



CELEBRATION HEADQUARTERS

Forest Beach Migratory Preserve As always, all trails lead to the Forest Beach Migratory Preserve, a “Five Star Bird Hotel” and Celebration Headquarters. Today, this former golf course includes ten habitat areas designed as a long term stopover for the many species of migrating birds that follow the Lake Michigan coastline. Follow the network of trails and climb the observation decks to see this preserve-in-process. Do some birding with our sharp-eyed docents.

Take time to visit the many exhibits, shop the silent auction, talk with science and outdoor expert, Tom Krueger, DNR, meet Ozaukee’s game warden, Tony Young, the Raptors of Pineview with Jeanne Lord, see artist Ellen Anderson’s Ozaukee County-themed paintings, listen to some down-home music with Steve & Friends and enjoy the food from Smokin’ Joe’s BBQ/ Chuck’s of Thiensville.



ONE MAGICAL DAY A YEAR

On **Saturday, June 20th**, Treasures of Oz invites visitors to explore 7 natural areas and hidden environmental treasures. Each site is hosted by top scientists, environmental stewards and experts in natural fields. Visitors can explore the site, learn about the it’s significance, and converse with the docent and site team.

Download a passport (after May 1 on the website), collect stamps at each site and trade those for raffle tickets at event headquarters.

Visitors who bicycle to this event can obtain a bike stamp, which doubles stamps earned for raffle tickets.



TREASURES OF OZ

2015 ECO-TOUR



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June 20, 2015

All sites open 9 to 3

Celebration at Forest Beach Migratory Preserve
noon to 6

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2015 TREASURE SITES



Ulao Creek Restoration The restoration of Ulao Creek is happening in Grafton and visiting this site is a great opportunity to learn about waterway restoration and to get excited about what is happening in Ozaukee County.

In the past, Ulao Creek at this site had been trenched and ran along the side of the railroad tracks through brush and invasive grasses.

Today, Ulao Creek meanders through diverse native trees and looks as if nature has been at work creating the ideal environment for fish and wildlife. Because it is a new restoration, it is easy to stroll along the bank and experience the beauty of this very special site. The project is part of the Milwaukee River Watershed Fish Passage Program.

This site is only open to the public on June 20th as part of Treasures of Oz.

Come see what magic has happened to Ulao Creek. Along with fish passage program experts and Ulao Creek Partnership members, Solutions 101, the engineering firm that carried out the plans so well, will be on hand.



Mequon Nature Preserve Come and see the largest land restoration project in southeast Wisconsin! MNP's 150-year "farmland to forest" plan is an incredibly unique endeavor. After starting work in 2004, around 200 acres of the total 438 acre property is being actively managed to become the deciduous hardwood forest of pre-settlement times.

MNP staff will be on hand to show you the pristine Harvey's Woods, an example of what the whole property will eventually become. Be sure to climb the 40 foot observation tower and witness the transformation of agricultural land into wetlands, tall grass prairie, and early successional woodlands.

USF&WS Blue-wing Waterfowl Production Area This Town of Grafton site is part of the National Wildlife Refuge System and one of several US Fish & Wildlife Service-owned sites in Ozaukee. This managed habitat is home to area wildlife and is a very active breeding habitat for many species of waterfowl. You will be able to see the Fish Passage work under construction on this site.

Staff from USF&WS and Ozaukee County will be on hand to talk about WPAs and the Fish Passage Program. Dan Vogel will introduce you to the birds of Blue-wing.



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Cedarburg Bog The 1,656-acre Cedarburg Bog was designated a State Natural Area in 1952, thanks to Aldo Leopold's efforts to preserve the best remaining examples of pre-settlement Wisconsin. Hike the half mile ADA compliant trail to beautiful Watts Lake, complete with interpretive signs. This surprising site is open from 9 to 3. A Bird Walk is offered at 9 a.m. with Tim Vargo (Urban Ecology Center bird expert,) and guided Nature Walks at 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

Covered Bridge County Park Imagine the "Bridges of Ozaukee County." Visit the last remaining covered bridge in Wisconsin, built in 1876. Learn about ongoing water quality monitoring as you discover this romantic park, picnic area and canoe launch on Cedar Creek.



Waubedonia County Park Explore Ozaukee's oldest county park, established in 1934. With 2 major creeks and the Milwaukee River, this quiet, peaceful setting makes a perfect spot for overnight camping. It has a great kayak/canoe launch for starting trips down the river. Staff from Ozaukee's Ecological and Parks Divisions will introduce you to the river's fish, recent Fish Passage projects and all the park's recreational amenities.