

Fall
2011

September/October/November

Education Center

Monday – Friday
7:45 am – 4:30 pm

Saturdays
9 am – 2 pm

Closed Sundays

Hiking Trails

6 am – 8 pm daily

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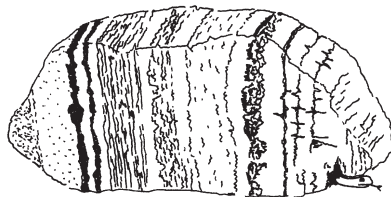
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Havenwoods State Forest

There are two times during the year that snakes are on the move and easier to find—spring and fall. Stop by to pick up information about the snakes that live at Havenwoods, borrow an activity kit for kids, or visit the live reptiles in the nature center.

Exploring Nature in the City

Havenwoods is home to four kinds of snakes (all non-poisonous): common gartersnakes, Butler's gartersnakes, eastern milk snakes, and northern redbelly snakes. Most snakes are small, secretive, camouflage colored, and cautious. You will be lucky to see one unless you are looking! If you decide to try to catch a wild snake, know that there is a good chance it will try to bite you!

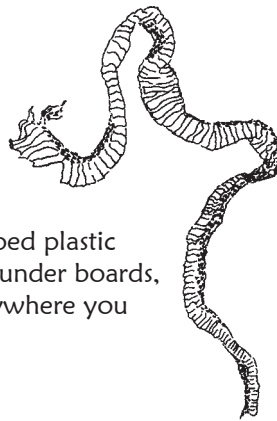


Turn things over

Snakes often crawl under rocks or logs to hide or stay warm. If you turn things over in search of snakes, remember to put them back when you are done. And don't be surprised to find insects, spiders, mice, shrews, slugs, and other cool things hiding there, too.

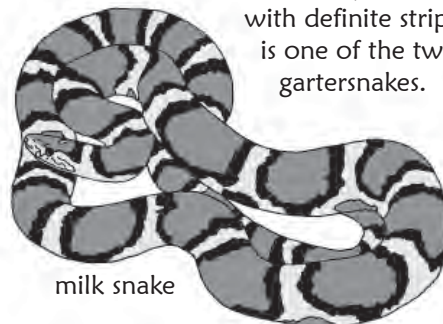
Look for shed snake skins

When snakes grow, they shed their skins. Sheds look like thin, clear, snake-shaped plastic bags! Look for sheds under boards, in rock piles, and anywhere you might find snakes.

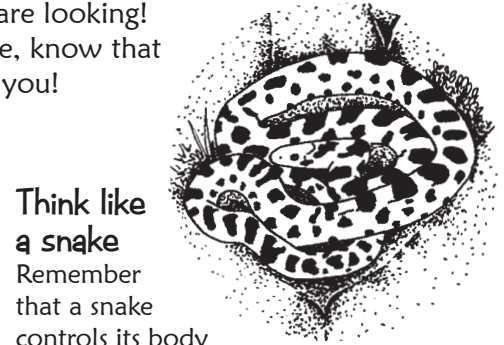


Watch for patterns

If you see a snake with blotches of color at Havenwoods, it is probably a milk snake. A small brownish or grayish snake with indistinct stripes and a red or pink belly is a redbelly. A snake with definite stripes is one of the two gartersnakes.



milk snake



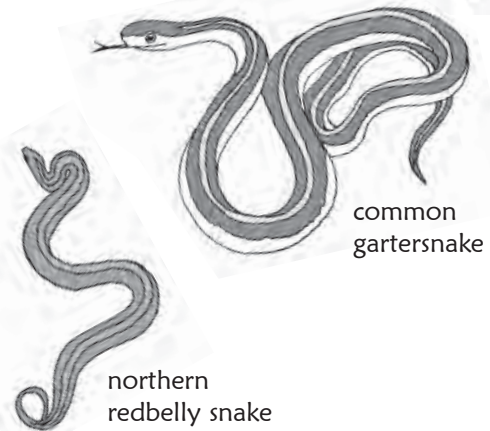
Think like a snake

Remember that a snake controls its body temperature by moving around in its habitat. On a cool, sunny day, you might find snakes basking on the trails and roads. On a hot, dry day, they will be hard to find.

Protect them

Snakes are interesting animals that are an important part of their wild communities. When you see a snake, go out of your way to protect it. Butler's gartersnakes are a threatened species. It is illegal to possess these snakes without a permit.

Butler's
gartersnake



common
gartersnake

northern
redbelly snake



Bring your family and friends to
Family Play Day!

October 8 (Saturday)
10 am - 3 pm

Did your kids get to bake enough mud pies this year? Did they fly kites? Go fishing? Build with nature blocks? Come to Havenwoods, take a deep breath, and slow down. We will have all the “stuff” you and your kids need to play in nature for an hour . . . or two . . . or three! Youth groups are welcome, too.

Find out more at www.friendsofhavenwoods.org/playday

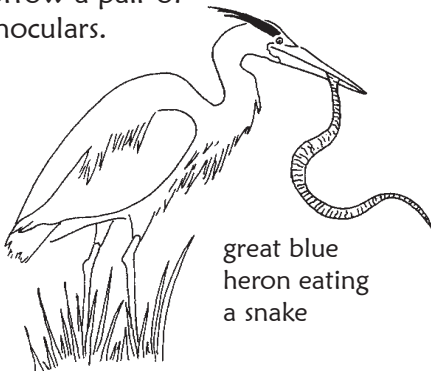
Hikes and Workshops for Adults

Registration is required only where indicated in program descriptions. Admission to all programs is free unless otherwise noted.

Fall Migration Bird Hikes

September 24 & October 22
(Saturday), 8 - 10 am

Join us for a bird walk. We'll hike through the fields, forests, and wetlands in search of birds. No experience is necessary. Please ask at the front desk if you need to borrow a pair of binoculars.



great blue
heron eating
a snake

Family Hikes

Spend an hour with a naturalist on a family-friendly hike. We'll use magnifiers, binoculars, and super-duper outdoor lookers to discover what's happening in nature.

Bug Hunt

September 3 (Saturday)
10:30 - 11:30 am

There are lots of amazing insects everywhere! We'll spend some time catching insects and discovering their amazing adaptations for survival.

Keep Greater Milwaukee Beautiful Workshops

October 15 (Saturday)

Cost per workshop is \$15. Register online at <http://kgmb.org/kgmb/index.php?id=11> or call Emily Brown at (414) 272-5462 ext. 105

Composting (10 - 11:30 am)

Turn kitchen scraps and yard waste into a nutrient-rich soil amendment. Composting is beneficial for your garden and reduces household waste!

Vermicomposting (1 - 2:30 pm)

Turn your kitchen scraps into “gold” for your garden! Learn how to build a simple indoor worm bin using common household items.

Snake Watch

October 1 (Saturday)
10:30 - 11:30 am

As the weather begins to cool, the snakes start to move to hibernation sites. We'll hike the trails looking for garter, milk, and redbelly snakes.

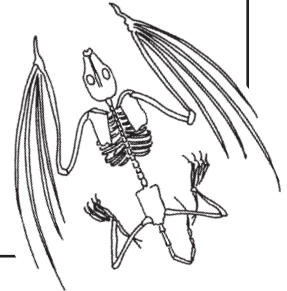
Bats

The Night
Fliers

Discover the mysterious lives of bats, dispel some myths, learn about their importance in nature, and see live bats and preserved specimens up close. Presented by Bat Conservation of Wisconsin (BATCOW).

October 1
(Saturday)
1 - 2 pm

This is a free program thanks to the generous support of the Friends of Havenwoods.



Gourd Birdhouse Workshop

October 29 (Saturday), 9 am - noon
Turn a dried gourd into a beautiful birdhouse. Learn how to clean, decorate, and maintain these natural homes. This program is for adults only. Cost is \$12. Register and pay by Friday, October 14. Make checks payable to Friends of Havenwoods.

Micro Hike

November 5 (Saturday)
10:30 - 11:30 am

Armed with magnifiers and bug boxes, we'll explore the smaller side of nature and see things we might never have noticed before.

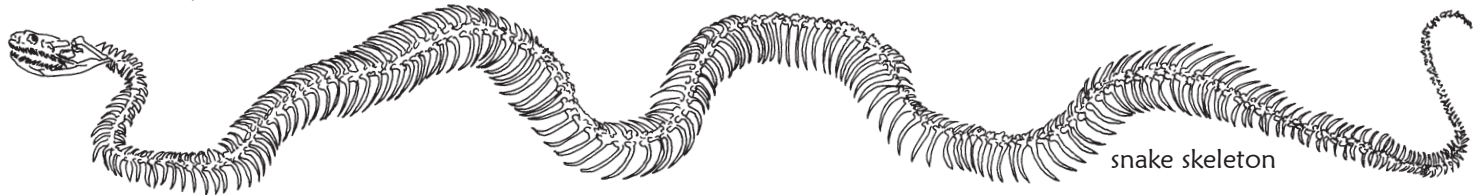
Drop-In on Nature

Families, friends, and youth groups are invited to head over to Havenwoods on the second and/or third Saturdays of each month. "Drop in" anytime between 9 am and 2 pm.

Sssnakes

September 10 & 17
(Saturday), 9 am - 2 pm

In September, snakes are on the move towards their hibernation sites. Drop in to learn about snakes that live in Wisconsin, play a snake survival game, make your own snake to take home with you, and touch live snakes.



snake skeleton

Skulls and Bones

October 8 & 15
(Saturday), 9 am - 2 pm

It's a creepy time of year—which makes it a great time to learn about bones! Drop in to assemble some skeletons, make a fake skeleton to take home, and handle some real skulls. Then take the bone challenge!

Whitetail Deer

November 12 & 19
(Saturday), 9 am - 2 pm

Deer are on the move this time of year. Drop in to learn how deer use their senses and how they communicate. After you discover the signs they leave behind, you'll be ready to head outside and look for deer at Havenwoods.

Preschool Storytimes

We'll use stories, crafts, and activities to explore a different topic each storytime. Preschool storytimes are for preschoolers, ages 3-5, and their parents, grandparents, or other adult. These programs are not for day care centers or organizations.

In Search of Dragonflies

September 6 (Tuesday)
9:30 - 10:30 am

You won't believe what a baby dragonfly looks like! Join us to find out how an ugly baby becomes a beautiful adult!

Chipmunks on the Move

October 18 (Tuesday)
9:30 - 10:30 am

Now you see them, now you don't! Find out why chipmunks are busy this time of year.

Go Fish!

November 29 (Tuesday)
9:30 - 10:30 am

Fish are very different from people – and that's what makes them so interesting! Join us to discover why fish are fun.

Listen to Nature

September 20 (Tuesday)
9:30 - 10:30 am

Nature has much to share with us when we listen. Take a quiet walk with us to hear some of nature's musicians and storytellers.

Bats Eat Bugs

November 1 (Tuesday)
9:30 - 10:30 am

Halloween bats look mighty scary, but real bats are great neighbors. Find out how they eat mosquitoes and fly in the dark.

Autumn Leaves are Falling Down!

October 4 (Tuesday)
9:30 - 10:30 am

Red, gold, and purple leaves are everywhere these days! Let's play with the leaves and enjoy the fall colors.

Hide & Seek

November 15 (Tuesday)
9:30 - 10:30 am

Some animals blend in while others stand out. Let's explore the wonderful colors of wild animals.

Take Smokey for a Hike!

Families can now check out a backpack with a stuffed Smokey Bear and a ranger hat. A small booklet gives you some things to do on your hike at Havenwoods. Take a picture of your adventure with Smokey and post it in the nature center!



Backyard Naturalist

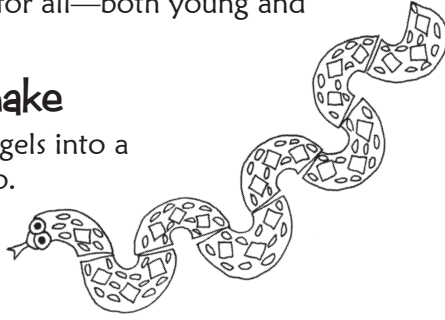
You can enjoy nature right out your back door, from your living room window, and even in your kitchen! This idea is for all—both young and young at heart.

Eat a Bagel Snake

You can turn two bagels into a healthy meal for two.

What you need:

- 2 bagels
- your favorite sandwich filling (e.g., egg, tuna, or chicken salad; PB & J; or nutella)
- decorations (chopped chives, sliced olives, vegetable strips, sunflower seeds, cheese squares, or chopped fruit)



What you do:

1. A grown-up should slice the bagels in half, cut each half into two semi-circles, trim one piece to make the head of the snake, and trim another piece to make the tail.
2. Arrange the bagel pieces into a snake shape.
3. Spread the sandwich filling over the entire snake.
4. Use the decorations to make the snake's eyes and tongue.
5. Use more decorations to make a pattern on the snake's body.

You're Invited!

Event

Open House For Havenwoods State Forest, Lakeshore State Park, and Hank Aaron State Trail

Date

Thursday, August 25

Time

5:30 - 7:30 pm

Location

Havenwoods
6141 N. Hopkins St.
Milwaukee

Purpose

Informal discussions about resource management at State Park System properties in Milwaukee

We hope you'll join us

Judy Klippel (Havenwoods), Melissa Cook (Hank Aaron), and Tom Kroeger (Lakeshore)



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