

Sunday, October 2, 2022 Field Trips/Workshops 1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Garden Island Exploration

Fee: \$30

The second largest island in the Beaver Island archipelago, Garden Island is a seven square mile abandoned paradise...if you don't mind abundant snakes (seven species) AND poison ivy. It is also home to one of the largest Native American burial grounds east of the Mississippi with an estimated 3,500 graves of Ojibwe and Odawa. This trip will leave Paradise Point in two Zodiac style boats and take the 20 minute ride to Garden Island where you can explore the island and its vast forest of beech, ash, oak and maple and occasional abandoned spirit houses. History, culture and natural resources rolled into one. Get your dose of Jacques Cousteau and Indiana Jones on this trip. Then again, Indiana Jones didn't like snakes. Transportation to the CMU dock leaves at 1:00 p.m. Trip limited to 12. This trip also offered Saturday afternoon.

Miller's Marsh Herps and Birds

Fee: \$10

Terry and Andrea Grabill have extensive field experience on Beaver Island dating back to 1989. They have lead trips annually for Fremont Middle School and the Beaver Island Birding Trail. This field trip to Miller's Marsh will provide up-close interaction with Beaver Island's native snakes (seven species) and birds (lots more). The trip will include visits to fields north and south of the marsh proper as well as a hike around the marsh. Prepare for the weather and conditions. Bring water and wear comfortable walking shoes or boots. Transportation provided. Trip limited to 12.

North Island Tour

Fee: \$20

Beaver Island, Lake Michigan's largest of all its lakes holds tales of culture, natural resources and history. The 58- square mile island has plenty of unique places to explore. On the north end, the tour includes stops at Mt. Pisgah (the highest point on the island), beautiful Donegal Bay, Barney's Lake Nature Preserve, Font Lake, Protar's home and tomb, Kuebler Trail and Egg Lake Bog. Plenty of places to get out and explore. Bring water and comfortable walking shoes. Transportation provided. Trip limited to 12.

Beaver Island Geologic Adventure

Fee: \$20

An overview of the Island's geologic history will be explored through several teaching activities (including drill core records, lake depth chart, and glacial features). Then we will drive to 8 sites to observe features representing significant parts of that history. Devonian dolostone, ancient lake shorelines, glacial moraines, kettle holes, and erratics can be seen. More recent history will be illustrated in dune formations, shore erosion, and rocky ventifacts. Transportation provided. Trip limited to 20.

Kayak Fox Lake

Fee: \$45

More of an experienced kayaker? Want to spend an afternoon on the inland water at your own pace? This may be the trip for you. Escape to the 75-acre Fox Lake in the southwestern interior of the island. Fox Lake supports a variety of fish (bring your fishing gear) and features a small walking trail to explore. Transportation to and from the lake with kayaks is included. Transportation provided. Trip limited to 12

Invading Classrooms: Inspiring Learners to Take Leadership Against Invasive Species

Fee: \$0

In this workshop, Learn how place-, problem-, and project-based stewardship education is transforming student learning and make plans to do the same in your community. With funding from the Michigan Invasive Species Grant Program, students are working with teachers, natural resource mentors, and LSSU CFRE to protect their region from invasive species. With an arsenal of information and facilitator support, you'll be empowered to join the front lines in this battle by supporting students to lead the charge. Limited to 15.

Community Engagement: NAAEE Guidelines for Excellence Workshop

Fee: \$25

Join us for an engaging NAAEE workshop focused on community wellness. It is designed to help environmental educators create inclusive environments that support effective partnerships and collaborations. You will receive NAAEE's Community Engagement book, a how-to template and experience putting key characteristics into practice. This workshop also fulfills part of Michigan's EEC Strand 2 requirements and help spark ideas and build best practices for the strand 4 Action Project. Limited to 20.

