



Nature Preserves Remain OPEN!

With the state of Wisconsin's order to close all nonessential businesses, we wanted to reassure you that all 32 of our nature preserves remain free and open to the public. In these uncertain and stressful times, it's nice to know that you can count on the constancy of nature.

Nature is essential to our well-being, in that it can provide renewal, exercise, and room to breathe. Now, more than ever we need adventures in nature.

Due to the generous support of the community to protect open spaces these areas are available for us to enjoy and find a sense of peace during this time. Beyond today, these preserves are forever-protected to continue to enrich the lives of future generations. Hence, Ozaukee Washington Land Trust is grateful for all the past support that has made it possible for us to support the community with our mission.

Here are three things you can keep doing to support our community:

- You can still enjoy our miles of trails stretching from the headwaters of the Milwaukee River, along Cedar and Sauk Creeks, and all the way to Lake Michigan. We all need fresh air and the great outdoors, so enjoy! And remember to smile and wave to your neighbors on the trail. We're all in this together!
- Plan a special picnic trip for your household to explore a new Ozaukee Washington Land Trust nature preserve and call a local restaurant for curbside pick up. Here are local guides for restaurants in our community that are offering curbside pick up:
 - [Wisconsin \(options from State Representative Robert Brooks\)](#)
 - [Greater Milwaukee \(options from GMToday.com\)](#)
- Post your photos/videos/stories on our public forum at NatureNOWIt.org to share your adventures with the community. Join the community by reacting to other posts on the forum. Remember that not all of our community members have the resources or ability to enjoy nature in the same way. So share the beauties you encounter with those that are sick and fully housebound, those that are craving to see the transition of winter to spring beyond the view of their window.

We wish you happiness, health, and wonderful memories made in nature with your household.

Ozaukee Washington Land Trust remains grateful that we are called to do our work in a community with such a generous spirit and a love of all things nature, now and forever.

I hope to see you on the trails,

Tom Stolp
Executive Director