

ICON KEY – use these icons as a quick reference for programs	
✓	Program has a registration form or requires pre-registration
♿	Program is accessible (indoors, on flat outdoor terrain, etc.). Call for specifics
☀	Program is weather dependent
★	Program is child and/or family friendly

To register for a program, please call (920) 459-3906 or email maywood@sheboyganwi.gov
 For online registration links and printable forms visit <https://gomaywood.org/programs/registration-forms/>
The Ecology Center is closed August 31-September 2 and November 28-December 1

Weather Cancellations: Cancellations will be posted to our website calendar and Facebook as soon as possible. Whenever possible we will email registered participants. Please provide your email and/or phone number when registering for a program.

Scoping the Skies ♿ ☀ ★
Saturday, September 7: 8-10 pm
Saturday, October 12: 6:30-8:30 pm
Saturday, November 2: 6:30-8:30 pm
Free drop-in program
 Join members of Sheboygan Astronomical Society in viewing the fall night sky. Bring your own binoculars and telescopes or use scopes provided by the club. Program meets in the Maywood parking lot and parking lot lights will be turned off for optimal viewing. The Ecology Center is not open during this program. Port-a-potty is available. Cloudy skies will cancel this event.

Nature-based Book Club
At Mead Public Library
 Join Maywood's nature-based book club, in partnership with Mead Public Library, for lively discussion and camaraderie from 10-11 a.m. at Mead Public Library. Books are available up to 30 days before the club meets. To get your copy, go to Mead Public Library, tell them that you are a member of Maywood's book club, and ask to check out the book. All you need is a library card; you can get a library card by showing a form of identification.
Saturday, September 7: *The Death and Life of the Great Lakes* by Dan Egan
Saturday, October 5: *Remarkable Creatures* by Tracy Chevalier
Saturday, November 2: *Endurance: Shackleton's Incredible Voyage* by Alfred Lansing
Saturday, December 7: *Vaster Wilds* by Lauren Groff

September 2024
Fall Family Portrait Mini-Sessions ✓ ♿ ★
Booking opens September 9 at 10am
\$250 per session
 Enjoy a professional photography mini-session in Maywood's beautiful nature setting during peak fall color with photographer Nate Dallesasse. Proceeds benefit the park. Limited timeslots are available October 17, 18, 21 and 22 between 4:00 and 5:30pm. Visit www.gomaywood.org for details and registration links.

Nature at Noon ♿
Tuesday, September 10
Noon – 1pm
Free program, donations appreciated
 Regional environmental organization Lakeshore Natural Resource Partnership will present on the North Point restoration project, the development of Peace Park, and other projects in Sheboygan. Bring your lunch to enjoy during the program. Coffee, tea, water, and a dessert are provided.

Fall Native Plant Sale ✓ ♿
Order deadline Wednesday, September 11
Pick-up Date: Wednesday, September 18: 3:00-6:30pm
 Fall is an excellent time to plant native perennials! A variety of native flowers, grasses, ferns, vines, shrubs, and trees are available for purchase through Johnson's Nursery. Proceeds benefit Maywood. Pre-order only.
 For more information visit <https://www.jniplants.com/online-plant-sales>.

Bus Trip to Horicon Marsh ✓
Thursday, September 12
7:30am-5:30pm
Registration Deadline: August 28
\$105/person; \$97/Maywood Association members
 Immerse yourself in the natural beauty of Horicon Marsh in the early fall. Stops include Horicon National Wildlife Refuge, Blue Heron Landing for a pontoon tour and lunch, Horicon Marsh Education and Visitors Center, and Kelley Country Creamery.

Electric Vehicle Expo ♿ ★
Saturday, September 14
9am-Noon
Free event
 Join Maywood and the City of Sheboygan Sustainable Sheboygan Task Force for the Electric Vehicle (EV) Expo! It will feature a wide array of electric vehicles, including cars, bikes, low speed vehicles, and motorboats on display, and a panel of EV experts will delve into the pros and cons of electric vehicles. To display your EV, email: Sustainability@sheboyganwi.gov

Environmental School – Wisconsin Garden Club Federation ✓
Friday, September 27 and Saturday, September 28
 For more information visit <https://www.wisconsinclub.org/environmental-school.html>

October 2024
Nature at Noon ♿
Tuesday, October 8
Noon – 1 pm
Free program, donations appreciated
 Topic TBA. Bring your lunch to enjoy during the program. Coffee, tea, water, and a dessert are provided.

Annual Benefit Banquet ✓ ♿
Thursday, October 10
5 pm reception, 6:45pm dinner, 7:30pm presenter
\$95/person or \$540/table of six
 We are excited to welcome guest speaker Scott Sillett to this year's event. Scott is a research wildlife biologist and head of the Migratory Bird Center, a research unit of the Smithsonian's National Zoo and Conservation Biology Institute in Washington, DC. The evening will include a reception with cash bar and complimentary appetizers, a delectable dinner, silent auction, and raffles.

Wisconsin Science Festival Self-Guided Nature Hikes ★
Monday, October 14 through Friday, October 18
Open During Park Hours
Free program
 Come enjoy a self-guided nature hike created by Environmental Science students at Warriner High School. You'll explore Maywood's six unique habitats, learn facts about plant and animal species commonly found in the park, and have the opportunity to participate in Wisconsin Science Festival BioBlitz. This is a family-friendly activity that is self-guided. Hike maps and event information will be available online and posted outside the Ecology Center starting October 14. For more info, visit: <https://www.wisconsinfestival.org/events/>.

Glow Hike ★
Saturday, October 19
6:30-9 pm
\$7/person members; \$10/person general public
Registration is not required, but is strongly encouraged.
 Follow colorful luminaries along a ¾ mile trail in Maywood and experience the park in a new light! First 100 registered participants will receive an eco-friendly reusable glow stick. After the hike enjoy glow-in-the-dark games, activities, and music. The event will feature a cosmic glowing beer garden area for adults. Snacks, beverages, and additional glow items will be available for sale at the event. Dress for the weather. In case of severe weather or extreme cold, the event will be modified to take place indoors.

OWLS (Older Wiser Livelier Scholars)

Free to Maywood Association Members; \$5 general public

OWLS meets from 10am-Noon at Maywood or the offsite location indicated for the program. Participants should dress for the weather and bring a water bottle. Additional details for each program are provided in weekly email or upon registration. To be added to the OWLS email list, please contact us at maywood@sheboyganwi.gov. Pre-registration by the Thursday prior to the program is required.

September 6: OWLS Show and Tell at Maywood. Bring your favorite nature gear to Maywood to share with other participants.

September 13: OFFSITE-Friends Fishing Pond at Kohler Andrae State Park.

September 20: Ponder the Prairie at Maywood. Enjoy a relaxing walk around the prairie and learn about the ecological benefits that prairies provide.

September 27: OFFSITE Bur Oak Property. Explore the treasured Bur Oak property and see for yourself why this beautiful, undisturbed 35-acre parcel of land has been held under a permanent conservation easement. Wear footwear that can get muddy.

October 4: OFFSITE: Amsterdam Dunes Preservation Area: Explore rare sand dunes, forest and wetlands of various types, bluffs, farmland, streams and diverse plants and wildlife. Wear footwear that can get muddy.

October 11: OFFSITE: Rhine Center Bog State Natural Area: includes forest hike and time exploring the bog. Wear clothing and footwear that can get muddy.

October 18: Wisconsin Science Festival at Maywood. Environmental Science students at Warriner High School have class at Maywood each week, and they are creating a self-guided nature hike as a part of the Wisconsin Science Festival BioBlitz. OWLS will have the opportunity to explore and build upon the components of Maywood that the students have highlighted on this tour.

October 25: OFFSITE: Huiras Lake State Natural Area. Explore one of the most pristine wetlands in southeastern Wisconsin, featuring a dry-mesic forest, mixed conifer and hardwood swamp, and a relict kettle bog. Wear footwear that can get muddy.

November 1: Back 40 at Maywood. Explore some of the lesser known areas of Maywood that are off the beaten path.

November 8: OFFSITE: LTC Old Growth Forest. Explore a small remnant of old-growth northern mesic forest on the Cleveland campus of Lakeshore Technical College.

November 15: Misunderstood at Maywood. Explore and acknowledge the value of animals and organisms that are often misinterpreted or misunderstood.

November 22: OFFSITE: Walla Hi County Park. Enjoy a hike that winds through the beautiful kettle moraine landscape while traversing through a great diversity of environments, varying from heavily wooded areas to large open expanses.

November 2024

Snowshoe Making Workshop: Two Sessions ✓ 📍

Saturday, November 9, 9 am-Noon and Sunday, November 10, Noon-3 pm

\$185 for members/\$200 for non-members

Includes wooden frames, tubular nylon lacing, bindings, sealant, and both workshop sessions

Registration Deadline October 1, Pre-registration required

Join teacher and board member Laurie Hylen as she leads participants in creating their own unique pair of snowshoes. We will be following the Ojibwe style of snowshoes which are long and narrow, with both a tail and a pointed, up-turned toe. Sessions will include instruction time and lacing your shoes. Sealing and bindings will be set-up on your own at home. Recommended for ages 14 and up. Children under 14 should work together on one pair with a supervising adult.

Nature at Noon 📍

Tuesday, November 12

Noon – 1 pm

Free program, donations appreciated

Brody Stapel, Board President of Sheboygan River Progressive Farmers (SRPF), presents remarkable impacts of farmers helping farmers increase sustainability and profitably across the Sheboygan River Basin. Bring your lunch to enjoy during the program. Coffee, tea, water, and a dessert are provided.

Pints for the Park Fundraiser at 3 Sheeps Brewing Taproom 📍 ★

Sunday, November 17

11am-4pm

Join us at 3 Sheeps Brewing Taproom for beverages, games, and raffles in support of Maywood! We're going on a bear hunt, with bears hidden around the taproom and a Packers vs. Bears viewing party. The event will feature family-friendly forest and nature-themed activities and exciting surprises in store for all ages. Maywood will receive a \$1 donation for every Wisconsin pint purchased in November. Stop by to have a great time and show your support!

Wreath Making Workshop ✓ 📍

Saturday, November 23

8:30am-Noon

Cost per Wreath: \$24 for members/\$28 for non-members

Registration Deadline November 11

Members of Lake Shore Garden Club will guide you in creating a one-of-a-kind wreath from selecting and bundling evergreens to adding finishing touches. Participants are welcome to bring their own decorations or select from the materials provided. Recommended for ages 14 and up. Children under 14 should work together on one wreath with a supervising adult.

Pretty Porch Pot Workshop ✓ 📍

Saturday, November 23

1:30-4pm

Cost per pot: \$24 for members/\$28 for non-members

Registration Deadline November 11

Members of the Lake Shore Garden Club will guide you in designing a porch pot arrangement with evergreen branches, birch sticks, pinecones, willow sticks, and other dried materials, and then decorations to make a decorative porch pot that fits your style and décor. Participants are welcome to bring their own decorations or select from the materials provided. Special décor items will be available for cash purchase at a small cost. Recommended for ages 14 and up. Children under 14 should work together on one arrangement with a supervising adult.

SAVE THE DATE!

Wishing for Winter ★

Saturday, December 7

2-7 pm

Free for members/\$5 for general public

Welcome the winter season at Maywood with crisp winter hikes, toasty s'mores around the campfire, cozy story time, nature crafts, and more. Advanced tickets available in early November at the Ecology Center desk with cash or check, or purchase online with credit/debit card. Tickets also are available at the door with cash or check only. Members may simply check in at the registration table when arriving.

Fall Yoga at Maywood

All sessions are held 5:30-6:30 pm. Part of the practice will be outdoors for activities like hiking, meditation, and mindful photography. Please consider dressing for the weather. Participants should bring a yoga mat, two blocks, a strap, a blanket, and a cell phone or other device for photos.

September Session: Wednesdays, September 4, 11 and 25

\$30 if registered by August 16; \$36 if registering after August 16

Registration Deadline: August 28

Unwinding from Summer: As we transition from one season to another, we'll slow down our practice to include longer held poses focused on feeling grounded.

October Session: Wednesdays, October 9, 16, 23 and 30

\$40 if registered by September 18; \$48 if registering after September 18

Registration Deadline: October 2

Welcoming Fall: Some say fall is the most stunning season to observe. Our practice through this season will incorporate slow, rhythmic movements to promote feeling calm, stable, and warm.

November Session: Wednesdays, November 6, 13 and 20

\$30 if registered by October 16; \$36 if registering after October 16

Registration Deadline: October 30

Gathering Inward: As cool weather arrives, our exploration of the park may be more brief with mindful outdoor activities. Our practice will prepare our bodies for meditation and finding stillness.

iRest® Yoga Nidra Meditation

Mondays, October 28 and November 18

5:30-6:15pm

\$20 for the series; \$12/class drop-in as space allows

Registration deadline for series: October 14

iRest is a meditation practice based on the ancient tradition of yoga nidra, adapted for the modern life. It can be practiced by anyone, regardless of physical ability or experience with meditation. When practiced regularly, iRest enables you to meet each moment of your life with peace and well-being. This practice can be done while sitting in a chair or lying on the floor. Bringing a yoga mat, blanket, towel or small pillow, and eye covering could make the experience more enjoyable but is not necessary. Barbara Holt is a registered yoga teacher with Yoga Alliance (RYT-200) with over a decade of experience teaching yoga and meditation in a variety of settings. Barbara is an iRest Level 2 teacher. To learn more about the benefits of iRest, please visit www.irest.org.

Holiday Yoga

Wednesday, December 4

5:30-7pm

Free to participants who participated in a 2024 Maywood yoga class; \$15 general public

Registration Deadline: Wednesday, November 6

Being present is the present. Allow yourself to be guided through a gentle yoga practice, followed by a yoga nidra meditation. Please bring a bed pillow, two blankets, eye covering (like a washcloth), strap, and two blocks.