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PARK INFORMATION

Richard Bong State Recreation Area

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Program Information & Accommodations:

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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.

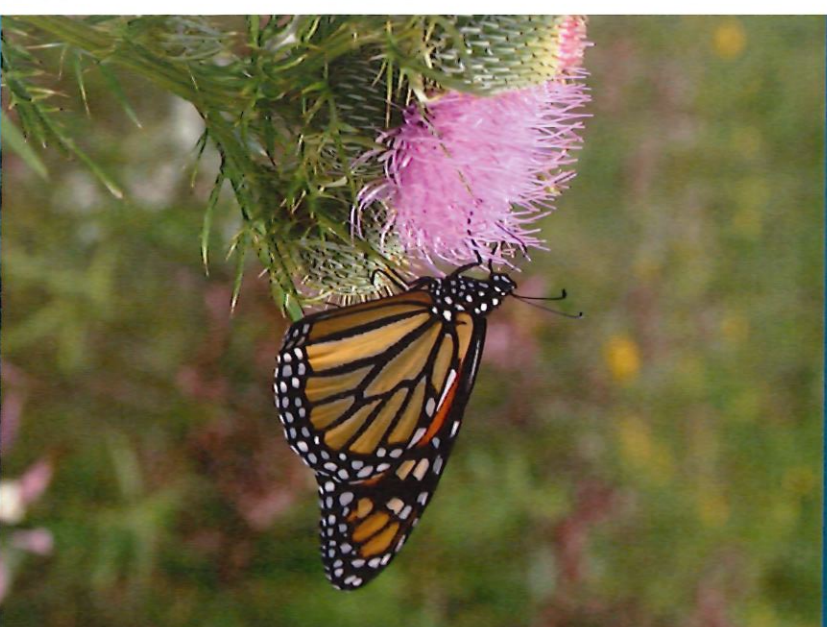
Available Topics

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

RICHARD BONG STATE RECREATION AREA

July 2026



NATURE EDUCATION PROGRAMS

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

RICHARD BONG STATE RECREATION AREA JULY 2026 EVENTS

SAT
JULY
04
WILDLIFE IN NEED

Wildlife Rehab Program & Encounter

1-2 p.m.

Meet at the Visitor Center!

THU
JULY
09
KNEE HIGH NATURALIST
Flutterby & Hungry Caterpillar
10 - 11:30 a.m.

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

THU
JULY
09
NATURE EXPLORE FAMILY CLUB
What can you see in a cloud?
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!

SAT
JULY
11
Sun Print Greeting Card Craft
1-3 p.m.

Learn the art of creating turneric cyanotype sun prints! Meet at the picnic tables behind the Visitor Center. Materials will be provided.

WEDS
JULY
15
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.

THU
JULY
16
NATURE EXPLORE FAMILY CLUB
What is beautiful to you?
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!

FRI
JULY
17
BATS & BULLFROGS
NIGHT HIKE
8:30-9:45 p.m.

Meet at the Visitor Center and join the naturalist for a unique hike through the prairies and wetlands of Richard Bong Rec Area. Listen for the night sounds of insects, bats, and frogs! Please prepare for a night-time hike by bringing a flashlight and wearing close toed shoes and insect protect.

SAT
JULY
18
NATURE JOURNAL & SKETCH
1 - 2:30 p.m.

Take the chance to slow down and observe nature. Record your observations in your own nature. Whether your forte be words or art, you can find the perfect way to capture a unique moment at the park! Meet at the Visitor Center. Bring your own supplies or use some of ours.

SAT
JULY
18
Concert in the Park:
Spiritual Currents by Ryan Meisel
7-8:30 p.m.

Enjoy a magical concert at the park's amphitheater that features native flute music and natural soundscapes recorded in Wisconsin State Parks! Ryan Meisel presents a music and storytelling experience that will capture your attention and help strengthen your connection with nature.

THU
JULY
23
NATURE EXPLORE FAMILY CLUB
Colors in the World!

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!

FRI
JULY
24
Concert in the Park:
Party on the Prairie with Stone Theory
7-9 p.m.

Enjoy a groovy concert in the park amphitheater with Stone Theory—a local rock band that specializes in vintage, blues, and classic rock!

SAT
JULY
25
Are there Bats at Bong?
8:30-9:30 p.m.

Are there Bats at Bong? Find out with a local Bat Ambassador and Master Naturalist, John Davies. Meet at Happ Playground, in Sunrise Campground.

SAT
JULY
25
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!