NATURE EDUCATION PROGRAMS

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