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"The mission of Carpenter St. Croix Valley Nature Center is to foster appreciation and inspire stewardship of the natural world. We accomplish our mission by acquiring and preserving land and wildlife habitat, providing quality environmental education, conservation practices and enjoyable outdoor experiences for visitors of all ages and capabilities."

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Headwater Riffles...

By J. Fitzpatrick

Walking into the office one day in early April I saw this fuzzy blue thing in the last of the snow piles in the garden around the upper pond. I bent down to see it and realized it was a Pasque Flower blooming in the snow. I thought "spring is really here." The reality of that thought is, another busy season is underway.



The Pasque Flower is a herald of spring and is one of the first flowers to bloom.

School students will be running all over CNC until mid June for some of their favorite classes such as; birds and banding, insects, flowers and pollination and others. Our Apple Blossom Races (the 26th running) will soon be upon us and we hope to reach 1,000 runners for the first time. Our Third Annual St. Croix Scramble in July promises to be challenging and fun. Summer day camps will fill in the holes leading up to an incredibly busy September. Wow....what a summer this promises to be!

Someone once asked when our slow season is and I needed some time to think about that. "I don't think we have a slow season anymore" was the reply. We have indeed become a neighborhood destination, a community resource, and a well received nature center. We do believe this is what Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter intended and would be very happy to see.

All of this could not be accomplished without the help of our amazing crew of volunteers. They mow the lawns, tend the gardens, clean the water garden, teach the children, fix machinery, tend the bees, file paper work, greet the public in our visitor center, feed all our creatures and help us in all of our special events. Many folks forget that CNC is also run by a volunteer Board of Directors. The amazing part of this is, we still need more help! Last year 164 people volunteered over



Vickie Batroot, from 3M Cottage Grove, presents a grant for 2/3 of the funding for a new activities pavilion to CNC's executive director, Jim Fitzpatrick. The pavilion will be located to the north of the Visitor Center. The artists concept illustration was donated by Jim Beaudoin.

8,000 hours. I would love to see that number double. There are four empty seats on our Board of Directors. We need more folks that want to be teacher/naturalists, apple pruners, thinners and pickers, and help out in our pumpkin patch. We need more gardeners, janitors, greeters, more animal feeders and cleaners, and basically more help in everything we do.

Seasonal changes are not the only changes you will see at CNC. As our programs have increased in size, we've outgrown our program space. The 3M Foundation and 3M Cottage Grove has provided CNC with a grant to build an open-air pavilion. The pavilion will be an outdoor classroom and a covered area for events. Our goal is to have the pavilion completed by Sept. 1st, 2011 and we have \$67,000 left to raise to fully fund the project. Our thanks to 3M and the many community partners, including Cemstone and volunteer project foreman, Rich Finn, who are already donating time and materials to this project. To be a part of this exciting pavilion project by donating materials, labor and cash please give me a call.

We are looking at another busy spring and summer season and we hope when you read this, you will come out to CNC to visit, to help, to participate and to enjoy. This is truly an amazing place. Please share this newsletter with your family, friends and neighbors before you recycle it.



Where at CNC?

Early spring, before "leaf-out", is the perfect time of year to spot the active eagle's nest along the Red Cedar Trail. The eagles have occupied this nest for at least five years. In 2009 USF&WS personnel took blood samples from the eaglets to measure the levels of contaminants in their systems as part of a region-wide eco-system health assessment. There has also been an active eagle's nest adjacent to the Wisconsin Campus.

Upcoming Programs

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED

For more information, to RSVP, or to schedule a group program please call the office:

651-437-4359

JUNE & JULY

National Get Outdoors Day

Saturday, June 11

8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Celebrate National Get Outdoors Day (GO Day) by visiting Carpenter Nature Center on June 11 anytime between 8:00 a.m.

– 4:30 p.m. Bring your family or friends and head outdoors to take a hike to the St. Croix River, or wander through the prairie to the Point Douglas Cemetery, or bring your GPS to find the geocaches, or participate in a morning bird hike. If you can't make it to CNC on GO Day be sure to stop in to visit soon!



Lisa, Linea & Simon enjoy a prairie hike.

Morning Bird Hike

Saturday, June 11

8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

View live birds of prey, including a Peregrine Falcon, Red-tailed Hawk, Great Horned Owl, and a Bald Eagle up close, then venture outside to look and listen for birds and their calls. We'll see how many different species we can find in CNC's diverse array of habitats. Binoculars and field guides will be available for use, or bring your own. Please call to register. Program fee: \$5.00 per person or \$3.00 for "Friends of CNC".

All About Dragonflies

Saturday, July 16

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Join Jeff Fischer to see how many species of dragonflies we can find at CNC. The program will begin indoors with an introduction to dragonflies. Then we'll go outside to see what dragonflies we can find in a variety of habitats, visiting the pond, open fields and the river if there is time. If an unusual specimen or a new state or county record is found, we will keep the specimen and send it to the Minnesota Odonata Survey Project. Otherwise, any dragonflies captured will be released after everyone gets a good look at them. The class will be beginner level and children are welcomed with an adult. Bring a bag lunch and dress for the weather. Jeff will stay until 3:00 p.m. but participants may leave earlier. Program fee: \$10.00 per person or \$7.00 for "Friends of CNC".



The Halloween Pennant, a member of the Skimmer family and often found around ponds in early to mid summer.

Bird Banding

Fourth Fridays

8:30 a.m. – Noon

May 27

June 24

July 22

August 26

Have you ever wondered what bird banding is all about? Banding records help us learn how long birds live, where they travel, when they migrate and many other interesting facts. CNC has been banding birds for 29 years. Our experts welcome you to come visit, see songbirds up close and learn about the birds who share our ecosystem. Bird banding runs continuously for the full 3 1/2 hours, but visitors may come and go at any time. Please call ahead so we know you are coming. Donations of bird seed or suet will be greatly appreciated in lieu of a program fee.

Preschool Storytime

Fridays

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

May 6 Animal Babies

June 17

Frogs

July 8 Snakes

August 12

Ladybugs

CNC's Preschool Story Times introduce young children, ages 2 through 5 (with a parent or guardian), to nature in a fun and safe environment. We'll listen to stories, spend time outdoors, make an art or craft project, and meet live animals. Programs sell out quickly! RSVP early! Be sure to dress appropriately for the weather. Program fee: \$5.00 per child per program or \$3.00 per preschooler for "Friends of CNC". No charge for accompanying adult. *CNC Story Time programs have been partially funded through support from Target.

SUMMER DAY CAMPS

Pre-registration required; forms are available on the website.

Fishing Fun

9:00 a.m. - Noon

Single half-day adventures for 6 – 11 year olds

June 22

July 21 August 10

Come to CNC for a 1/2 day of fishing fun. Bring your own rod and reel, or use one we provide. The majority of the time will be at the river, so be prepared with a water bottle, sunscreen and appropriate clothing. Register for one or for all of them! Program fee: \$30 per child or \$20 per child for "Friends of CNC" per day.



Everett shows off the catch of the day during Fishing Fun Day Camp.

Nature Explorers

Week long adventures for ages 5 - 11

Spittlebugs (ages 5 – 7)

July 11 – 15

9:00 a.m. – Noon

We will make crafts, play games, have a snack, and explore CNC's trails as we learn about the many plants and animals that make their home at CNC. Snacks provided. Families are invited to a family picnic on Friday at noon. Program fee: \$90 per child or \$75 for "Friends of CNC".

Dragonflies (ages 8 – 11)

July 25 – 29

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Monday – Wednesday

9:00 a.m. Thursday through Noon Friday

Explore nature with us as we hike, make snacks, create projects, meet friends, and visit the beach nearly every day. Snacks provided but participants should bring their own bag lunches and a water bottle. On Thursday campers will pack up for a canoe adventure at a nearby lake and then camp out at CNC Thursday night through Friday morning. Families are invited to a family picnic on Friday at noon. Program fee: \$160 per child or \$140 for "Friends of CNC".



Summer campers spend the whole day outdoors, having adventures learning about frogs, tadpoles and other wildlife.

Upcoming Events

More details available at www.CarpenterNatureCenter.org or by calling **651-437-4359**

Please call early to RSVP. These programs WILL sell out.



26th Annual

Apple Blossom Races

2K Fun Run, 5K Run/Walk, 10K and 1/2 Marathon



May 15, 2011

CARPENTER ST. CROIX VALLEY NATURE CENTER • HASTINGS, MN

26th Apple Blossom Races

May 15 8:00 a.m.

Run, walk or jog by blooming orchards all to benefit environmental education programming in our community. Carpenter Nature Center's half marathon is known as one of the most challenging half marathons in Minnesota due to the hills!

Our 10K race takes runners through woodlands and savannahs along the paved trails of the nature center. The 5K race is a direct shot down St. Croix Trail to the finish line. There is no charge for the 2K Fun Run, which starts after the other three timed races end, usually around 11:30. To register visit our website to download a form, or sign up online through either www.MidwestEvents.com or www.active.com.



Whether you are a turtle or a hare you will enjoy participating in the Apple Blossom Races. It's fun for the whole family.

Third Annual St. Croix Valley Scramble

Monday, July 18th

Check-in starts at 11:30 a.m.

1:00 p.m. shotgun start

Join fellow Friends of CNC for a great day of golf and support a great cause. All proceeds from this event support K-12 environmental education programming at Carpenter Nature Center. The scenic Afton Alps Golf Course is the host of this fun 18-hole best ball tournament. Fees are \$80 per person or \$320 per foursome and include box lunches, greens fees, carts, dinner, door prize and a donation to CNC. Sponsorships are available. Please contact Jennifer@CarpenterNatureCenter.org for details.



Honorary Board Member Bob Setzer, Joe Duerre & Tom Kloster made a good showing at the 2010 tournament.



Golfers weren't the only ones who showed up at last year's tournament to support CNC. Players were visited by an entire family of wild turkeys, deer and even a fox!

Autumn in the Valley Gala

Sunday September 11th, 2011

4:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.



The Gala brings together friends from around the metro area to support a great cause. Right: Pam, Le & Amy from Cardinal Corner Wild Bird Stores. Photos donated by Valerie Jardin Photography.



Each year CNC's closest friends and community partners spend an evening raising funds to support K-12 environmental education in the St. Croix Valley. Guests will

enjoy tours of the trails, mingling near the water gardens, a silent auction, a live auction, great friends and terrific food. Sponsorships

are available. Auction donations are welcomed. To become a sponsor, volunteer, or arrange to donate an auction item, please contact Jennifer at 651-437-4359.

VOLUNTEER CORNER

Volunteer Information Meetings for new volunteers will take place on Wednesday June 22nd at 7:00 p.m. These informal meetings are for those interested in becoming part of the volunteer crew of CNC. Please call 651-437-4359 and let Alan know you are coming.

Volunteer Opportunities for the Summer at CNC

Help would be greatly appreciated with the following areas:

The Pumpkin Patch – to get a good crop to sell in the Apple Shack, we'll need help weeding and watering during the summer months. Come spend a few hours a week and beam with pride at the wonderful fall crop.

Staff the Visitor Center – the summer brings many visitors to CNC, especially on the weekends. Come and be that friendly face to greet them and brag up your favorite hiking trail.

St. Croix Valley Scramble Golf Tournament on July 18th – Volunteers are needed for various tasks for this fundraising event.

Looking ahead, mark your calendars for the **Fall Raptor Release** Sept 24th and **Apple Fest** October 8th & 9th where we will need lots of volunteer help.

OTHER DATES TO REMEMBER

Ride for Carpenter Motorcycle Benefit Summer 2011

Hastings Chimney Swift Count, August 2011

Fall Raspberry Season late August

Apple Shack Opens September 1st ; 9-5 daily

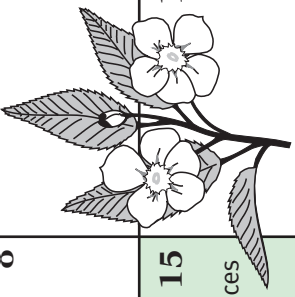




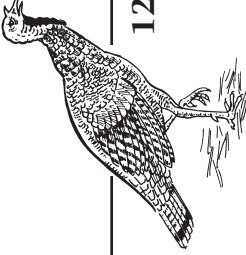



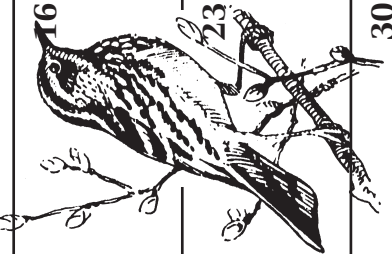
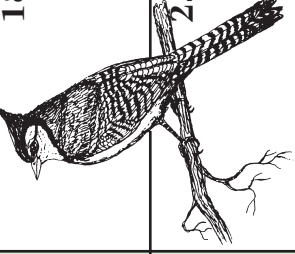




Fall Raptor Release, Saturday, September 24th







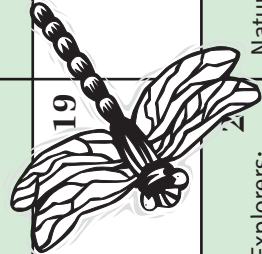

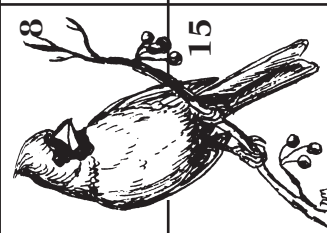
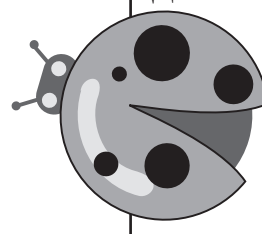





Apple Fest, October 8th & 9th

For more details please call 651-437-4359

2011 Calendar of Events at Carpenter Nature Center

(Phenology from 2010)

1 May Day	2 14 hours 19 minutes daylight	3 New Moon – Budding Plants Moon (Ojibwe)	4 May	5 Cinco De Mayo	6 Preschool Story Time: Animal Babies	7 Wisconsin Fishing Opener
8 Mother's Day	9 	10	11 Minnesota Statehood – 1858	12 Harris Sparrows arrived	13 	14 Minnesota Fishing Opener
15 Apple Blossom Races	16	17 Full Moon	18 	19	20 Banded 2 baby eagles @ 7.5 weeks old	21
22 	23 First monarch	24 New Record – 95°F		26 Cottonwood trees losing "cotton"	27 Bird Banding in Visitor Center	28 
29 Wisconsin Statehood – 1848	30 Memorial Day	31	1 New Moon – Strawberry Moon (Ojibwe)	2 June	3 Fireflies in River Falls	4
5 	6 8 baby turkeys with momma behind farm house	7 Shavuot begins at sunset		9	10 	11 Public Program: Morning Bird Hike
12 	13	14 Flag Day	15 Full Moon	16 	17 Preschool Story Time: Frogs	18 
19 Father's Day	20 	21 June Solstice 12:16 p.m. – Summer Begins!	22 Fishing Fun: 6-11 years old	23 	24 Bird Banding in Visitor Center	25
26 	27	28 Milkweed blooming	29 	30 15 hours 35 minutes daylight	1 New Moon – Midsummer	2 July

				
3 Big Bluestem blooming	4 Independence Day	5	6	7 
10 Red Admiral butterflies out in droves	11 Nature Explorers: Spittlebugs (5-7 years old)	12 Nature Explorers: Spittlebugs (5-7 years old)	13 Nature Explorers: Spittlebugs (5-7 years old)	14 Nature Explorers: Spittlebugs (5-7 years old)
17 Lake Superior Day	18 St Croix Valley Scramble	19 	20	21 Fishing Fun (6-11 years old)
24 Peregrine Falcon cruising over the pond	25 Nature Explorers: Dragonflies (8-11 years old)	27 Nature Explorers: Dragonflies (8-11 years old)	28 Nature Explorers: Dragonflies (8-11 years old)	29 Nature Explorers: Dragonflies (8-11 years old)
31 Ramadan begins at sunset	1 14 hours 31 minutes daylight	2 August		5
7 	8 	9	10 Fishing Fun (6-11 years old)	11 
14	15	16 "Bald" molting male northern cardinal seen at the feeder	17 	18 Harvesting Zestar apples
21	22 Coral fungi along trail to Lost Pond	23	24	25 Minnesota State Fair Begins
28 New Moon – Wild Rice Moon (Ojibwe)	29	30 Eid-al-Fitr begins at sunset	31 Ohio Buckeyes dropping 13 hours 18 minutes of daylight	
				26 Bird Banding in Visitor Center
				19 
				20 
				13 Full Moon
				6 
				30 New Moon – Harvest Moon (Ojibwe)
				23 Recapture of 8 year old Chipping Sparrow
				22 Bird Banding in Visitor Center
				16 Public Program: All About Dragonflies
				9 Preschool Story Time: Snakes

People Profile

Get to know our Friends of CNC

*"We do not inherit the earth from our ancestors, we borrow it from our children."
– Native American proverb*

As **Buzz and Mary Marzolf** stand at the edge of CNC's Wisconsin Campus prairie, they believe this proverb deep in their hearts. Buzz spent much of his childhood learning about nature right on this very spot. His family lived in St. Paul during the school year, but summers were spent living on the farm that is now part of CNC. Buzz stated "While dad had probably never planted a seed when they began, he and mom were a good team. They were dedicated learners and very conscientious stewards. Dad would read *The Country Gentleman* (now the *Farm Journal*) from cover to cover when it arrived and spent a great deal of time asking questions". His mother was a gifted painter and pianist, not to mention an excellent gardener. She harvested, canned and preserved food for use throughout the year. That was in the early 40's. In 1963 Buzz and Mary were married in Detroit. Mary still remembers helping Buzz's mother pick apples on the farm, while vacationing here from Detroit. They moved to St. Paul in 1966, and then to this land in 1998. Buzz and Mary have four children and eight grandchildren. They have been Friends of CNC since 1997.



Unique stone structure built by Mr. Pond, stands where Mrs. Marzolf's garden grew.

Environmental stewardship...

Buzz's parents had a reverence for the land and were environmental stewards before it was fashionable. Instead of applying commercial fertilizers they rotated crops and used animal manure. Many changes have taken place since those days. The 2,500 Balsam Firs Buzz's father planted are now mature trees along South Cove Road and the river bluff. The population growth in the area has been exponential. Fortunately many people had the foresight to look beyond the present. The Wild & Scenic River designation and the protection awarded the land when it was kept from becoming a housing development created a 300 acre wildlife haven 35 minutes from St. Paul.



Pollinators, such as the Ruby-throated Hummingbird, play a vital role in a healthy ecosystem.

Mary Marzolf walks the Wisconsin Campus trails every day that she can. "I drive out of the cities on Highway 94, turn down County Road F and finally turn on East Cove Road. I see the CNC prairie and a peaceful feeling comes over me". On the early April afternoon that I met with the Marzolds, a pair of Meadowlarks burst out of the grass



An old tea pot sits forgotten on an outdoor stone hearth.

upon my arrival. Bluebirds argued over ownership of a nest box. An eagle soared overhead while a Red-tailed Hawk kept watch over the old farmstead. The afternoon sun, the waving prairie grasses and the light spring breeze brushed the worries and chaos of the day away. I found myself saying a quiet word of thanks to all those who work to protect these lands for future generations. To find the Wisconsin Campus follow Cty Rd F south from Hudson, and turn onto East Cove Road. The CNC Kiosk is at the corner of East Cove Road and Ahrens Road.

Volunteer Spotlight

For this issue we take great pleasure in shining the spotlight on one of our newer volunteers, **Shelley Bowman**. Shelley started volunteering with the bird banders in May of 2010 and has since logged over 150 hours. All of those hours are not with the banders, however. Shelley branched out and has helped tremendously when we have large events and the buildings need to look their best. She has also helped the naturalists teach birding classes to some large school groups. Shelley is a wonderful asset to CNC and a delight to have in our volunteer crew. Thanks Shelley for your great calm, and cheerful attitude and for your dedication to CNC. Kudos to you!



Meet Our Eagle by Summer Hendrickson

I recall when sighting a Bald Eagle was a rare joy. Living near the confluence of the St. Croix and Mississippi Rivers since 2005, sightings have become increasingly frequent, and since last September I have had the pleasure of seeing one nearly everyday! As an Environmental Education intern I have been handling and feeding CNC's Red-tailed Hawk and Peregrine Falcon since fall, and working with the Great Horned Owl since mid-winter. Bald Eagles, however, require expert management and training, particularly a wild-born adult. It has been an intriguing privilege to witness some of this training, done by experienced CNC staff.



CNC naturalist Alan Maloney has been training the eagle to be comfortable on the glove in front of visitors. He's not yet ready for programs, but as you can see, he's making great progress.

CNC's Bald Eagle arrived in October 2009, following a vehicle collision and subsequent rehabilitation in Montana. At 6 years old (now nearly 8) he had considerable wing damage and tested low-positive for lead. The injuries to his wing and primary feathers, vital for flight, prohibit his release into the wild. Without a home like CNC, this Bald Eagle would be euthanized. Instead, he lives as an ambassador, an educator, and an awe-inspiring symbol. I have observed visitors of all ages gaze upon him with fascination, sparking a wide range of questions, from his weight and habits, to eagle recovery and habitat conservation. In 2007 the Bald Eagle was removed from the federal endangered species list. That year, approximately 2,300 pairs were nesting in Minnesota. Recovery of the species is a remarkable success story, regionally and nationwide. To learn more, visit <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/birds/baldeagle.html>.

Memorials & Honorariums

We wish to express our appreciation for the following gifts:

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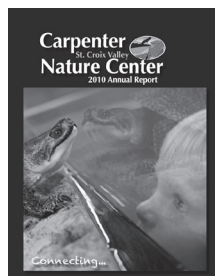


Winter visitors were pleasantly surprised to find lights in the parking lot. This project was made possible by many individual gifts and a generous donation from Willie Krech and Total Equipment & Construction. Thank you to Willie & everyone involved in this project.

Double your dollars to CNC

Why not have twice the impact with your donation of time or money? Many local employers match donations and/or volunteer time for current and retired employees. CNC has received matching donation gifts from General Mills, IBM, McAfee, Red Wing Shoe Company, The Saint Paul Foundation, Thomsen Reuters, Toro, Travelers Foundation, US Bank and Xcel Energy. Corporations that match volunteer time include Ecolab and 3M. Volunteering at CNC for 25 hours can earn a \$250 donation from 3M for CNC. For more details on these programs or to find out if your current employer matches gifts, please contact: Jennifer@CarpenterNatureCenter.org.

Look for CNC's 2009/2010 Annual Report at the Visitor Center in the next few weeks. The report is designed by volunteer Advisory Board Member Jim Nielsen, with input from CNC staff. If you are interested in receiving a paper or email copy of the report, please contact Jennifer@CarpenterNatureCenter.org or 651-437-4359.



The Wisconsin Legacy



During the winter of 1985/86 Dan Greenwald and Al Hein visited Carpenter Nature Center wondering how to set up a nature center. As it turned out, Mr. Hein became the founder of CNC's Wisconsin based

land conservation program. It was not until after he died that the effort went into full swing. In 1989, trustees for the Hein Trust, on behalf of Laurie Hein, gave CNC ownership and management of the 95 acres of forested land she owned as a wildlife preserve. Laurie Hein died shortly thereafter. Dan Greenwald continued to serve as a CNC Board Member until his death. Through additional donations and property purchases, the Wisconsin Campus now encompasses 300 acres of restored prairie and woodland wildlife habitat. What a truly wonderful gift for future generations.



CNC News & Events

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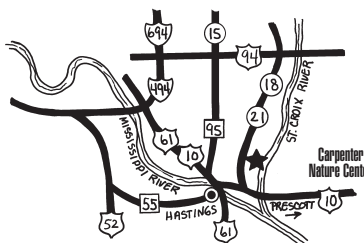
CNC Wish List

Carpenter Nature Center is in need of the following items in good condition:

Lawn sprinklers & hoses	Black Oil Sunflower Seed & Suet
Children's & Adult Fishing Rods	Kiddie Pools

A book list is available if you are interested in purchasing a book for use in programs or for the CNC library. Just give us a call at 651-437-4359. Remember that donated items are tax deductible!

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Trails and interpretive exhibits are open daily from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. A trail map (with a self-guided trail) is available at the registration desk where we ask all visitors to check in. Admission is free but we

encourage donations which go to help the environmental education programs at the Nature Center. To join our email list contact: Jennifer@CarpenterNatureCenter.org.