

RICHARD BONG STATE RECREATION AREA JUNE 2026 EVENTS

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DNR FREE FUN WEEKEND

BIRDHOUSE PAINTING

10 a.m. – Noon

Unleash your creativity and paint your very own birdhouse! Meet at the picnic tables behind the Visitor Center! There is a \$15 material fee for each birdhouse painted. Cash or card will be accepted at the time of the program. Birdhouses and paint will be provided. All ages are welcome!

ANIMAL AMBASSADOR ENCOUNTER

1 – 2 p.m.

Meet in the Visitor Center Auditorium and learn about the unique reptiles and amphibians that call our Visitor Center home! Get a close look at what makes each animal special, and watch one or more of our animal ambassadors eat!

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FREE FUN HIKE

2 - 4 p.m.

Meet at the Visitor Center parking lot and plan to hike 2-3 miles. Water bottles and bug spray are recommended.

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KNEE HIGH NATURALIST

Around the Pond
10 - 11:30 a.m.

Around the Pond! Bring your 3 to 5 year old and enjoy a morning of child-centered nature exploration! Meet at Shelter 1.

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SHAKESPEARE IN THE PARK

Hamlet
5:30 p.m. Workshop
7 p.m. Show

Join the Summit Players at Richard Bong State Recreation Area's Amphitheatre for their performance of Hamlet. Bring the whole family for an interactive acting workshop at 5:30 p.m. and/or enjoy the show at 7 p.m.

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ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY

9:30–11 a.m.

Join the Bong Volunteer Crew in a spring Adopt a Highway. Be prepared to work along Highway 142. Supplies and reflective vests will be provided. Meet in the Visitor Center Parking Lot.

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NATURE EXPLORE FAMILY CLUB

Your Very Own Story
10–11:30 a.m.

Meet at the picnic tables behind the Visitor Center with your school aged children. Programming includes story times, movement and music, and nature-based art making experiences!

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DNR INVASIVE SPECIES WEEKEND

Saturday, June 20: 10-11:30 a.m.

Invasive Species Pull Hike (meet at the Visitor Center)

Saturday, June 20: 1-2:30 p.m.

Native Seed Scatter Hike (meet behind the Visitor Center)

Sunday, June 21: 9 a.m.– Noon

Invasive Species Removal Workday (meet at the Visitor Center)

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ASTRONOMY AT BONG

9-11 p.m.

Meet at Parking Lot F to uncover the mysteries that light our natural sky each evening, with a local astronomer! Bring your own telescope or binoculars and/or take a peek through one of ours!

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NATURE EXPLORE FAMILY CLUB

A Leaf Shape Adventure
10–11:30 a.m.

Meet at the picnic tables behind the Visitor Center with your school aged children. Programming includes story times, movement and music, and nature-based art making experiences!

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ARE THERE BATS AT BONG?

8:45—9:45 p.m.

Are there Bats at Bong? Find out with a local Bat Ambassador and Master Naturalist, John Davies. Learn about acoustic monitoring techniques and discover these special flying mammals in action! Meet at Happ Playground, in Sunrise

STAY UP TO DATE

FIND THE CALENDER OF EVENTS ONLINE AT:

**BONG
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<https://bongnaturalistassociation.org/>

PARK INFORMATION

Richard Bong State Recreation Area

26313 Burlington Road
Kansasville, WI 53139

Program Information & Accommodations:

Natural Resources Educator: Emily Cole

Emily.Cole@wisconsin.gov

Bong Naturalist Association: Friend's Group

BongNaturalistAssociation@gmail.com

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

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June 2026



NATURE EDUCATION PROGRAMS

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