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Devil's Lake

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The Centerpiece of Devil's Lake State Park is 360-Acre Devil's Lake Formed During the Last Glacial Retreat

Like many of the most famous natural features of Wisconsin, Devil's Lake and the surrounding area is the result of glacial activity. The bluffs surrounding Devil's Lake are part of the Baraboo Hills, an oval-shaped range stretching 25 miles wide and 10 miles long, centered around Baraboo.

In prehistoric times, the hills were part of a massive mountain range and through millions of years, have been weathered by the effects of erosion. Today, the remaining rocks – mostly Baraboo Quartzite – are among the oldest exposed rocks in North America at approximately 1.8 million years old.

Geologists aren't exactly sure how the lake was created, but the most popular theory is that the ancient Wisconsin River at one time flowed through the Baraboo gorge and was eventually blocked by glaciers, which pushed their way into the area from the north and east.

The glaciers' halt left two large terminal moraines along the north and south ends of the park, trapping the river, geologists say, between the bluffs and creating what we today know as Devil's Lake, a 360-acre spring-fed body of water that has been captivating visitors for generations. According to Tim Heggland, a historic preservation consultant who compiled historical documents and organized the registry application on behalf of the park, the area was likely first called Spirit Lake or Holy Lake by the native Ho-Chunk people, but it's not quite as catchy or exciting as Devil's Lake.

Today, Devil's Lake is the centerpiece of Wisconsin's largest and most popular state park, encompassing approximately 10,000 acres surrounding the endorheic** lake and attracting approximately 1.8 million visitors per year.

The area had long been a popular destination for tourists, even before the state established it as an official park – and long before the upper Midwest was visited by the first European explorers.

Evidence suggests that prehistoric people used portions of the area for shelters nearly 10,000 years ago with mound-building Native Americans arriving about 1,000 years ago. A number of effigy mounds remain in the park today.

The first non-Native American to visit the park is believed to be John De La Ronde in 1832, and naturalist, Increase Lapham, who noted "a large body of broken fragments have accumulated along the edge of the water" in 1849.

The first hotels and resorts began appearing on the property in the 1860s and Devil's Lake became even more

***endorheic - of or relating to interior drainage basins; having no outflow of water*

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popular when the first rail line was completed in 1873. Those early resorts catered to the upper class, who arrived by train from Chicago, Milwaukee and Minneapolis. That's when things really took off. As the 19th century came to a close, the first calls for preservation went up amongst locals who watched as the growing crowds started to threaten the area's natural beauty.

Ultimately, a push from the local community in about 1903 and years of political maneuvering, Devil's Lake officially became a State Park in 1911. Less than 10 years later, annual attendance surpassed the 100,000 mark and by 1924, more than 200,000 people were visiting each year. After the Great Depression attendance surpassed one million, and the park needed to make some changes to accommodate the number of visitors.

As part of Franklin Delano Roosevelt's New Deal, a Civilian Conservation Corps camp was established at the park and from 1934-1941, approximately 200 men helped to build

trails, buildings and other park facilities, many of which are still used today. The walls one sees when driving into the park were also created by them.

The park's popularity has a lot to do with the wide range of activities available to visitors. Along with swimming, camping and canoeing, there are roughly 30 miles of hiking or bike trails ranging in difficulty. Rock climbers are a regular sight scaling the bluffs and scuba divers can take advantage of the lake's clear visibility and still waters.

The park's close proximity to Milwaukee, Madison and Chicago draws a lot of people; especially in the summer months. Because of its

popularity, just getting into the park can be difficult during summer weekends,

View of the Northern shore of Devil's Lake



when the line of cars can stretch from the park office all the way out to the highway. The best time to visit may be during the week, when the park is not as busy.

Devil's Lake has become the second Wisconsin state park to be listed on the State and National Registers of Historic Places (according to Capitol Times Newspaper February 2015.) Other state parks have individual sites or facilities that have been listed, according to Peggy Veregin, National Register Coordinator with the Wisconsin Historical Society. But Devil's Lake is only the second park to be named in its entirety. The first was Copper Falls, in Ashland County, which was approved in 2005.

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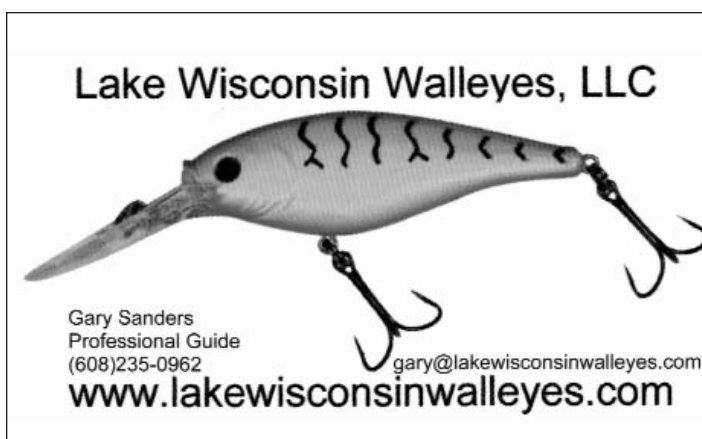


It's not yet understood how the lack of snowmelt in March, and the lack of rainfall in early April, has affected this year's walleye and sauger spawn. A variety of factors including flow, day length and water temperature influence this annual migration upriver. Spring snowmelt raises water levels to flood prime rocky rubble and gravel spawning areas. Spring rains sustain that flow, and oxygenate the eggs until they hatch. We did not get those ideal conditions this year, but based on catch rates and previous year's data, the walleyes and saugers seem to instinctively go to "Plan B" and take advantage of other spawning habitat during these events. They adapt. Nature is wonderfully resilient, and I'm confident that it will turn out better than we expect even though we haven't had a "typical" spring in several years.

We as anglers also need to adapt to changing conditions.

When Mother Nature throws us a change-up, we too must have a "Plan B", and use it. What I'm referring to, is that because this year was different, we'll likely need to alter our presentations and fishing locations early in the month of May. By all means give them a try, but don't get caught up fishing last year's hot spots early in the season if the fish aren't there. Keep moving and changing presentations until you make contact. April fishing reports from upstream indicate that many of these fish didn't necessarily run upstream as far as they normally do, which in turn could mean that the bite will take off sooner as they won't have as far to travel to return to the lake.

Late May and June will be status quo with some of the best fishing of the year. Remember that post-spawn walleyes will move quite shallow in early May. These fish are there to feed, and active presentations such as casting or trolling crank baits and stick baits will trigger strikes. As we get into June, the high percentage play will be trolling presentation on the flats or stump fields in the center of the lake from the trestle to the islands. Here's to another productive summer on Lake Wisconsin! Tight Lines...



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Kirk's Korner



How Can We Measure the "Health" of our Lake?

Lake-health assessments generally focus on traditional trophic** status indicators (i.e., clarity, phosphorus and chlorophyll), macrophyte (or marine plant) surveys, and gamefish inventories. This means that other important ecological indicators, such as nearshore and nongame fish diversity, are often overlooked in lake evaluations.

Nearshore fish population which are represented by a diversity of species, including Threatened, Special Concern and other environmentally intolerant groups, are very intolerant of environmental change and degradation, and have been described as "canaries in the coal mine." As you may recall, early coal mines did not feature ventilation systems, so legend has it that miners would bring a caged canary into new coal seams. Canaries are especially sensitive to methane and carbon monoxide which made them ideal for detecting any dangerous gas build-ups. As long as the bird kept singing, the miners knew their air supply was safe. A dead canary signaled an immediate evacuation.

These nearshore fish provide important ecological linkages. However, such nearshore fish species are not routinely surveyed since they offer no perceived or direct economic benefit associated with sport fish and familiar gamefish populations. However, it has been determined that periodic inventories of these biological indicators are very useful in assessing individual population status, fish community diversity, and overall ecosystem health – which can directly help monitor overall water quality in the lake.

As noted in the Lake Wisconsin Alliance update (page 9 in this newsletter), LWA is currently seeking grant money to conduct a nearshore fish survey on Lake Wisconsin. The presence and absence of these often overlooked fish populations can also reveal important information on nearshore habitat conditions and can be used to assess habitat restoration projects in addition to helping monitor water quality.

***trophic - of or relating to nutrition; concerned in nutritive processes.*

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ICE AGE TRAIL Events

Summer Solstice Saunter and Social

Experience a **Summer Solstice Saunter and Social!** Everyone is welcome to join the Lodi Chapter of the Ice Age Trail on **Friday, June 19, 2015**, for a hike, followed by a social gathering. Meet at 6:30pm at the Slack Road parking area of the Gibraltar Segment of the Ice Age Trail. The hike will proceed to the bench with views overlooking Lake Wisconsin, and last about an hour. Wear weather-appropriate clothing and hiking boots. Following the Saunter (hike), the group will reconvene for the Social at the home of Lodi Chapter members Ross Ament and Connie Ellis Ament, W10724 Becker Road, Poynette. Directions to the Social will be available at the hike or call 608-635-2779. Bring a Summer Snack to Share, and your own Suds (any beverage of choice). We may even see a Summer Solstice Sunset! In case of inclement weather, come directly to the Social.

Mammoth Fun Run & Hike

The Lodi Valley Chapter of the Ice Age Trail Alliance invites you to have a blast at the

Mammoth Fun Run & Hike on Saturday, June 6th. Join us



for this National Trails Day celebration on the unique Ice Age National Scenic Trail. Event day choices include a 6 and 8 kilometer run, and a 6

ICE AGE TRAIL kilometer hike. All distances are

approximate. Donations are appreciated for this family oriented event. Expect a beautiful trail with lovely views, fantastic prizes, unofficial timing, homemade treats, free massages, and good times for all! Well behaved dogs welcomed on leash. Donate \$25 or more and receive an Ice Age Trail bandana! Proceeds will be used for corridor protection, trail building and maintenance. Registration is from 8:00 - 8:40am in Doctor's Park, 218 S. Main Street, on the corner of Hwy. 113 and County Rd. K, Lodi, WI. Last shuttle to the trailhead is at 8:40am for a 9am start. Race day registration only. For more information about either event visit <http://www.iceagetrail.org/event/lodi-valley-chapter-mammoth-fun-run-and-hike/> or call Joanna at 608-592-7817.

Spring is in the AIR!

Get Outdoors and Shop Farmers' Market!

As you may recall from an article featured in one of our past issues of Lake Wisconsin *Living*, Farmers' Markets are one of the oldest forms of direct marketing by small farmers.

Dane County is home to the largest Producer-Only Farmer's Market in the United States. All items are produced locally by the vendor behind the table. No resale is allowed! EBT FoodShare is accepted at the market. Please inquire at the (Summer) Information Booth located at the corner of West Mifflin Street and North Carroll Street. This market happens rain or shine, race or rally. The Saturday Outdoor Market around the Capitol Square in Madison runs now through November 7th from 6am-2pm. For safety reasons, NO PETS are allowed on the Capitol Square.

NEW this year, the Dane County Farmers' Market (DCFM) is offering free recipe cards at each market. A variety of seasonal ingredients from the market are featured along with helpful cooking tips and buying guides on the back of each card. This past winter's series of recipes ranged from simple dishes with few ingredients, creative ideas for those with limited kitchens, to more involved recipes for canning, soups, and tarts. Recipe cards are available at the information booth next to the EBT/SNAP station. Keep checking because new recipe cards are issued often.

Volunteers are needed to staff the DCFM Information Booth located at the top of State Street. The shifts are short. The people are fun. And it's a great way to learn more about the Dane County Farmers' Market. If you'd like to get involved with the DCFM, drop an email to dcfminfobooth@gmail.com. For additional information on this unique event, visit the Dane County Farmers' Market website at www.dcfm.org.

Shopping at a farmers' market is a great way to meet local farmers and community members as well as get fresh, flavorful produce. Rejoice in the arrival of spring with longer days and warmer temperatures and visit your local Farmers' Market. Plastic bags are available from most vendors, but be sure to bring your own reusable bags to carry home all of your wonderful purchases.



• **DEFOREST** now through October 20th, Tuesdays, 3-6pm, Veteran's Memorial Park, Main Street

• **BARABOO** now through October 31st, Wednesdays & Saturdays, 7:30am-1pm Courthouse Square on Oak Street between 3rd & 4th Street

• **LODI VALLEY** now through October 30th, Fridays, 2-6pm - Village Green next to Koltes Do-It-Best, 902 N. Main Street

• **POYNETTE** now through September, Saturdays, 8-11am - Pauquette Park parking lot, 106 S. Main Street

• **PORTAGE** now through October 29th, Thursdays, 12noon-6pm - Commerce Plaza corner of Cook and Wisconsin Streets

• **SAUK PRAIRIE** June-September 2nd and 4th Saturdays, 9am-1pm - Across from Blue Spoon Café, downtown Prairie du Sac

• **WISCONSIN DELLS** now through October 11th, Sundays, Thunder Valley Inn, W15334 Waubeek Road

• **WAUNAKEE** now through October 28th, Wednesdays, 3-6pm, Waun-a-Bowl Parking Lot, 301 S. Century Avenue

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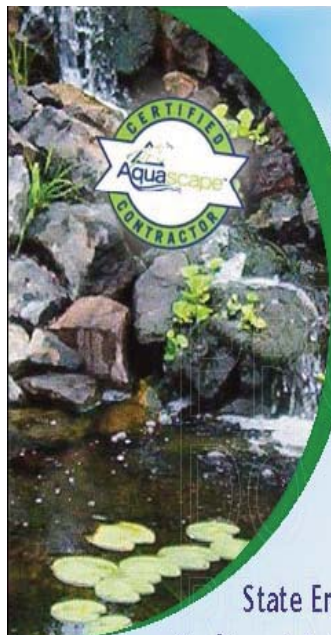
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CANAL DAYS Festival 2015 - May 30th, Parade starts at 10am at Pauquette Park. Other events include a server's race, music (dispersed throughout the downtown), food vendors, face painting, reenactment (pre-1840), canoe rides and race, canal tours and historic downtown tours. **Server's race starts at 3pm** between Lock and Wisconsin Streets. \$25 registration Fee for race - weave through a course with 2 empty glasses, bottle of wine and serving tray. Cash prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.

ART WALK - June 5th, 5-9pm, Stroll historic downtown Lodi and enjoy the creativity of our talented artists.

GARAGE SALES, Harmony Grove (Town of Lodi) June 5th, 6th and 7th

MAMMOTH FUN RUN AND HIKE - June 6th, 9am
A National Trails Day Celebration - Starts at Lodi Marsh segment of the Ice Age Trail, Sponsored by Lodi Chapter of the Ice Age Trail.

Events: 6K and 8K runs; a kid's fun run, and a 6K hike (distances are approximate)

Contact: Joanna Fanney at 608-592-7817 or email at lodiavalleychapter.iata@gmail.com or visit website: <http://iceagetrail.org/volunteer/chapters/lodi-valley/>

TASTE OF WISCONSIN DELLS - June 6th- 7th, 7am-7pm
Downtown Dells features over 20 local restaurants. Beer tent serving Wisconsin Micro-Brew and a variety of local performers. Arts and Crafts show, Antique Tractor show, Corvette parade, book sale, etc. See website for specific times and locations. www.wisdells.com or www.tasteofthedells.com

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SUMMER SOLSTICE SAUNTER & SOCIAL - June 19th, 6:30pm; everyone is welcome to join the Lodi Chapter of the Ice Age Trail for a hike, followed by a social gathering. Directions to the Social will be available at the hike or call 608-635-2779. Bring a Summer Snack to Share, and your own Suds (any beverage of choice). We may even see a Summer Solstice Sunset! In case of inclement weather, come directly to the Social.

TASTE & TOUR of the LODI / LAKE WISCONSIN Area - June 20th, 9:30am - 3pm.

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- May 23rd - 3-8pm, Chameleon Band
- May 24th - 3-9pm, Midlife Crisis Band
- May 30th - 2-6pm, Rustic Road Band
- June 13th - 5-9pm, Quest Band
- June 27th - 3-8pm, Chameleon Band
- July 4th - Times TBD - High Voltage Mobile DJs outside
- July 5th - 1-5pm, 5th Gear Band
- July 11th - 2-6pm, Blues Party Band

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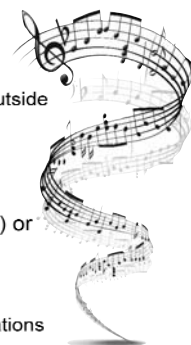
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- May 22nd - 7pm, Bailie Larson
- May 23rd - 1pm, Beach Party DJ; 6pm, Pilot
- May 24th - 12pm, Beach Party DJ; 5pm, Pat McCurdy
- May 29th - 7pm, Madison Malone
- May 30th - 1pm, Beach Party DJ; 6pm, Blue Zone
- June 5th - 7pm, Karen Wheelock
- June 6th - 1pm, Beach Party DJ; 6pm, The Blues Party
- June 12th - 7pm, Madison Malone
- June 13th - 1pm, Beach Party DJ; 6pm, Shelley Faith
- June 19th - 7pm, Kaia
- June 20th - 1pm, Beach Party DJ; 6pm, Ron Denson
- June 27th - 1pm, Beach Party DJ; 6pm, Beth Kille w/ guitarist Michael Tully
- July 3rd - 7pm, Karen Wheelock
- July 4th - 1pm, Beach Party DJ; 6pm, Kings of Radio
- July 5th - 3pm, Pat McCurdy
- July 10th - 7pm, Kaia
- July 11th - 1pm, Beach Party DJ; 6pm, Shelley Faith

LAKE WISCONSIN ALLIANCE

- **May 28th, 7pm, Board Meeting,** Lucky's on the Lake Wisconsin (check LWA Facebook to verify location)
- **June 25th, 7pm, Board Meeting,** Lucky's on the Lake Wisconsin (check LWA Facebook to verify location)
- **June 20th, Wisconsin River citizen association groups will gather at Lucky's Bar & Grille for all day conference.** Watch LWA Facebook page for upcoming details.





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Lake Wisconsin Alliance

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The Lake Wisconsin Alliance (LWA) continues to work on building a Website to provide more outreach to members and interested citizens. The Communications Committee is currently in the process of selecting a Web developer and have met with several such vendors to learn more about pricing and services. The goal is to have a developer selected by the end of May and then immediately begin work towards building the site. This Web development effort has been funded by a grant from the Wisconsin DNR.

LWA has also been busy applying for additional grants. One such grant will help to build an information packet for all Lake Wisconsin waterfront owners. Materials being provided to the packet will include an LWA brochure, information related to water quality and shoreline restoration practices, zoning regulations related to shoreline property, and information on what landowners can do to help assure the health of Lake Wisconsin.

An additional grant will involve a nearshore fish survey. Nearshore fish populations have been described as “canaries in the coal mine” but are not routinely surveyed since they offer no perceived or direct economic benefit associated with sport fish populations. These sensitive fish populations provide important ecological linkages that may reveal lake-ecosystem stresses even before traditional TSI (or Trophic State Index) parameters reveal water quality problems. The presence and absence of these often overlooked fish populations can also reveal important information on nearshore habitat conditions and can be used to assess habitat restoration projects. (See Kirk’s Korner on page 4 in this newsletter for more information on nearshore fish surveying.)

As always, Lake Wisconsin Alliance encourages all citizens to participate and very much welcomes your membership. As the organization continues to grow, the need for membership dues is necessary to continue the mission of protecting Lake Wisconsin's water quality and recreational opportunities for all.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

- **Thursday, May 28, 2015**, Board Meeting, Lucky’s Bar & Grille on Lake Wisconsin (Check LWA Facebook to verify location)
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Kyle Ballweg always knew he wanted to create his own destiny and becoming a business owner was how he was going to accomplish that goal. His only problem was that he didn't know what kind of business he was going to own. Growing up on a dairy farm with two parents who actively operated the farm, Kyle saw the autonomy, flexibility and freedom that business ownership offered them. Even though they worked very hard seven days a week, their lifestyle inspired him. Kyle knew that success required hard work, long days, and commitment, and he wanted nothing less than the opportunity to develop and own a successful business.

In 2006, while a sophomore at the University of Wisconsin - Whitewater, the opportunity for potential business ownership presented itself to Kyle. Through a mutual friend, Kyle met a freshman in college who had a window cleaning company, and it was very apparent to Kyle that this person took his business very seriously. This was not a business that was a "here today, gone tomorrow" situation. This individual had just landed a contract with the Alexander

Company, one of Dane County's largest property developers, to clean the windows on ten of their commercial buildings, twice a year. Kyle quickly stepped in and started working for Clear Vision making it very obvious from the beginning that it was his goal to prove his worthiness of business ownership.

Fast forward two years to September of 2008, a time when the country's economy was not favorable for starting a new business, Kyle purchased Clear Vision outright and began his entrepreneurial quest for excellence. Now 100% owner of this exciting, fast-growing new company, Kyle managed all operating details of the business while finishing his degree and graduating from college in December 2010.

Since then, Clear Vision has purchased two competitors and has expanded their services to include both residential and commercial window cleaning, pressure washing (commercial buildings, homes, decks, concrete etc.), gutter cleaning and roof cleaning. Headquartered in Dane County, Clear Vision employs and provides a living for 10 people and serves over 1,200 clients

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"Although we have welcomed exponential growth over the last couple of years we pride ourselves in treating each client as if they were our only client. There are systems in place to ensure each and every job is handled the same way with the same friendly customer service. Each client receives a phone call to verify that they were happy with our work before we ever print an invoice. Please visit our Website clearvisioncleaning.com or look us up on Facebook to learn more about Clear Vision or any of the services we provide. We would love to meet you and give you a free estimate on any of our services." ~ Kyle Ballweg, Owner

Note: Clear Vision is currently hiring employees for all services. This amazing company offers flexibility, a fun, comfortable working environment, and an opportunity to meet new people. If you are a people person, have a positive attitude, seek to provide extraordinary customer service, and enjoy working outdoors, please contact Kyle at 608-516-0899 for more information.





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May 245pmPat McCurdy	July 41pmBeach Party DJ
May 297pmMadison Malone	July 46pmKings of Radio
May 301pmBeach Party DJ	July 53pmPat McCurdy
May 306pmBlue Zone	July 107pmKaia
June 57pmKaren Wheelock	July 111pmBeach Party DJ
June 61pmBeach Party DJ	July 116pmShelley Faith
June 66pmThe Blues Party	July 177pmJohn Masino
June 127pmMadison Malone	July 181pmBeach Party DJ
June 131pmBeach Party DJ	July 186pmJason Ray Brown
June 136pmShelley Faith	July 251pmBeach Party DJ
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