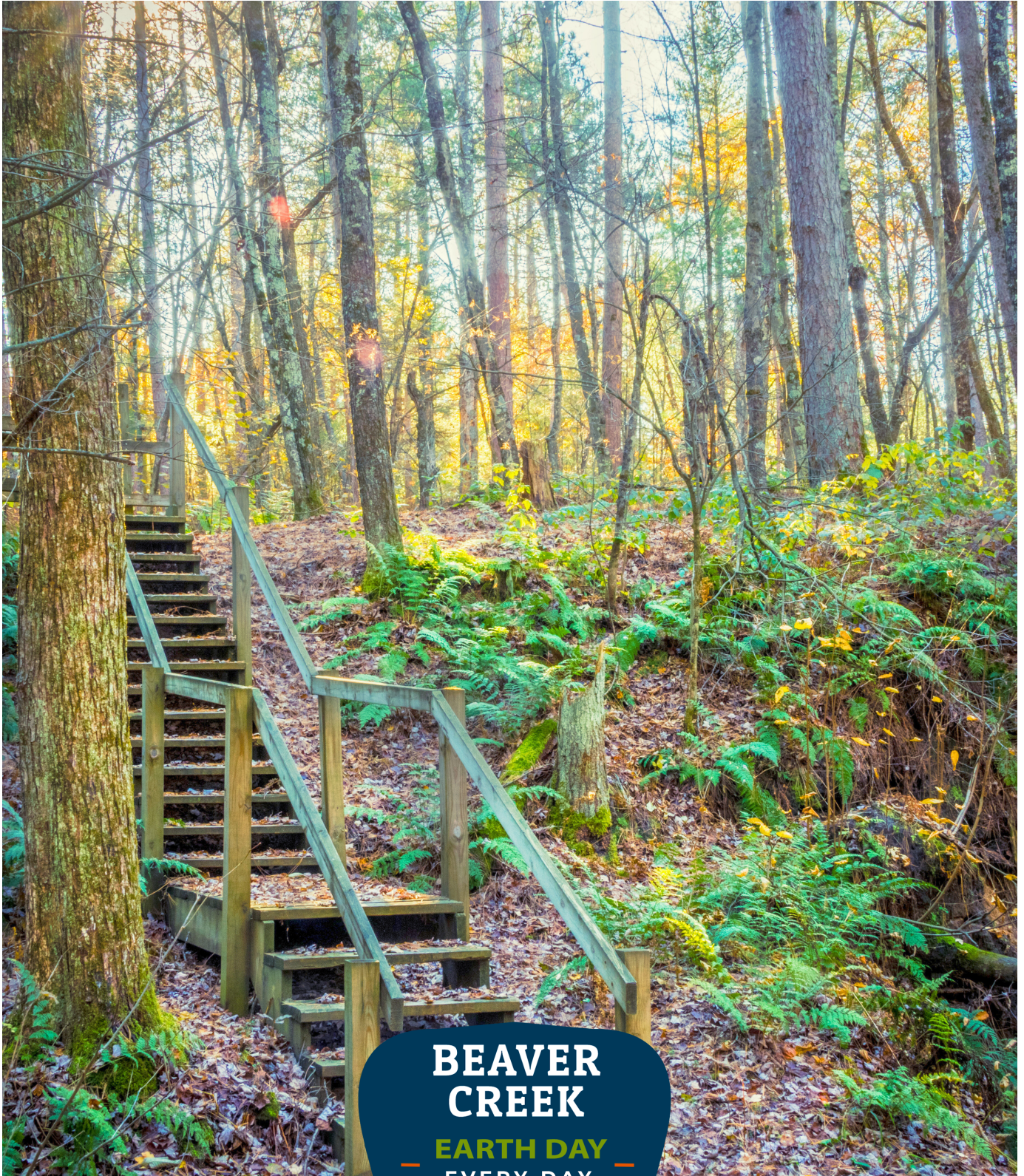


# EARTH DAY EVERY DAY



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Sustainable Initiatives

# WAYS YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE



It's easy to hop in your own car and travel from place to place without thinking another thought about your impact on the environment... **Did you know that buses use 8.7% less energy per passenger mile than a typical automobile?**

Consider taking public transportation. This is accessible to many people living in the Eau Claire area. Calculate your gas savings here-

<https://www.publictransportation.org/tools-calculators/fuel-savings-calculator/>

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**Reduce your waste by using eco-friendly products.** This includes paper/metal straws, compostable toiletry products, cloth napkins, bringing your own to-go containers or washable cutlery: refusing styrofoam containers and plastic silverware.

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Plastic bags and wraps typically do not get recycled in curbside bins. Find a drop off location near you! **Check out plastic recycling tips here-**

<https://plasticmakers.org/9-simple-tips-to-recycle-more-plastic/>

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**Another way you can reduce waste is by using cloth/reusable bags when shopping.** This includes bags for your fruits & veggies!



**Get outside!** Beaver Creek has over 9 miles of hiking trails! For more information, visit-

<https://www.beavercreekreserve.org/explore/trail-maps/>

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## DID YOU KNOW?

- If everyone carpooled with just one person, you could save a total of \$17.5 billion annually.
- Driving your car 20,800 miles a year emits 23,600 lbs of CO<sub>2</sub>.
- Over 80% of items buried in landfills could be recycled instead.
- LED lights use 5x less energy compared to the standard halogen lightbulb.

# WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH

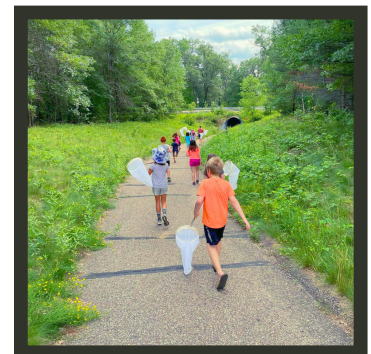
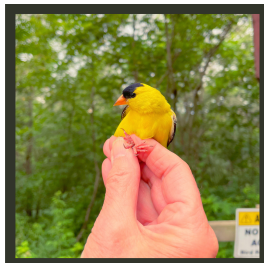


This year, there are a variety of Earth Day-related events going on in the Chippewa Valley. Whether it's getting outside and participating in a guided hike, or learning pollinator gardens, do what you can to get outside and learn this Earth Day!

## APRIL

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 • Weekly Bird Banding	3	4	5	6 • The Voyagers of Beaver Creek • Pine Needle Weaving
7	8	9 • Weekly Bird Banding • Lakes & Rivers Series Part 5	10	11	12 • Spring Volunteer Appreciation Social	13 • Midwest Crane Count • Spring Phenology Hike • Changes in the Land
14 • Natural Paints Workshop • Spring Nature Journal Part 1	15 • Family Nature Club: Sustainability!	16 • Weekly Bird Banding • Adult Wildflower Phenology Hike • Little Explorers: Nature Sounds	17 • Preparing for your Pollinators	18 • Evening Frog Walk	19	20 • Earth Extravaganza & Bird Bander Thrift Sale • Why Do We Do Radio Astronomy
21	22 • <b>Earth Day!</b> • Seed Starting for Kids • Butterfly 101: Common Butterflies of the Chippewa Valley	23 • Weekly Bird Banding • Beetles & Biocontrol	24 • Warbler Wednesday-Migration Bird Hikes	25 • Mornings at the Feeder • Earth Week Open House at Brewing Projekt	26	27 • Foraging for Wild Edibles
28	29 • Butterfly 102: Identifying WI Native & Host Plants	30 • Weekly Bird Banding • Adult Wildflower/Phenology Hike				

To sign up for any of our events visit- [www.beavercreekreserve.org/events/calendar/](http://www.beavercreekreserve.org/events/calendar/)



# HELPING CREATURES



## BIG & SMALL



Something easy you can do to help pollinators is **designate a piece of your lawn to a pollinator garden**. Many pollinators, such as bees and butterflies, overwinter in the ground and in gardens, so mowing early could result in their population decline. Early emerging pollinators rely on grasses and other flowers to be available to them as an energy resource. They need this energy to pollinate your gardens, which will allow for a richer diversity of flora and other pollinators on your property.

Check this article out for more information- <https://www.gbbg.org/no-mow-may-benefits-pollinators-bees/>

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**Build a wildlife house** for nesting birds, bats, bees & insects, owls & kestrels. Learn more- <https://empressofdirt.net/wildlife-houses/>

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**Help track our migrating species and do your own bird count!** Record what birds you see or hear and submit them to eBird. Don't have an account? Make one today on their website! Learn more- <https://ebird.org/home>



Beaver Creek 's Butterfly House is full of native host plants and pollinator-friendly plants for Wisconsin butterflies. **Be one with the butterflies and visit July 5-Sunday of Labor Day weekend.**

For more info- <https://www.beavercreekreserve.org/learn/butterfly-house/>

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## DID YOU KNOW?

- Monarch butterflies can travel between 50-100 miles per day.
- A female Monarch will lay up to 300 eggs
- Monarch butterflies migrate 3,000 miles to Mexico for the winter



# ALL ABOUT PLANTS

**Plant native plants!** Planting native plants helps grow our pollinator populations. Native plants also have other great environmental benefits such as erosion control and water retention. To learn more about native plants, please visit-

<https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/endangeredresources/pollinators.html>

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**Plant more trees throughout the Chippewa Valley!** Pick up a tree at the Wise Nature Center during Beaver Creek Reserve's Earth Day Walk. Limited quantities available. Trees provided by Paint Creek Nursery.

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**Remove invasive plant species** by pulling them from the ground (root and all) and putting them in a trash bag or plastic grocery bag. Seal the bag and label it "invasive species" so you can dispose of them in your home garbage bin!

**List of invasive species-**

<https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/Invasives>



Every year, we host our Native Plant Sale that supports our native plant gardens and Butterfly House. Funds raised from the sale helps support our native pollinator awareness and education.

**Our online store opens May 1!** Order pick-up will be at the Wise Nature Center May 10 & 11.

Order native plants through us- <https://www.beavercreekreserve.org/events/native-plant-sale/>



# EARTH WEEK EVENTS

April 15-22, 2024

Looking for an excuse to meet other eco-champions and grab a beverage? **Go to The Brewing Projekt on April 25 from 4:00-8:00 PM** to learn about the Chippewa Valley's sustainable resources.

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Be sure to participate in **Beaver Creek's Earth Week Photo Contest!** Take photos of you enjoying the outdoors with the hashtag **#bcrearthweek**, share your photos with us on Facebook or through our website. Raffle prizes will be awarded to the photos with the most likes!

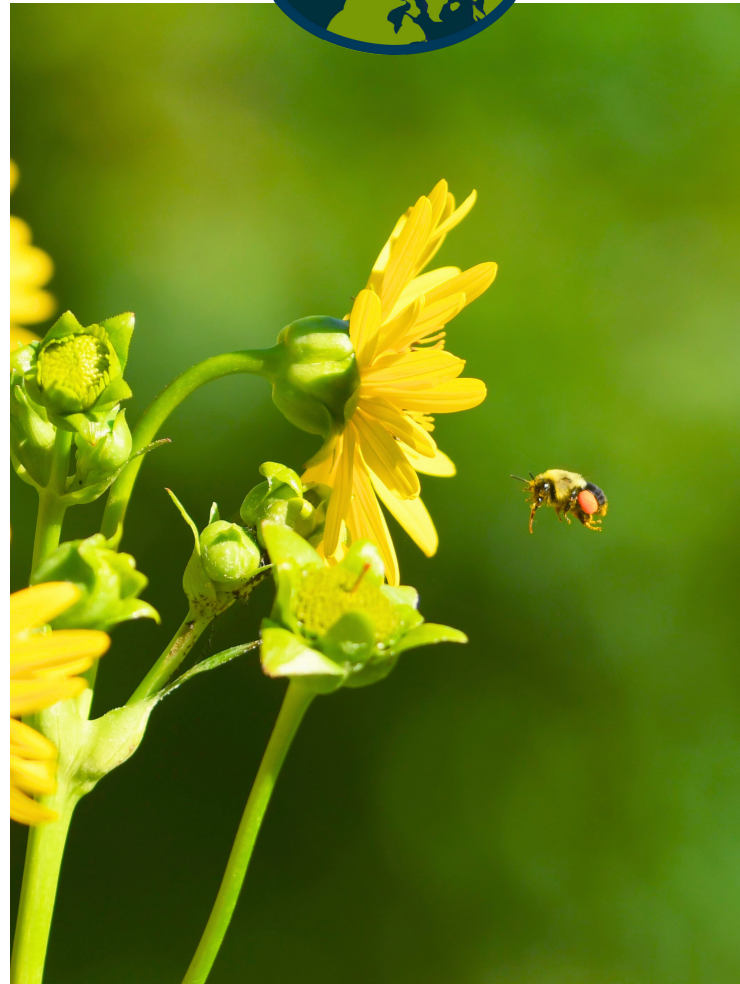
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Visit Beaver Creek for our **Earth Extravaganza & Bird Banders Thrift Sale** on Saturday, April 20. Search through items at our thrift sale, build a bluebird box and more!

Register here-  
<https://beavercreekreserve.doubleknot.com/event/earth-extravaganza-bird-bander-thrift-sale/3039888>

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Head to the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire and check out their **"Earth Claire" event hosted on Earth Day, April 22!** Play games and sit outside while learning about sustainability! *\*If weather permits, the event will be held indoors.*



**Do you love nature and spending time outside?** Check out our membership options for discounted prices on events/programs, **FREE** admission, and more perks! All membership proceeds go towards daily operations, programs, facility updates, and more!

**Find a Beaver Creek membership that works best for you-**  
<https://www.beavercreekreserve.org/support/membership/>

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