

Pringle Nature Center

Summer Celebration & Campout

June 22nd-23rd, 2019



For the first time ever, Pringle Nature Center is hosting a combined Summer Celebration and Great American Campout event in conjunction with the Kenosha County Parks and National Wildlife Foundation! Bring your family, friends, and neighbors out to Bristol Woods County Park for a day dedicated to camping and enjoying the great outdoors.

As this is a nationwide celebration of exploring the outdoors through camping, we encourage you to take advantage of all Bristol Woods, and Pringle Nature Center, have to offer by coming prepared to hike, play, picnic, and camp. We will also provide some nature-based activities throughout the day. Saturday afternoon activities are open to the public. Pre-registration is required for the campout in order to reserve your tent spot and optional breakfast. **The registration link can be found on the "Events" page on our website.**

In the following pages you will find a schedule of activities and extra information for campers. Please contact Pringle Nature Center with any questions. We look forward to camping with you!

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"Putting people in touch with nature"

Schedule of Activities

***schedule may be subject to change depending on staff availability and weather

Saturday, June 22nd, 2019

Afternoon Activities ***open to the public

- 1 pm **Summer Celebration Kickoff!** (lawn)
Let's start the summer right with some family-friendly fun!
- all afternoon **Self-guided activities**
Hiking (trails)
Lawn games (lawn)
Photo scavenger hunt (trails)
Pringle Nature Center (PNC) open
- 2-3 pm **Intro to Geocaching** (meet inside PNC)
Curious about geocaching? A naturalist will guide you through the basics of this interactive hobby. After the introduction, you can rent a GPS unit for \$5 and find all of Bristol Woods' caches on your own!
- 2-4 pm **Make-and-Take Kids' Craft** (PNC)
Take a break from the sun and make a nature-themed souvenir. \$5 ea.
- 4-5 pm **Nature Hike** (meet inside PNC)
A naturalist will highlight some of the summer flora and fauna of Bristol Woods. The hike will be ~1 mile in length and slow-paced.
- 5-6 pm **Check-in for Campers** (PNC)
If you have pre-registration for the campout, check in with PNC staff to find your tent spot.
- 7-8 pm **Campfire Cooking Demonstration** (fire pit)
Pick up some tips for cooking dinner and dessert in the great outdoors. Pudgie pies available for purchase while supplies last.

Overnight Campout ***campers only, pre-registration required

- 8-9 pm **Campfire Stories** (fire pit)
Hear some favorite campfire stories and songs, and then share your own!
- 9-10 pm **Night Hike** (meet inside PNC)
Follow a naturalist on this hike to learn about the world of nocturnal animals.
- 10 pm **Quiet Hours Begin** (tent spots)
Please respect sleeping campers! PNC bathrooms will remain open.

Sunday, June 23rd, 2019

Morning Activities ***campers only, pre-registration required

- 6 am **Quiet Hours End**

6-9 am	Breakfast (patio next to PNC) Bring your own, or let PNC provide breakfast (\$5 per family). Breakfast tokens will be distributed during check-in to those who pre-purchased.
8-9 am	Morning Bird Walk with Rick Fare (meet inside PNC) Start your morning right with the sights and sounds of birds during their most active time of day.
9 am	End of Campout Thank you for camping with us! Please make sure you have packed up all your belongings and any waste items. PNC will be open from 9am-4pm Sunday.

Information for Campers

Reserving your tent spot:

Reserve your tent spot early—this opportunity to camp in Bristol Woods only comes around once a year!

Pre-registration is due by Thursday, June 20th, and is required in order to ensure that a tent spot is available for you. Walk-in registrations will not be accepted. **The registration link can be found on the “Events” page on our website.** The person making the reservation must be at least 21 years in age.

Tent spots are 12’x12’ and can be reserved for \$15 each. The entire footprint of your camp must not exceed this size. Please let us know if you will need to reserve more than one tent spot. Reservations are on a first-come, first-served basis and are not complete until payment has been received. Tent spots will be assigned by staff upon registration and staff will direct campers to their assigned tent spots at check-in time. All tent spots will be located on the lawn on the Southeast side of Pringle Nature Center, away from lawn games and other afternoon activities.

Campers are responsible for providing their own tents and camping gear.

Meal Planning:

When you reserve your tent spot, you will have the option of purchasing breakfast for the following morning (June 23rd) for \$5 per tent (please let us know how many people per tent so we can purchase the correct amount of food). The Pringle-provided breakfast will include coffee, juice, fruit, and cold breakfast items such as bagels or muffins. Breakfast reservations must be made by Thursday, June 20th, in order to ensure enough food is available. We will also have pudgie pies available for purchase during the campfire cooking demonstration on the evening of Saturday, June 22nd, for as long as supplies last.

Campers will be responsible for all other meals. There are several BBQ grills located near the entrance of Bristol Woods County Park, available on a first-come, first-served basis. Picnic tables and trash/recycling receptacles can be found at the park pavilion and Pringle Nature Center. Several restaurants and fast

food establishments are within a 15-minute drive of Bristol Woods. We encourage you to bring reusable water bottles and **help us keep Bristol Woods clean!**

What Else to Bring:

Campers are responsible for providing their own tents, camping gear, and meals (see above).

DO bring the following:

- daily and emergency medications
- sunblock
- bug spray
- water bottles
- charged cell phones (on silent)
- extra layers of clothing and sleeping material
- hiking shoes
- extra socks
- wide-brimmed hat
- sunglasses
- camera for wildlife shots
- some extra cash for crafts and pudgie pies

DO NOT bring the following:

- knives, firearms, or other weapons
- alcohol
- firewood (charcoal may be used in the BBQ grills in the park)
- any music/video/games with audio that will be audible to other campers (headphones are OK)
- valuables or large amounts of money
- games that pose a potential hazard to other guests (i.e., lawn darts, slip-n-slide) or occupy a large footprint (i.e., pool, bounce house)

For other camping tips, consult the National Wildlife Foundation's helpful resources:

<https://www.nwf.org/Great-American-Campout/Camping-Resources>.

Restroom Situation:

The restrooms and drinking fountain inside Pringle Nature Center will be accessible throughout the overnight campout. There are also restrooms at the park pavilion.

Important Safety Instructions:

It is always a good idea to plan ahead and use caution when enjoying the outdoors, but even more so when camping and participating in night-time activities. Dress for the weather and bring extra layers. Be careful on uneven terrain and never go off-trail. Pack sunblock, bug spray, and water bottles. Know your limits and hydrate often. The water fountain in the nature center will be available throughout the event.

In the event of an emergency, call 911 and alert the nearest PNC staff member.

A PNC staff member will be present during the overnight portion of the campout and the nature center bathrooms will be available throughout the night. Local law enforcement and Kenosha County Parks staff will be periodically monitoring the event. Please exercise common sense during the event, alert staff of any suspicious activity, and respect fellow visitors/campers.

Pringle Nature Center is not responsible for any lost, stolen, or damaged items. Please keep valuables at home or locked safely in your vehicle. Participation in this event shall be undertaken at each participant's sole risk, and Pringle Nature Center, its directors, employees, and volunteer staff shall not be liable for any claims, injuries, damages, losses, diseases, wrongful death, actions or causes or action whatsoever, to participants or their property, arising out of or connected to participation in this program. Pringle Nature Center staff reserves the right to ask any visitor/camper to leave at any time if they deem the visitor/camper to be displaying disruptive or unsafe behavior. Visitors/campers who are asked to leave the event in this manner will not be given a refund for any purchases made during the event.

Pringle Nature Center and/or Kenosha County Parks staff may take photos during event for use in promotional media.

Checking In:

You've reserved your tent spot in advance, packed your tent, planned your meals, and wrangled some camping buddies, now what?

You can come for as many of the Summer Celebration activities on Saturday afternoon as you'd like, just make sure that you check in with a staff member inside Pringle Nature Center between 5 and 6 pm. They will show you your tent spot, ask you to sign a liability waiver, give you your breakfast token (if you purchased breakfast), and remind you of any safety instructions for the campout.

Tents may be set up any time between check-in and 10 pm (start of quiet hours).

What to Do:

The Summer Celebration & Campout is all about enjoying the great outdoors with your friends and family! We encourage you to take advantage of the 197 acres of Bristol Woods with any or all of the following ideas:

- explore the woods
 - Did you know there are more than 4 miles of trails here?
- have a picnic
 - Bring a blanket or grab a picnic table!
- check out Pringle Nature Center
 - Say hello to our new animals, or grab a book for some quiet time!
- visit the playground
 - (across from the pavilion, near the entrance of Bristol Woods)
- have a high-ropes adventure

Boundless Adventures recently opened their high ropes course in Bristol Woods:

<https://boundlessadventures.net/wi-park/>

- see what's swimming in the pond
Look for tadpoles, frogs, and water bugs!
- play some lawn games
Bring your own, or use ours!
- participate in a scavenger hunt
Find all the items, post your favorite photo, and tag PNC!
- make a craft
Take a break in the nature center and make a nature-themed souvenir!
- go on a naturalist-led hike
Join one, or both, of our nature hikes!
- become a geocacher
Learn about this fun, interactive hobby!
- pick up some campfire cooking tips
Learn about outdoor cooking and grab a pudgie pie!
- share campfire stories
Listen to campfire stories and songs, and share your own!
- go on a morning bird walk
Hear and spot birds during their most active time of day!

The **National Wildlife Foundation** also has some great ideas for camping activities, crafts, and recipes:

<https://www.nwf.org/Great-American-Campout/Camping-Resources/Camping-Activities>

See you on June 22nd!