

Glacier's Promised Land Heritage Area Newsletter

Heralding the Legacy of the Red Cedar Watershed

Blue Hills Geology Program Scheduled April 6

Geology of the Ice Age Tail Dreamer Segment of the Blue Hills is the topic of the Thursdays at the U! presentation at the University of Wisconsin-Eau (UWEC) Claire/Barron County, at 12:30 pm, on April 6.

Makenzie Sedlacek, and Jackson Avery White, UWEC Geology students under the leadership of Professor Kent Syverson will give the results of a 2022 research project to identify and describe the geological features along the new trail to be constructed over the next two years,

Professor Syverson is an Advisory Panel member of Glaciers Promised Land Heritage Area (GPLHA). The research project is partially funded by Mary Hilfiker who is also on the Advisory Panel.

The new trail will connect features such as Gundy's Canyon, Devil's Tea Kettle and the Blue Hills Felsenmeer.



Red Cedar Savanna State Natural Area

A Brief Change in Course

The primary focus of Glacier's Promised Land Heritage Area is to prepare the Feasibility Study for submission to the National Park Service. However, the Wisconsin DNR is currently accepting public input on the Master Plans of a number of their properties within the Red Cedar Watershed. Master Plans are generally reviewed every 15 years, so there is an opportunity to advocate for improvements that will enhance the chances for obtaining the designation of a National Heritage Area.

Although there are no state parks within the watershed, there are two State Trails, six State Natural Areas and a State Recreation Area. In addition the Chippewa Moraine Ice Age Interpretative Center near the Red Cedar Watershed is eligible for inclusion.

Red Cedar Opportunities

Three DNR properties have been identified where recommendations are timely.. *Continued Next Page*



Dale Hanson to Speak at Red Cedar Watershed Conference

“Teaching Climate Change to Non-Scientists” is the subject of the presentation that Dale Hanson will give at the 11th Annual Red Cedar Watershed Conference.

Dale, a member of the Glacier’s Promised Land Study Group (GPL), is scheduled to give his talk at 1:40 pm, on March 9 at the conference held at University of Wisconsin–Stout.

This year’s conference, on March 9, 2023, is dedicated to the memory of Rod Olson, founder and visionary of GLPHA. Registration for the Conference is possible by Googling “Red Cedar Watershed Conference”.

Don Erickson will be pleased to arrange a get together for lunch with members of the Study Group and Advisory Panel in attendance. Arrangements can be made notifying Don at

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- Establishing of a Heritage Park at Red Cedar Narrows to tell the rich natural and cultural history that took place.
- Designating the Hulda Hilfiker Memorial Nature Site at Tuscobia Creek as a State Natural Area.
- Erection of a wayside marker at Varnes Creek on the Red Cedar State Trail to recognize the discovery of a cache of four “turkey- blade feathers” found at the site.

Have your voice heard by letting the DNR Master Planning Team know you favor these actions by sending an email to Erin E. Rieser at erine.rieser@wisconsin.gov

Please let us know if you would like a copy of the case-for-support for a Heritage Park and interpretative canoe/kayak water trail at the Red Cedar Narrows.

Attraction of the Month

Caddie Woodlawn Park near Menomonie, is a great place to see where the real Caddie lived. Visitors can gain an appreciation for what it was like for a young girl living in a Wisconsin wilderness. The Woodlawn log cabin is part of the setting for Carol Ryrie Brink’s children’s historical fiction novel entitled, “Caddie Woodlawn”. Her book won the Newberry Award for Children’s literature in 1936.

