

WILDERNESS VISITOR CENTER

Join us for one of these popular hikes or activities

Interpretive programs and activities at Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park are held from mid-June through early October and from the end of December through February. For a detailed schedule or to get directions to program locations, stop by the Wilderness Visitor Center, park headquarters or either of the park campground offices.

Here are examples of the summer interpretive programs scheduled for 2007.

Nonesuch Hike -- Join us on this hike to the long-abandoned Nonesuch town site for a glimpse at what life was like in an 1880s copper mining community. Meet at Nonesuch corner on South Boundary Road. Allow 1.5 hours for this hike of moderate difficulty.

Summit Peak Hike -- What better way to end your day than a sunset hike to the top of summit peak. Bring your camera as we will be going to one of the premier locations in the Porkies to view the setting sun. Meet at the Summit Peak parking area and bring a flashlight. Allow 1.5 hours for this medium to moderately difficult hike.

Giants of the North -- Meet at the Wilderness Visitor Center for this evening slide program about the Big Three of Michigan's northern forests -- the black bear, moose and the gray wolf. 1 hour.

Discovery Hike -- Meet at the Natural Trail at the Wilderness Visitor Center each Friday afternoon to explore the world of wildflowers, plants and animals that call the "Porkies" home. Hike is just over one mile and program is about 1.5 hours.

Aquatic Insect Hike -- Bring your water shoes for this wet hike. We will explore the insect life of the underwater world in the Union River. We will provide the nets. 1 hour. Meet at Union River interpretive trail.

Astronomy -- Join us at the Lake of the Clouds observation area for a chance to look through our telescope at distant planets or galaxies. Learn some of the more notable summer constellations and also how to use a "star chart." If we're lucky, we also may see some meteors or even the Northern Lights. Clear skies are required for this program, which lasts 1-1.5 hours.

Bear Den Hike -- Have you ever stuck your head in a bear den? Here is your chance. Join us as we explore the life of Michigan's black bear and end up at an actual bear den site. Get directions on where to meet at the Wilderness Visitor Center. 1 hour.