



Northern Landscapes Festival

Event Overview

May 29—May 31, 2015

North House Folk School, Grand Marais, MN

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Spring is an explosion of life in the North! Discovering the birds, wildflowers, insects and more of this dynamic and rich northern landscape is the focus of this festival. Participation in the festival is open to anyone interested in hands-on learning and curious about the dynamics of the northern landscape. Field-focused courses form the backbone of the event - please visit North House's website to learn more. In addition, multiple evening and afternoon programs explore the biology, beauty and biodiversity of the North. Pre-registration is required for all courses - evening programs are open to the public. For additional information on the festival, please visit www.northhouse.org or call 218-387-9762.

PUBLIC PROGRAMS

Friday, May 29

7:00pm, Book Talk: *North Shore: A Natural History of Minnesota's Superior Coast* with Chel Anderson & Adelheid Fischer

at North House Folk School

Saturday, May 30

Chik-wauk Museum & Nature Center open for self-guided birding at the end of the Gunflint Trail, Museum open 10am-5pm

9:30-11:30am, A Family of Birds: Free Family Program at North House. Open to children of all ages, accompanied by an adult. Call to pre-register

Featured Presentation: Birds of Minnesota State Parks with Bob Janssen

7:30pm at North House Folk School

FESTIVAL COURSES

Starting May 29

- [What's This Rock? The Geologic Story of Minnesota's North Shore - 2.5 days](#)
- [Boreal Field ID Workshop \(with Bob!\) - 1 day](#)
- [Bird & Wildlife Photography: In the Field - 1 day](#)

Starting May 30

- [Birding by Ear - 1 day](#)
- [Foraging for Spring Wild Edibles - 1.25 days](#)
- [Spring Wildlife Tracking - 1 day](#)
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- [Spring Phenology in the Field: Wildflowers and Beyond - 1.5 days](#)
- [Spring Wildlife Tracking - 1 day](#)

Starting May 31

- [Tree & Shrub ID for the Craftsperson and Naturalist](#)

DETAILED PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

Friday, May 29

***North Shore: A Natural History of Minnesota's Superior Coast* with Chel Anderson & Adelheid Fischer**

7:00pm at North House Folk School

Join beloved local naturalist Chel Anderson and her co-author Adelheid Fischer as they share their new book, *North Shore: A Natural History of Minnesota's Superior Coast* from the University of Minnesota Press. In *North Shore* Chel and Adelheid offer a comprehensive environmental history of one of Minnesota's most beloved places. Compelling and accessible, the book will provide readers with a science-based knowledge of the Minnesota North Shore watershed so that together we can write a new, hopeful chapter for its inhabitants, both human and wild.

Saturday, May 30

9:30-11:30am A *Family of Birds* Family Program sponsored by the US Forest Service

FREE, please pre-register by calling North House

Not only are bird families interesting, but birding as a family is fun too! Your family can learn about their families at this introduction to birding program. International Migratory Bird Day this year focuses on restoring habitats and restoring birds. We will talk about what you can do to provide habitat in your own backyard followed by a hike to view birds while playing Habitat Bingo! We'll supply treats too to keep the young ones 'cropped up'. Bring binoculars if you have them, some will be available for use. Families with kids of all ages (or with no kids!) are welcome; however, children must be accompanied by an adult. We'll be going for a short hike, dress appropriately

5:30 pm Wood-fired Pizza Potluck at North House; free for Festival Participants

Bring your favorite pizza toppings to share and beverages for this casual, harbor-side pizza potluck as North House Folk School fires up the wood-fired oven and provides the dough. Enjoy good company and good eats! Open to all festival participants and family members.

Featured Presentation: *Birds of Minnesota State Parks* with Bob Janssen

7:30 pm at North House Folk School

Long-time North House instructor Bob Janssen really knows his birds. In his new book, he focuses on the state parks of Minnesota. With a diverse range of habitats, the state parks offer ample scope for adventure for the casual and serious birder alike. Beloved for his deep knowledge and for making bird identification approachable and fun, Bob will reflect on his new book and tell a few choice stories from his decades of experience exploring the avian world of Minnesota and beyond.

Chik-Wauk Museum & Nature Center on the Gunflint Trail Friday & Saturday

Gate opens at 9:15 am; Museum open 10 am- 5 pm daily;

Grounds open from sunrise to sunset – park to the side of the gate

Housed in the historic Chik-Wauk Lodge on beautiful Saganaga Lake, 55 miles northwest of Grand Marais, Chik-Wauk Museum and Nature Center presents the Gunflint Trail's cultural and natural history through interpretive and interactive exhibits. The Chik-Wauk grounds covers 50 acres surrounding a bay of Saganaga Lake and offer excellent birding on a network of hiking trails of varying length and difficulty. Free admission to grounds; \$3 per person to visit museum. Call in advance – 218-388-9915 – if you want to reserve a birding backpack (contains binoculars and a bird guide) to use during your visit.