

# Beaver Creek Reserve's 2022 Earth Week Challenge

Each task is worth 1 point. However, attending the Pollinator Run/Walk is worth 5 points!

Challenge Tasks	Event Dates	Links & Descriptions
<b>Support All Creatures Big or Small</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Participate in Beaver Creek Reserve's Pollinator Run/Walk	Saturday, April 23 <sup>rd</sup> @ 2pm	<p><b>Worth 5 points!!</b></p> <p>Beaver Creek Reserve's Pollinator Run/Walk brings awareness to native plants and their pollinators. Participants will plant &amp; spread native plant seeds around the Reserve as a way to increase diversity and pollinator habitats at Beaver Creek.</p> <p><b>Register by April 22<sup>nd</sup></b></p> <p>Registration here: <a href="https://beavercreekreserve.doubleknot.com/event/pollinator-runwalk/2894700">https://beavercreekreserve.doubleknot.com/event/pollinator-runwalk/2894700</a> "</p>
<input type="checkbox"/> Designate part of your yard to a pollinator garden		<p>Many pollinators, such as bees and butterflies, overwinter in the ground and in gardens so mowing early could result in their population decline. For early emerging pollinators, they rely on grasses and other flowers to be available to them as an energy resource. They need this energy to pollinate your gardens, and in turn will allow for a richer diversity of flora and other pollinators on your property.</p> <p><a href="#">No Mow May: 3 Ways it Benefits your Landscape and Pollinators</a></p>
<input type="checkbox"/> Do your own bird count or go for a bird hike		<p>Help track out migrating species and do your own bird count! Record what birds you see or hear and submit them to <a href="#">eBird</a>. Don't have an account? Make one today on their website!</p>
<input type="checkbox"/> Build a Wildlife House		<p>Build a Wildlife House for nesting birds, bats, bees &amp; insects, owls &amp; kestrels. Link for more information: <a href="https://empressof dirt.net/wildlife-houses/">https://empressof dirt.net/wildlife-houses/</a></p> <p><a href="#">Beaver Creek Reserve's Bird House Instructions</a>, <a href="#">Bat House Instructions</a></p>
<b>Get Inspired or Inspire Others</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Attend Beaver Creek Reserve's virtual program "Sustainable Living for Dummies"	Monday, April 18 <sup>th</sup> @ 1-2pm	<p>Ever wonder what ways you can help the earth and live more sustainably around the house but have no idea where to begin? This beginner's online program for sustainable living will go through the ins and outs of switching to a more eco-friendly lifestyle. We will dive into various small scale changes around to house to large scale lifestyle changes such as homesteading. This program is <u>free</u> to attend, must register ahead of time to receive the program link.</p> <p><b>Register by April 17<sup>th</sup></b></p>

		<p>Registration here:  <a href="https://beavercreekreserve.doubleknot.com/event/sustainable-living-for-dummies/2887390">https://beavercreekreserve.doubleknot.com/event/sustainable-living-for-dummies/2887390</a></p>
<input type="checkbox"/> Attend the grand opening for the new Student Office Of Sustainability Center	<p>April 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 9:30am-10:30am</p>	<p>Ribbon cutting ceremony starts at 10am.</p> <p>Located at the SSRC, room 105 in Davies Student Center at UWEC.</p> <p>For more Information on UW-Eau Claire’s Green Week plans see link:  <a href="https://www.uwec.edu/risk-management-safety/sustainability/greenweek/">https://www.uwec.edu/risk-management-safety/sustainability/greenweek/</a></p>
<input type="checkbox"/> Attend UWEC’s Earth Claire Event	<p>Monday, April 18<sup>th</sup> @ 11am-3pm</p>	<p>Located in the UW-Eau Claire Campus Mall</p> <p>This event will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local sustainable businesses tabling with information about their businesses</li> <li>• Soles4Souls kickoff <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Drop off gently used shoes for reuse/recycling/ ‘turning into energy’. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Drop off shoes at the event; Permanent drop off location in McIntyre Library</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Soles4Souls does last until May 20 with the permanent drop off location in the McIntyre Library</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Clothing Swap/Drive Distribution</li> </ul> <p>For more Information on UW-Eau Claire’s Green Week plans see link:  <a href="https://www.uwec.edu/risk-management-safety/sustainability/greenweek/">https://www.uwec.edu/risk-management-safety/sustainability/greenweek/</a></p>
<p><b>Be Part of the Solution</b></p>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Attend Beaver Creek Reserve’s Virtual program, “Invaders in 15: Eurasian Water Milfoil”	<p>Wednesday April 20<sup>th</sup> @ 10am-10:15am</p>	<p>Join us for this flash webinar series on invasive species! The Invaders in 15 webinars will spotlight one local invasive species in a flash presentation that includes the history, biology, and ecological impact of the featured species. This program is <u>free</u> to attend, must register ahead of time to receive the program link.</p> <p><b>Register by April 19<sup>th</sup></b></p> <p>Register here: <a href="https://beavercreekreserve.doubleknot.com/event/invaders-in-15-eurasian-water-milfoil/2875525">https://beavercreekreserve.doubleknot.com/event/invaders-in-15-eurasian-water-milfoil/2875525</a></p>
<input type="checkbox"/> Participate in the Amazing Earth Day Clean Up	<p>Saturday April 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 9am</p>	<p>If you participate in the Eau Claire Amazing Clean Up, you can get a point towards the challenge! Registration ended April 15, but check in with Julie Booth at <a href="mailto:julie.booth@eauclairewi.gov">julie.booth@eauclairewi.gov</a> to see if there's still room to sign up. More information:  <a href="https://www.eauclairewi.gov/Home/Components/Calendar/Event/13120/">https://www.eauclairewi.gov/Home/Components/Calendar/Event/13120/</a></p>

<input type="checkbox"/> Purchase a native plant from Beaver Creek Reserve's Native Plant Sale	April 20 <sup>th</sup> - May 4 <sup>th</sup>	<p>The online store opens Wednesday, April 20 and closes May 4. Link to Plant Sale page: <a href="https://www.beavercreekreserve.org/events/native-plant-sale/">https://www.beavercreekreserve.org/events/native-plant-sale/</a></p> <p>Check out this link to learn more about the value in planting native pollinator plants! <a href="#">Saving Wisconsin's Native Pollinators</a></p>
<input type="checkbox"/> Take the City Of Eau Claire's Climate Action and Resilience Community (CARP) Input Survey		<p>Link to survey: <a href="#">Form Builder List View   Eau Claire County (eau-claire.wi.us)</a></p>
<input type="checkbox"/> Plant a tree		<p>Plant more trees throughout the Chippewa Valley! Pick up a tree at the Wise Nature Center during Beaver Creek Reserve's open hours, or trees will be available at the Pollinator Run/Walk. Limited quantities available. Trees provided by Paint Creek Nursery.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/> Remove 1 bag of invasive plant species from your property		<p>Remove invasive plant species by pulling them from the ground (root and all) and putting them in a trash bag. Seal the bag and label it "invasive species" so you can dispose of them in your garbage bin!</p> <p><a href="#">List of Invasive Species</a></p>
<b>Turn It Off and Opt Outside</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Attend Beaver Creek Reserve's Adult Phenology Hike (for folks ages 50 & up)	Wednesday April 20 <sup>th</sup> @ 9:30am-11am	<p>Join BCR Naturalist Jim Schwiebert for a hike to document the seasonal changes and flowers blooming along the Reserve's trails. The hikes will last an hour to an hour and a half. This program is geared for adults 50 and older. Hikers should expect about a mile long hike with uneven terrain and stairs to negotiate. Come join the fun! Held at Beaver Creek Reserve.</p> <p><b>Register by April 19<sup>th</sup></b></p> <p>Register here: <a href="https://beavercreekreserve.doubleknot.com/event/adult-phenology-hike/2887393">https://beavercreekreserve.doubleknot.com/event/adult-phenology-hike/2887393</a></p>
<input type="checkbox"/> Visit an Eau Claire county park ( <i>free during Earth Week</i> )	April 18 <sup>th</sup> - April 24 <sup>th</sup>	<p><a href="#">List of Eau Claire's Local County Parks</a> (All Eau Claire Parks are <b>free</b> only during earth week: April 18<sup>th</sup>-April 24<sup>th</sup>)</p>
<input type="checkbox"/> Take a hike at Beaver Creek Reserve ( <i>free during Earth Week</i> )	April 18 <sup>th</sup> - April 24 <sup>th</sup>	<p><a href="#">Link to Beaver Creek Reserve's trail maps</a></p>

## Can You Reuse or Re-Purpose It

<input type="checkbox"/> Stop by the Administrative Office of Sustainability's Reusable Bag Table Event	April 21 <sup>st</sup> , @ 11am-1pm	<p>Located in UWEC's Davies Building. Simply stop by and pick up reusable sandwich bags that will be handed out!</p> <p>For more Information on UW-Eau Claire's Green Week plans see link: <a href="https://www.uwec.edu/risk-management-safety/sustainability/greenweek/">https://www.uwec.edu/risk-management-safety/sustainability/greenweek/</a></p>
<input type="checkbox"/> Attend Beaver Creek Reserve's Spring Thrift Sale	April 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 2022 @ 8:30am-1pm	<p>Support our bird banders and education department while shopping this nature-themed thrift sale! Shop new or gently used items! All items are nature-themed. You may find jewelry, decorations, books, taxidermy, artwork, clothing, and more! We take cash, check, and card! No registration necessary.</p> <p>Items you may see at the Spring Thrift Sale:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Artwork</li> <li>• Clothing</li> <li>• Recreation Equipment (kayaks, paddles, etc)</li> <li>• Jewelry</li> <li>• Books</li> <li>• Decorations</li> <li>• Everything is nature-themed!</li> </ul> <p>Thrifting keeps clothing &amp; items out of landfills. When clothes are stuck in landfills, they contribute to methane gas emissions. While thrifting, you can find really unique items!</p> <p>Learn more: <a href="https://beavercreekreserve.doubleknot.com/event/spring-thrift-sale/2875548">https://beavercreekreserve.doubleknot.com/event/spring-thrift-sale/2875548</a></p>
<input type="checkbox"/> Donate to Beaver Creek Reserve's Spring Thrift Sale	April 16 <sup>th</sup> - April 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<p>We are taking donations up until Friday, April 22. Donations can be dropped off at the Wise Nature Center during our open hours (9-4pm Mon-Sat, and 12-4pm on Sun). We take anything new or gently-used, and must be nature-themed. Please see the list above for further reference.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/> Donate to UW- Eau Claire's Soles4Souls	April 18 <sup>th</sup> - May 20 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Soles4Souls kickoff is at UW-Eau Claire's Earth Claire Event located in the Campus Mall @11am-3pm           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Drop off gently used shoes for reuse/recycling/ 'turning into energy'.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Drop off shoes at the event; Permanent drop off location in McIntyre Library</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Soles4Souls does last until May 20<sup>th</sup> with the permanent drop off location in the McIntyre Library</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>For more Information on UW-Eau Claire's Green Week plans see link: <a href="https://www.uwec.edu/risk-management-safety/sustainability/greenweek/">https://www.uwec.edu/risk-management-safety/sustainability/greenweek/</a></p>

<input type="checkbox"/> Recycle plastic bags at local drop offs in Eau Claire		Plastic bags and wraps typically do not get recycled in curbside bins. Find a drop off location near you! <a href="#">Plastic Film Recycling Drop Off Locations</a>
<b>Getting From Here to There</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Use public transportation on Earth Day– i.e. city bus <i>**Free on Earth Day</i>	April 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Buses use 8.7% less energy per passenger mile than a typical automobile Calculate your gas savings: <a href="#">Public Transportation Calculator</a>
<input type="checkbox"/> Walk and/or bike to school, work, or other errands		Calculate your gas savings: <a href="#">Public Transportation Calculator</a>
<b>Reducing the Amount You Leave Behind</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Switch to eco-friendly products		Reduce your waste by using eco-friendly products. Includes paper/metal straws, compostable toiletry products, cloth napkins, bring your own to-go containers or washable cutlery: refuse Styrofoam containers and plastic silverware
<input type="checkbox"/> Switch to reusable grocery bags		Use cloth/reusable bags when shopping. This includes bags for your fruits & veggies!
<input type="checkbox"/> Make your own compost bin/pile		Food scraps and yard waste currently make up more than 28 percent of what we throw away, and should be composted instead.  <a href="#">DIY Compost Bins</a>
<input type="checkbox"/> Create an indoor greenhouse/garden		Build your own indoor greenhouse/garden, or make a container garden!  <a href="#">Indoor Greenhouse Options</a>
<input type="checkbox"/> Visit any local, county, or state park and pick up garbage on the trails		No matter where you are, there will always be litter! Be a “litter-bit friendly” and help by picking up trash. Don’t forget to bring a trash bag with you and gloves!
<b>Stay Local</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Shop at a green business		<a href="#">List of Green Businesses</a>

