



Northern Landscapes Festival

Event Overview

May 31—June 2, 2013

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 31

7:30 pm

Presentation Raptor Migration: Meet the Birds! with **Erin Manning**

Animal Program Coordinator of Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Center

Saturday, June 1

Chik-wauk Museum & Nature Center open for self-guided birding

7 am at the end of the Gunflint Trail, Museum open 10 am-5 pm

7 am Warbler Hike on the Chik-Wauk grounds

with birder Ann Russ. Meet on the Chik-Wauk front porch.

Free and open to the public.

Families of Birds: FREE Family Workshop

9:30am-11:30am at North House

Sponsored by the US Forest Service Gunflint Ranger District

Featured Presentation: Scenes & Stories of the North Shore with Paul Sundberg

7:30 pm, North House Folk School

FESTIVAL COURSES

Starting Friday, May 31

- [Boreal Birding Workshop - 2 days](#)
- [Bird & Wildlife Photography: In the Field - 1 day](#)
- [Birding by Ear - 1 day](#)
- [What's This Rock? Unraveling the Geologic Story of MN's North Shore - 2.5 days](#)

Starting Saturday, June 1

- [North Shore/Boreal Forest Birding - 2 days](#)
- [Firestarting & Cordage: Primitive Skills Workshop - 1/2 day](#)
- [Geology of North Shore Eskers: In the Field - 1 day](#)

DETAILED PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

Friday, May 31

Raptor Migration: Meet the Birds!

with Erin Manning, Animal Program Coordinator of Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Center

7:30pm at North House Folk School

Sponsored by the US Forest Service Gunflint Ranger District

All birds are not created equal when it comes to migration. Learn how raptors migrate, and why they do so. Meet 3 live raptors: a red-tailed hawk, a peregrine falcon and a great-horned owl. All of Wolf Ridge's education raptors are permanently injured and cannot be released back to the wild. Hear their personal stories and find out what makes raptors unique in the migration world.

Saturday, June 1

Families of Birds: FREE Family Workshop

9:30 am-11:30 am meet at North House Folk School

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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 concentrates on life cycles, so we are going to look at bird family life and migration, along with some great tips for beginning birding. 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: Scenes & Stories of the North Shore with Paul Sundberg

7:30 pm, North House Folk School

We are pleased to welcome NH instructor and retired Gooseberry Falls State Park Director Paul Sundberg. Paul has spent years exploring and photographing the North Shore, focusing in particular on the birds and wildlife that call this forest home. On Saturday, he'll offer a slideshow of his work Saturday night and talk about his photographic journey. Paul's photos are frequently published in Lake Superior Magazine, The Boundary Waters Journal and the Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Center calendar.

Chik-Wauk Museum & Nature Center on the Gunflint Trail

Friday & Saturday, grounds open at 7am; Museum open 10 am- 5 pm daily

Chik-Wauk Museum and Nature Center tells the story of the Gunflint Trail. [Interpretive and interactive displays](#) in the museum present the Gunflint Trail's cultural and natural history from its prehistoric beginnings to the development of today's unique, rural community. The Chik-Wauk Nature Center covers 50 acres surrounding a bay of Saganaga Lake. The nature center boasts picnic areas, overlooks, and several interpretive hiking trails, including an ADA trail. The trails provide insight into the history and ecology of the Gunflint Trail, including a first-hand glimpse of wildfire regeneration from the Ham Lake Wildfire, which burned through a portion of Chik-Wauk's property in May 2007. Admission to the grounds is free; museum admission is \$3. The museum also has five birding backpacks, which include a set of binoculars and a bird guide, for the public to use on Chik-Wauk grounds. People can check out the backpacks from the museum during operating hours. Call in advance – [218-388-9915](tel:218-388-9915) – if you want to reserve a backpack to use during your visit.