

Events at Wildcat State Park

Saturday, September 17th – Wolves

Time: 7PM

Location: Amphitheater

There is likely no wildlife species that engenders more emotion or controversy among humans than the gray wolf. Scott Walter, former Large Carnivore Specialist with the Wisconsin DNR, will lead attendees through some basic wolf ecology, outline the population dynamics of wolves in Wisconsin, and engage in a discussion of the numerous issues related to wolf management in the state. Like so many issues in our society today, Scott will suggest that the current polarization regarding wolf management is counter-productive, and discuss with attendees how introspection, trust, and respect can move wolf management toward the middle and allow science to point both humans and wolves toward a future of less turbulent coexistence. A park admission sticker is required for vehicles entering the park.

Saturday, September 24th - NSA Public Telescope Viewing

Time: 8:30 p.m.

Location: Amphitheater Parking Lot

The Northwest Suburban Astronomers are coming back to Wildcat Mountain State Park! Mark your calendars and cross your fingers for clear skies in the evening. Then come to Wildcat to look at the skies through the amazing telescopes of this group. They will share their knowledge of the objects as well and this is a "not to be missed" event. Park near the amphitheater, bring a flashlight and walk the last 1/2 mile to the group camp to preserve everyone's night vision. A park admission sticker is required for vehicles entering the park.

Saturday, October 8th - Moonlight Hike

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Amphitheater parking lot.

Enjoy Wildcat at night with a guided hike under a nearly full moon. This hike will be 45 minutes to 1 hour long and will be along mostly level trails with some uneven terrain. Sturdy shoes are recommended. Participants are welcome to bring flashlights or headlamps to get to the hike site; but if it is clear, we plan to hike without external lighting using all our senses and the moon to guide our way so we can fully enjoy the park at night. A park admission sticker is required for vehicles entering the park.