

TREASURES OF OZ

Discover and explore Ozaukee County's natural treasures on July 24th ending at Forest Beach Migratory Preserve for a free, family-friendly celebration.

Everyone knows Ozaukee County is rich in natural sites and resources, but most people have seen only a few of these up close. This day will change that with a wonderful celebration that invites everyone to come and discover what lies beyond.

Treasures will provide great opportunities for photos, birding, biking and geocaching as well as hiking, taking in the fresh air and getting a little smarter. The adventure ends for the day with food, music, a silent auction and a chance to win prizes.

This is how it works:

1. Participants will visit selected treasure sites around the county from 9:00 a.m. until 3 p.m.-using a map they can download at www.treasuresofoz.org. and a passport, also downloaded from the website. The Interurban Trail is a great resource for biking to various sites and the trail map and suggested site routes will be available on the website.
2. Each site will have docents and volunteers to offer information about the site and its theme. Passports will be stamped at each site and the passports can be exchanged at the final event site for raffle tickets. Bicycle riders can get an additional stamp near the new trail bridge over I-43 or at Forest Beach. This stamp is worth additional raffle tickets.
3. The Treasures celebration will take place at Forest Beach Migratory Preserve from 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. There will be informational tables from partner organizations, sponsors and more. There will be a silent auction (1:00 - 4:00) to benefit OWLT and the Interurban Bridge and/ or to provide start up funds for Treasures for next year. There will be bluegrass and rock 'n roll music by String-a-Long and local vendors will have food available. The raffle will take place at 4:00.

2010 Treasure Sites and Themes

1. Mequon Nature Preserve - wetland restoration, green building
2. Highland Woods - Invasive Plants
3. Bratt Woods - Watersheds/ Milwaukee River

4. Lion's Den Gorge - Lake Michigan Migratory Flyway, Bluff protection
5. Cedarburg Bog - what's in a bog
6. Riveredge Nature Center - Prairies
7. Huiras Lake - Working Lands Preservation, Huiras Lake Natural Area
8. Forest Beach Migratory Preserve - Lake Michigan Migratory Flyway, birding, bird habitat
9. Harrington Beach State Park
10. Interurban Bike Trail Bridge- clean energy transportation, outdoor recreation (Stamp only Site)

Treasures of Oz is brought to you thus far through this growing partnership of organizations:

1. Ozaukee - Washington Land Trust
 2. Ozaukee County Parks and Planning
 3. City of Mequon Parks
 4. Riveredge Nature Center
 5. Cedarburg Bog, UW Field Station, Friends of the Bog, WDNR
 6. Harrington Beach State Park, Friends of Harrington Beach, WDNR
 9. North Branch Heritage Project - WDNR
 10. Ozaukee County Interurban Trail
 11. Ulao Creek Partnership
 12. The Land Conservation Partnership of Ozaukee County
 13. MATC Environmental Health
 14. Ozaukee Community Awareness Forum (OCAF)