



Waukesha County

Department of Parks and Land Use

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WAUKESHA COUNTY PARKS AND LAND USE TO CELEBRATE EARTH DAY THROUGHOUT APRIL

(Waukesha, WI) – Waukesha County Parks and Land Use invites residents and visitors to celebrate Earth Day every day throughout the month of April with great activities and events that focus on our planet, sustainability, and conservation for all ages.

“We feel that Earth Day should be every day!” said Janet Barthel, Retzer Nature Center Supervisor. “We love engaging with people to show them how their actions matter. Even small actions can make a positive impact.”

Retzer Environmental Learning Center will host their first “Story Hike” in partnership with Bridges Library System. This new activity combines reading and hiking in nature for families and individuals. The April “Story Hike” is a self-guided hike on a trail featuring the book, *Thank You, Earth – A Love Letter to Our Planet* by April Pulley Sayre. Retzer also encourages everyone to participate in the 30-Day Earth Challenge. Download the free calendar and see thirty simple actions to help our planet. More information is available at www.waukeshacounty.gov/earthweek.

The Waukesha County Park System is also highlighting volunteer events taking place in the parks. Participants can help eradicate the invasive weed, garlic mustard, at Mission: Possible on April 24 or plant native trees at Menomonee Park for Arbor Day on April 30.

Additional activities are taking place throughout the month. Event listings can be in the schedule below or online at www.waukeshacounty.gov/earthweek.

About the Department of Parks & Land Use

The Waukesha County Department of Parks & Land Use, working through a combination of collaboration, education and regulation is dedicated to fostering economic development, sound land use, and the protection, enhancement and enjoyment of the County’s natural resources and health of its citizens. For more information visit www.waukeshacounty.gov/plu.

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2021 Earth Month Activities

For details, visit: <https://www.waukeshacounty.gov/earthweek>

Date/Time	Program	Details
April 1 - 30, 2021	Story Hike Sponsored by Bridges Library System and Retzer Nature Center	Take a free, self-guided hike at Retzer Nature Center and enjoy reading and the outdoors at the same time!
April 1 - 30, 2021	30-Day Earth Challenge	Your Actions Matter! See all the ways you can help our planet by taking some simple actions. Download the free Challenge Calendar
Sunday, April 18 11 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.	Treetop Explorer Recreational Tree Climbing	Recreational tree climbing is a unique activity that inspires an appreciation for trees, nature, and the Earth! \$37 per climber, ages 7 & up. Registration required.
Thursday, April 22 10 a.m. or 3 p.m.	The Outdoor Classroom: Earth Day Celebration "What Matters"	The program geared towards elementary learners will showcase simple acts to help each other and the Earth. All children must be accompanied by an adult. \$4 per student (Free for adults and siblings ages 3 and under). Registration required.
Thursday, April 22 Times between 7- 8:30 p.m.	Live Well Waukesha County Candlelight Hike	Join a free, self-guided candlelight hike at Retzer Nature Center to celebrate Earth Day! Pre-registration with the City of Waukesha is required.
Saturday, April 24 Times between 9 a.m. - Noon	Mission: Possible - Volunteer Workday for the Earth Event	Seeking special agents to volunteer to help restore the Earth! Join us to hand pull and bag Garlic Mustard in one of nine park locations. Learn More and Register
Saturday, April 24 11 a.m. or 1 p.m.	Planetarium Show - Earth Day: Losing the Dark with a brief star talk	Learn about some of the issues regarding light pollution at the Horwitz-DeRemer Planetarium. Registration required.
Friday, April 30 Times between 9 a.m. - Noon	Arbor Day Volunteer Tree Planting Event Sponsored by Johnson's Nursery	Celebrate Arbor Day and make a difference in your community by volunteering to plant native trees at Menomonee Park. Learn More and Register

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