



# PORT WASHINGTON HIKING CHALLENGE

• HIKING GUIDE 2023 •

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- 1 Entry for registering
  - 1 Entry per hike
  - 1 Entry per discovery item
- More entries means more chances to win \$200, \$100, or \$50 Sherper's giftcards!

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# EMBARK ON AN ADVENTURE.

## 2023 Port Washington Hiking Challenge

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**Take on the challenge!** This is your comprehensive "Port Washington Hiking Guide". It contains over 20 hiking destinations that are within a 2.5 hour radius from Port Washington. This guide not only includes these hiking locations, but also maps and links for more information on each hiking destination; to help you feel prepared before you even step out the door for your adventure. You will also be provided with a list of "Discovery Items" that will include native and invasive plant species, animals, birds, etc. with pictures so you can hunt for them and learn along the way.

We are challenging individuals, pairs, or families to get outdoors and make the most of our Wisconsin trail systems, parks, and outdoor recreation areas. Let's improve our mental and physical wellness while enjoying the great outdoors! The more hikes you complete and discovery items you find means more entries you will receive which means a greater chance to win gift cards to Sherper's! The more entries you receive the more of a chance you will have to win a prize at the end! **\*\*Updated this year: our GRAND PRIZE: \$200 gift card will be awarded to the participant with the MOST hikes and discovery items.** (If there is a tie for the most, we will do a drawing with the names of the tied participants.)\*\* All other entries will go into the drawings for the other prizes. The drawing will be held on Monday, November 6 for the \$100 (x1), and \$50 (x4) gift cards on Facebook Live. Winners will be contacted via phone and email.

### 1 Entry for Registering

1 Entry per Completed Hike (From the listed hike locations)

1 Entry per Discovery Item Found

**Proof of Your Hike or Discovery Items Includes:** Pictures of park/trail signage (with you or your family in it), watch/GPS record, pictures with hashtag #pwhikingchallenge2023 shared on Instagram, other fitness app stats, etc.

**To Submit Proof:** Email Beth MacDonald - bmacdonald@portwashingtonwi.gov or utilize the #pwhikingchallenge2023 hashtag on Instagram. **All proof must be submitted on or before October 31.**

**(Note: In order to utilize the hashtag (#pwhikingchallenge2023) your Instagram profile must be set to public)**



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# HIKE LOCATIONS

## OZAUKEE COUNTY



### Donges Bay Gorge

Located in Mequon, WI along Lake Michigan, Donges Bay Gorge Natural Area spans a total of 23 acres. The preserve contains steep lake slopes, beach frontage, an undulating upland lake bluff, upland woods and a ravine that extends through the property.

### Lion's Den Gorge Nature Preserve



Lion's Den Gorge Nature Preserve is a 73-acre public natural area located in Ozaukee County, Wisconsin, running adjacent to Lake Michigan between the village of Grafton and city of Port Washington.

### Birchwood Hills Nature Preserve



This 23 acre hidden gem is located on the Northern end of Port Washington. In the preserve you will find newly restored trails, recently restored prairies, and a pond within the wooded areas.

### Riveredge Nature Center



"With more than 379 acres of land and ten miles of meandering trails, wild Wisconsin is closer than you imagine. Lose yourself in one of the most beautifully restored natural sanctuaries in southeastern Wisconsin. With prairies, woods, ponds, and over one mile of Milwaukee River shoreline"

## SHEBOYGAN COUNTY

### Butler Lake



Butler Lake and Flynn's Spring features a seven-acre shallow hard-bottom lake surrounded by sedge meadow. Adjacent to the lake is Parnell Esker, a geologic feature known worldwide and used extensively for education. The esker is 5 to 35 feet in height and runs northeast southwest for about four miles.

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# HIKE LOCATIONS



## SHEBOYGAN COUNTY

### Kohler-Andre State Park



"Named for John Michael Kohler and Terry Andrae state parks, Kohler-Andrae is the home of majestic sand dunes, miles of golden beach, shimmering blue Lake Michigan water, whispering pines, an abundance of wildlife and recreational activities. Kohler-Andrae State Park is one of the last natural preserves along the Lake Michigan shore."

### Sheboygan Marsh Wildlife Area



The Sheboygan Marsh Wildlife Area includes over 13,000 acres. Making this an ideal destination for hunters, fishers, and wildlife/natural observers. The park now also hosts the State's tallest wooden observation tower.

## WASHINGTON COUNTY

### Fellenz Woods



Located in the town of Trenton, WI, Fellenz Woods spans over 160 acres, and contains nearly 1.5 miles of undeveloped Milwaukee River frontage, 15 acres of lowland forest, numerous natural springs and a 50 acre virgin floodplain forest.

### Heritage Trails County Park



Herritage Trails County park opened in 1978 and is 234 acres of rolling Kettle Moraine Hills, prairies, and forests. The park is located in the Town of Polk just south of Highway 60

### Ice Age Trail - Holy Hill Segment



This segment of the Ice Age Trail passes through a mostly forested landscape across the glacial terrain that surrounds Holy Hill. The route offers just a few openings with views of glacial kame Holy Hill and the shrine and monastery that sits atop it 1350 feet above sea level.



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# HIKE LOCATIONS

## WASHINGTON COUNTY

### Kratzsch Conservancy

Kratzsch Conservancy is located in the Town of Trenton, WI, and is 73 acres in total. The conservancy was once all farm land but now contains grasslands, wetlands and woodlands with approximately 2,500 feet of frontage along the north bank of the Milwaukee River.

### Lizard Mound State Park

More than a mile of limestone and grass-surfaced trails loop throughout the property. A self-guided tour winds around 28 well-preserved burial mounds. Please remember to remain on designated trails as walking on the mounds is strictly prohibited. The Lizard Mound property is an Indigenous burial ground. The landscape is held sacred by members of descendent communities and others. During your visit please show respect for the site and the individuals who were interred here.

### Powder Hill Trail - Kettle Moraine State Forest

The hike to Powder Hill is 0.5 miles from the Nature Trail parking lot or 1.1 miles from the beach/picnic area parking lot. Powder Hill is the second-highest point in southeastern Wisconsin. An observation tower near the peak provides a spectacular panoramic view.

### Ridge Run Park

Ridge Run Park is the newest park in the city of West Bend. It features scenic trails as well as multiple recreational amenities. The east park entrance is accessible from University Drive and the west park entrance is accessible from Wheat Ridge Lane off of Scenic Drive.

### Schoof's Preserve

Located on 51 acres in the town of Erin, WI. This preserve contains a diversity of wetland habitats, upland habitats, and an intermittent stream system. Because of the diverse habitats this preserve is home to birds such as eagles, falcons and hawks; mammals such as deer and coyotes and numerous small fish and aquatic insects.

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# HIKE LOCATIONS

## Milwaukee County

### Seven Bridges Trail in Grant Park

Trails are unpaved and lannon stone paths, lannon stone staircases, and numerous foot bridges, visit during any season to see carpets of spring wildflowers, hear the songs of migratory birds, fabulous fall colors, the refreshing sound of water rushing in a brook. Following the trails, you'll be led among enormous trees such as the native beech, along creeks, into secluded areas, and onto the shore of Lake Michigan. Please exercise caution on the trail—especially after heavy rainfall!

## Manitowoc County

### Cherney Maribel Caves

This park is located on 75 acres on the West Twin River north of the Village of Maribel in the Town of Cooperstown. This area contains scenic rock formations, wooded areas, a staircase and trail system that has been constructed for greater accessibility to the scenic lowland area.

## Kenosha County

### Richard Bong State Recreation Area

This 4,515-acre multi-use recreation area in Kenosha County boasts 217 campsites, a nature center, and a lookout tower. It is the perfect place for birding, hunting, canoeing, fishing, and hiking. Visitors can also utilize 6.5 miles of looped ATV/Dirt Bike trails on gently rolling terrain, plus a beginners loop.

## Fon Du Lac County

### Zillmer Loop System Trails

This 5.2-mile loop trail near, Campbellsport, WI, is generally considered a moderately challenging route. It takes an average of 1 h 51 min to complete. It is a popular trail for cross-country skiing, hiking, and running. You can still enjoy some solitude during quieter times of day.

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# HIKE LOCATIONS

## WAUKESHA COUNTY

### Lapham Peak

"The Lapham Peak Unit of the Kettle Moraine State Forest was formed 10,000 years ago when a glacier covered much of Wisconsin. Lapham Peak's glaciated topography provides excellent hiking, backpacking and cross-country skiing on lighted trails. Climb a 45-foot observation tower atop the highest point in Waukesha County (1,233 feet above sea level)."

### Naga-Waukee Park

Naga-Waukee Park is located north of I-94 between Nagawicka Lake and Pewaukee Lake. This 414-acre parcel consists of a regional park, a championship 18-hole golf course, and two lake access sites.

### Nashotah Park

Nashotah Park is a 444-acre park which includes rolling hills, woodlands, wetlands, and grasslands that offer habitat for deer, waterfowl and a variety of songbirds. Nature trails lead through easily identifiable landscape types that were created by the last glacial advance more than 10,000 years ago.

### Retzer Nature Center

Retzer Nature Center was originally purchased by John and Florence Retzer as a retirement home. The Retzers immediately began restoring the degraded land with over 26,000 trees, shrubs, and flowers; mostly obtained from the Wisconsin Conservation Department. In 1973, Florence Horn Retzer donated the property to Waukesha County for park purposes. Her vision was "to conserve the scenery, natural life and wildlife, leaving the land unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations." The Nature Center focuses on environmental education, natural land management, community restoration, and wildlife habitat improvement.

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## JEFFERSON COUNTY

### Aztalan State Park



Aztalan State Park is a National Historic Landmark and contains one of Wisconsin's most important archaeological sites, an ancient Middle-Mississippian village that thrived between A.D. 1000 and 1300.

## CALUMET COUNTY

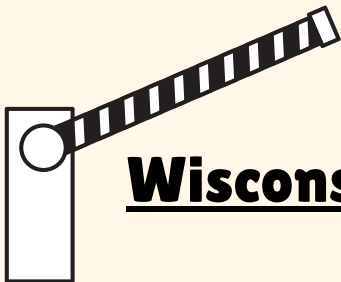
### High Cliff State Park



High Cliff State Park is the only state-owned recreational area on Lake Winnebago. The park gets its name from the limestone cliff of the Niagara Escarpment, which parallels the lake's eastern shore. The 12-foot statue of Winnebago Indian Chief Red Bird, standing high on granite rock overlooking the lake is a popular destination in the park.

## KNOW BEFORE YOU GO!

Some of these parks and trails may require an admission fee! We advise that you plan ahead by checking online for admission fee information. It may be a good idea to bring along an extra \$10 just in case! Purchasing a Wisconsin State Park Vehicle Admission Sticker may save you some money if you plan on visiting a lot of State parks!



### Wisconsin State Park – Vehicle Admission Sticker



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# DISCOVERY ITEMS

## PLANTS

### INVASIVE SPECIES

An invasive species is an organism that is not indigenous, or native, to a particular area. Invasive species can cause great economic and environmental harm to the new area. (If found report to WI DNR)

CHICORY



JAPANESE

KNOTWEED



BURNING  
BUSH



CREEPING CHARLIE



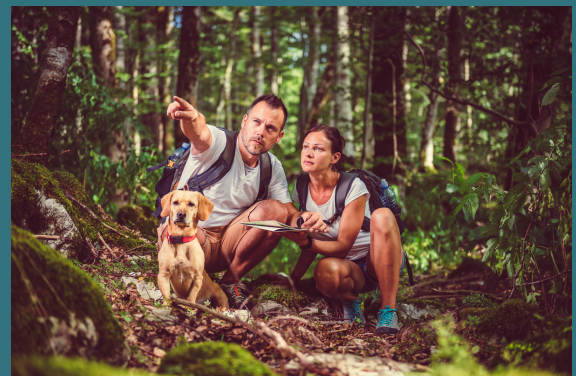
COMMON  
BARBERRY



CYPRESS  
SPURGE



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# DISCOVERY ITEMS

## PLANTS

### NATIVE SPECIES

Native species are considered to be native only if they originated in their location naturally and without the involvement of human activity or intervention. This usually means that those species evolved and are adapted to living in that particular environment, but this is not always the case.

MARSH MARIGOLD



NEW ENGLAND ASTER



JOE PYE WEED



SWAMP MILKWEED



WILD QUININE



GREAT BLUE LOBELIA



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# DISCOVERY ITEMS

## TREES

### TOP 22 BENEFITS OF TREES

 RED PINE



 BLACK WILLOW




 SUGAR MAPLE




 YELLOW BIRCH



 EASTERN RED CEDAR



 WHITE SPRUCE



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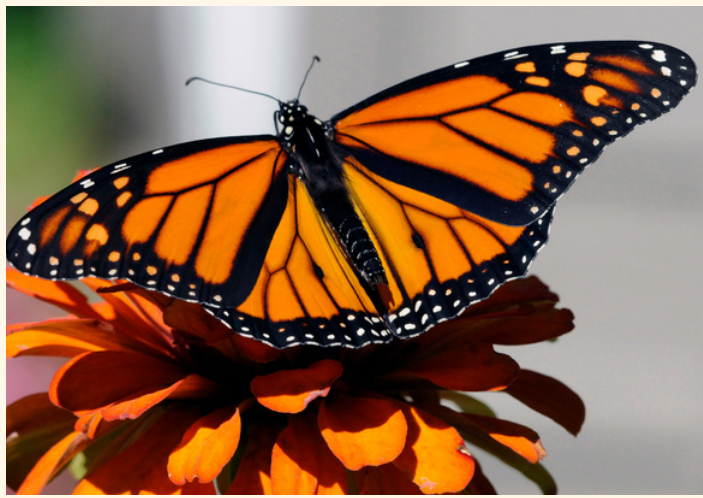
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# DISCOVERY ITEMS


## IN THE SKY

 MONARCH BUTTERFLY



 BALD EAGLE



 RING-BILLED GULL



 TREE SWALLOW



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# DISCOVERY ITEMS

## IN AND AROUND THE WATER



GREEN FROG



SNAPPING TURTLE



**OBSERVE FROM A DISTANCE!**

**Snapping turtles can be aggressive if provoked**

## NORTHERN



CLEARWATER CRAYFISH



COMMON WATER SNAKE



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# DISCOVERY ITEMS

## ON THE GROUND

 WHITE TAILED DEER




 13 LINED  
GROUND SQUIRREL



 MUSKRAT



 COYOTE



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# DISCOVERY ITEMS

## INVASIVE CRITTERS (If found report to WI DNR)

### SPONGEY MOTH



### JUMPING WORMS



### HOUSE SPARROW



### EMERALD ASH BORER (may submit photo of damage from this critter)



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# WHAT TO PACK

BELOW ARE SOME SUGGESTED ITEMS TO BRING WITH YOU ON YOUR ADVENTURES.



**Water (always bring extra)**

- Bug Spray
- Sun Screen

**Camera**

- Kleenex
- Sunglasses
- Hat
- Towels
- Plastic bags

- Blanket for a picnic
- Hammock

**First Aid Kit**

- Binoculars

**Phone**

- Selfie Stick
- Photo ID

**Hand Sanitizer**

- State Park Sticker

- Extra Clean Shoes
- Extra Dry Clothes/Layers
- Swim Suit
- Snacks & Food
- Cash
- Hiking Guide
- Backpack
- Cooler
- Ice

## EXTRA RESOURCES AND TIPS

Looking for some tips on packing, photography, or more places to explore? Check out these resources and apps!

- [Wildlife Photography Tips](#)
- [Nature Photography Tips](#)
- [Exploring more State Parks](#)
- [Getting the most out your phone camera](#)
- [Hiking for Beginners](#)
- [Packing for a Hike](#)
- [AllTrails App](#)
- [Avenza App](#)
- [Seek App](#)



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# MASTER CHECKLIST OF HIKES AND DISCOVERY ITEMS

## HIKES

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## DISCOVERY ITEMS

- 13 Lined Ground Squirrel
- Bald Eagle
- Black Willow
- Burning Bush

- Chicory
- Common Barberry
- Common Water Snake
- Coyote
- Creeping Charlie
- Cypress Spurge
- Eastern Red Cedar
- Emerald Ash Borer
- Great Blue Lobelia
- Green Frog
- House Sparrow
- Japanese Knotweed
- Joe Pye Weed
- Jumping Worm
- Marsh Marigold
- Monarch Butterfly
- Muskrat
- New England Aster
- Northern Clearwater Crayfish
- Red Pine
- Ring-Billed Gull
- Snapping Turtle
- Spongey Moth
- Sugar Maple
- Swamp Milkweed
- Tree Swallow
- White Spruce
- White Tailed Deer
- Wild Quinine
- Yellow Birch

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