



# O F P E R C H L A K E

Annual Newsletter

2012

## Milfoil Control

Movie filmed in Park. Watch at the link below. Perch Lake segment 2/3 through <http://www.pursuitchannel.com/ShowDetail.asp?ShowID=191>

Click on 1st segment season one re milfoil.

Help treat the divers with ribs donated by FOPL member Jim Traeger May 20. They keep the beach swimmable as a community service. Contact [dmdseim@aol.com](mailto:dmdseim@aol.com) to volunteer.



## Triathlon



Raised over \$800 for FOPL. On hiatus until 2013.

St. Croix Scuba has scheduled 3 milfoil pulls: April 21, May 20 (picnic), and June 23. Most begin 9am. May 20 likely start 1pm. Divers wishing to help contact St. Croix Scuba in Hudson.

## Monarch Waystation

Received a fresh coat of mulch in 2011. Is located along the paved prairie trail. Those wishing to help maintain contact [luther1@comcast.net](mailto:luther1@comcast.net)



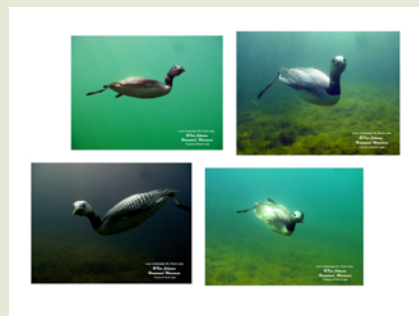
# Loon Pictures For Sale

See accompanying brochure for prices.

Ken brought his underwater camera on a dive to photograph fish in Perch Lake. Imagine his surprise when the resident loon came by to check him out—even peering into his mask! A photo-card featuring the loon will be given to the first 20 people to donate \$25 or more to FOPL.

## Unmounted 8X10 prints available

Ken is permitting signed, limited edition 8x10 prints of the four shots shown together to be sold to raise capitol funds for the park's future Learning/ Reception center. Ken is not taking a cut. Moreover another member has donated the printing on archival paper using canon chroma-life (100yr) ink.



**Loon swimming underwater at Perch Lake. Photographs by Ken Johnson.**

This means 100% of the purchase price will go the the learning center! Most of the cost is tax-deductible. The profile photo shown separately lower right is available to those purchasing the entire set. See brochure for details.

## Framed 11X14 Prints

Ken has also donated the framing for a set of 11X14s. The profile image was auctioned at the St. Joe Fall Festival Fall of 2011. Two more images will be auctioned at the Earthday event at the

YMCA Camp St. Croix

532 Cty Rd F, Hudson, WI 54016

Sunday, April 29th  
noon – 4 p.m.

and the 2012 St. Joe Fall Festival. The remaining two will be auctioned in 2013.

Additionally, there will be some framed prints available at St. Croix Scuba in Hudson.





## Weevil Wranglers Wanted

A really great and unique opportunity has come to Homestead (Perch Lake especially). We have been chosen to partner with Beaver Creek Reserve of Fall Creek, WI <http://beavercreekreserve.org/> to raise weevils that eat Eurasian Water Milfoil. This has been done with great success for many years, including in Bass Lake. <http://dnr.wi.gov/invasives/fact/milfoil.htm> take a look at this link under biological control for a short description of how it works.

Now this will initially be NO COST to us which, as usual, means we pay for it in sweat equity! This is where I desperately need your help.

I need to get roughly a dozen volunteers to commit to 3-4 days throughout the summer. More solid dates are to come. Suffice it to say that I will need you all day to pick and clean enough Milfoil to feed these things. The hope is to do it all here at Perch, however it is possible we may need to pile a happy group of us in a carpool and ride to Fall Creek (1.5 hrs east near Eau Claire). This will be decided as the project begins to roll and I will let you know as soon as I do.

I hope you all are as excited as I am about this opportunity. I can not stress what kind of an opportunity this is. These weevils are very expensive, I have anecdotally heard 10's of thousands.

Please send this to any and all folks who may be interested. If nothing else it's good educational awareness for them.

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## Around the Park

*What's new at the park*

**KAYAKS and Upright Paddle Boards FOR RENT!** Prices same as boat rental.

**SUMMER EDUCATION** Fun for the whole family. Firm dates TBA. See accompanying flyer.

**TROUT STOCKED** Osceola fish hatchery put in 1,500 9 inch and greater rainbows on March 24, 2012. Perch Lake will also get any extra after other locations are stocked.

**KIDS FISHING CONTEST** Saturday, June 16. Sponsored by the Sportsmen's Alliance. Watch for signage in the park for details.

**SWIM MEET** Sponsored by YMCA. Date TBA-usually August.

### OAK SAVANNAH RESTORATION

Joe Merwyn and I will be removing pine trees from the restoration area at Homestead. The hillside from the bathroom by the lower parking lot to the bend in the beach trail road. We will be very selective with this in hope it is not as visually abusive as in the past. Our focus now is to release many of the oaks that the pines are outcompeting. This is part of a larger plan that is beginning to come to an end. Please know that all of us in the department have the health of the entire park in our mind. Questions, comments, or compliments, please don't hesitate to contact myself anytime 715-781-6833 or [justin.townsend@co.saint-croix.wi.us](mailto:justin.townsend@co.saint-croix.wi.us). Bob Heise our director has also offered to speak to anyone [bob.heise@co.saint-croix.wi.us](mailto:bob.heise@co.saint-croix.wi.us) or 715-531-1905. Thanks for understanding and I look forward to seeing you all at the park.  
Justin Townsend Site Manager Homestead

TBA dates/times posted here when firm  
<http://www.friendsofperchlake.com/index.php?page=events>



## Miscellaneous Info

*Park Stats: 2011 total. 29,538 Up from previous. Not self-sustaining. Daily sticker going to \$7, annual remains \$25.*

**BRAT STAND:** June 1, and 2 10 am to 6pm at RJ's Meats in Hudson. Contact Donna Seim at [dmdseim@aol.com](mailto:dmdseim@aol.com) to sign up for 2-4 hr shifts.

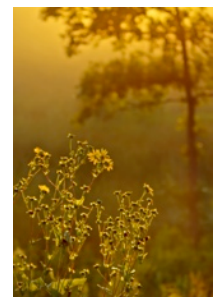
**ANNUAL MEETING:** Sunday, May 20 after feeding the divers. Come help serve, have some ribs, and stick around for the meeting.

**FIELD TRIPS:** Only one trip is scheduled so far: Willow River from Hudson on May 22. FOPL will again present homesteading history. We could always use help setting up and taking down. At the annual meeting we will discussing feasibility of assisting schools with transportation costs vs developing a program to bring into the schools. People with teaching background would be helpful for putting introduction announcements in the appropriate format to be placed in packets distributed to educators.

**Service Learning:** New Richmond schools help with general clean-up 5/18.

**BUILDING FUND:** Capitol fund is now approaching \$70,000. Additional fundraising/grant ideas sought. Bring suggestions to annual meeting.

**Prairie flowers and bur oak in early morning fog below.**



# Summer Education: Art in the Park

## Program Description

Going Green With Granny invites families to the new “Art in the Park” program at Homestead Parklands, a favorite outdoor destination in the Hudson area. Art in the Park will take place every-other Saturday throughout June, July & August at Homestead Parklands at Perch Lake. Bring the whole family! Each Art in the Park class will provide arts & crafts activities for children and adults of all ages. This is an opportunity for everyone in the family to explore, learn about and artistically express their connection to the natural world together. Guaranteed fun for all family members from preschoolers to grandparents! Each Art in the Park gathering will focus on a topic such as birds, insects or wildflowers, include one main art project and two or three other arts and craft activities. Please come prepared for being outdoors. Consider weather conditions and insects. Refillable water bottles are recommended. Registration fee includes all supplies and a snack. Park entry fees are extra.

## Instructor Bio

Rita Hussman has more than 20 years of experience working with children, youth and families and communities. She is a Certified Interpretive Guide with a lifelong enthusiasm for the outdoors and a gift for arts & crafts.

## Registration Fee

TBD

**Potential Dates:** (every-other Saturday - 10:00 AM-12:00 PM)

June 9 (National Get Outdoors Day! Would be a perfect kick off for the park & the series)

June 23

July 7

July 21

Aug 11

Aug 25

## Sample “Art in the Park” Sessions

Each session will have one main art/craft project and two or three other make and take activities. Informal discussions about the topic will be facilitated. Each session will end with a themed snack.

Title: Bird Abodes

Transform a coffee can into a fabulous home for your favorite feathered.

Learn about migration. Who comes, who stays and why.

Snack: Chocolate Bird Nest Treat (No-bake cookies & jelly beans)

Title: Bugs, Bees and Dragonflies Please

Make beautiful beaded bugs and other crafty insects.

Learn about pollination. Why bees and other insects are our friends.

Snack: Oreo Spiders (Oreo Cookies & string licorice)

Title: Aliens Among Us

Create a space alien print with leaves and other natural items.

Learn about invasive plant species. How they got here and why they’ve got to go.

Snack: Alien Face cookies

Title: Flower Power

Create lovely paper flowers and floral prints.

Learn how the basic anatomy of a flower.

Snack: Rice Crispy Flowers



## DOING GOOD ONE SEARCH OR ONE PURCHASE AT A TIME!

Supporters of **Friends of Perch Lake** are using GoodSearch and GoodShop and now GoodDining, raising money with every search of the Internet and every purchase on-line and at participating restaurants!

What if even a fraction of the \$20 billion generated by search engine advertisers\* and online shopping was directed towards **Homestead Parklands on Perch Lake**.

That is the concept behind GoodSearch.com a new search engine powered by Yahoo! GoodSearch donates 50% of its revenue, approximately a penny per search, to the charities designated by its users. You use it exactly as you would any other search engine and the pennies add up quickly – just 500 people searching four times a day will earn around \$7,300 in a year. It doesn't cost the users a thing!

Similarly with GoodShop.com, consumers are helping their favorite causes by shopping at hundreds of well-known retailers including Amazon, Target, Apple, Macy's, Best Buy, Orbitz, Staples and others. The shopping experience and the prices are exactly the same as going to the retailer directly, but by going through GoodShop, up to 37% of the purchase price is donated to the user's favorite cause!

**Friends of Perch Lake** is registered with the sites, giving its supporters a chance to raise money for the cause every time they search the Internet or shop online. The goal is to raise money for a **Learning Center** in the park.

Using GoodSearch is simple. Use your internet browser to find GoodSearch, type **Friends of Perch Lake** in the who do you search for box, and click verify to make **Friends of Perch Lake** your default charity. Because the site is powered by Yahoo, users are assured of high quality results - but each time you search, money is generated by the advertisers for your favorite charity or school. The site contains directions for adding it to either your bookmarks or making it your toolbar browser.

"Every penny counts", says **Donna Seim**, of the **Friends of Perch Lake**. "While doing a search or shopping online why not raise money for our cause? There is absolutely no reason not to use GoodSearch and GoodShop - it's so easy".

"We know there are a lot of people who want to do good but may not have the time or the money to help out." said Ken Ramberg, Co-Founder of GoodSearch and former President of MonsterTRAK, the largest online career site for college students (now a division of Monster.com).

"GoodSearch and GoodShop make it as easy as possible. We've taken something people do every day -- searching the Internet and shopping online -- and have turned it into doing good."

## SPONSOR PERCH LAKE

Support the park with your tax-deductible donation to the Friends of Perch Lake; a 501(c)3 charity. Donors will receive an annual letter from FOPL relating the activities of the past and upcoming year. Mail form to Friends of Perch Lake P.O. Box 891 Hudson, WI 54016.

\_\_\_ \$25    \_\_\_ \$50    \_\_\_ \$75    \_\_\_ \$100    \_\_\_\_\_ Other

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