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Photo by Overpass Light Brigade

Milwaukee environmentalists and the Overpass Light Brigade made their point on the proposed Keystone Pipeline at a Jan. 12 event

Environmentalists see the light on pipeline

By Julie Enslow

Milwaukee environmental activists from 350.org and the Sierra Club joined the Overpass Light Brigade on Jan. 12 to hold lighted signs over I-43 urging President Obama to “Reject Keystone Now!”

It was part of a national day of action to encourage the President to act quickly to reject the proposed Keystone XL pipeline that would transport dirty tar sands crude oil from Alberta, Canada, to the refineries and ports on the Texas Gulf Coast. Most of that oil would then be shipped abroad.

The Canadian oil and pipeline companies would make huge profits while the United States would inherit the environmental risks from inevitable leaks in the pipeline. The Canadian government is desperate to get oil pipelines from landlocked Alberta to a coastline for export. Since the Canadian people are

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Spring Programs

*Mayfair Mall, Community Room
Room G110, Garden Suites East*

Free and open to the public
Enter the east side of the mall by the AMC Theatre.

“A Wilderness Icon: America’s Red Rock Wilderness”
Monday, March 16, 7 p.m. following St. Patrick’s Day potluck at 6:15 p.m.

America’s Red Rock Canyonlands Wilderness, located in southern Utah, draws pilgrims from across the country and around the world. It is the largest network of undesignated wilderness lands remaining in the Lower 48 States. At its heart lies the Greater Canyonlands region surrounding Canyonlands National Park. Learn about the beauty and importance of wild lands from our expert, Clayton Daughenbaugh, who serves as the volunteer Chair of the Sierra Club’s National Wildlands Committee.

Join us before the talk for an **Irish potluck**. Please bring a dish to share. Toppings for baked potatoes would be welcomed. Potatoes will be provided. Reservations aren’t required, but contacting Chris Zapf at: zapfchristine@sbcglobal.net (262-786-9584) four days prior helps us plan the food.

There will be no April program due
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Notes from the Chair

As I write this, I have just completed sending the Wisconsin Department of Transportation my comments regarding its draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on proposed options for the I-94 East/West Corridor. WisDOT's own Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) records show a continual decrease in Milwaukee County from 2009 through 2013. Yet its draft EIS projects traffic increasing by 23% over the next 40 years. WisDOT therefore proposes combating predicted congestion on the Corridor either by building a double deck roadway through the cemeteries along the route or by adding a fourth lane to the existing three-lane footprint.

The first dishonors the deceased and shows a lack of respect for veterans. The second shuts down ramps for Hunger Task Force. Both are unnecessary, since the recent (May, 2014) Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) reports that traffic growth nationwide will be "flat" for the next 40 years.

But in either scenario there will be more traffic on an expanded highway, as research shows cars are likely to be attracted from side roads. The EIS from WisDOT does not provide a solution for the resulting increased pollution through the Story Hill neighborhood. Nor does it mention the expanded highway's contributions to climate change. And it certainly does not talk about transit as a component. That's where the Coalition for

More Responsible Transportation (CMRT) comes in with an alternative proposal. Go to www.wisprig.org/reports to see the details of that proposal.

It seems that Wisconsin is awash with WisDOT projects and local resistance: Included are proposals in Waukesha for the Bypass where the FHWA has just issued a decision in support of the final EIS, and La Crosse where there is WisDOT's pressure to build a second road across the river marsh.

Wisconsin could save \$800 million on the I-94 Corridor project and many millions more from possible tax increases or transportation bonds by turning to transit as a solution. Transit is good for the air, for people without cars and for climate change. Think transit when you next travel.

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And speaking of climate change, our April 25 Earth Day celebration will focus on its impact on Lake Michigan. Notable speakers will address the issues at the Schlitz Audubon Nature Center, a great place on a great lake, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. See the Earth Day article for details.

*Dianne Dagen, Chair
Great Waters Group, Sierra Club*



Falk Park in Oak Creek offers a rare view of a local wetland forest.

Learn about wetlands forests, ponds

There are few wetlands left in Milwaukee County, and we should treasure what we have left. We will brave the mud at Oak Creek's Falk Park on April 11 to learn about wetland forest communities and ephemeral ponds, which are temporary water bodies that usually disappear by the late summer. These ponds provide important habitat for wetland wildlife.

Date: Saturday, April 11. Time: 10 a.m.- 1 p.m.

Level: Medium.

Location: Falk Park, 2013 West Rawson Avenue, Oak Creek.

Leader: Dan Buckler. Please RSVP at Daniel.c.buckler@gmail.com or 330-261-2088.

Certification offered for outings leaders

Want to share your knowledge for exploring, enjoying and protecting the outdoors with others? The Great Waters Group and the John Muir Chapter are looking for a few good leaders. Outings leaders that is.

Take part in a special opportunity to obtain certification to lead trips using your knowledge and the protection Sierra Club offers to get people outdoors safely and back home with great memories of that experience.

Eric Uram, John Muir Chapter Outings Chair, an experienced wilderness outings leader and certified outings trainer, will provide excellent training and fun during this two-day weekend event.

For those looking only to lead local outings in places easily served by first responders, Sierra Club offers basic Outdoor Leadership Training, OLT-101, on Saturday only. For those interested in leading trips away from cars and for overnight, OLT-201 is needed and requires both Saturday and Sunday training. In addition, basic first aid training, which is required for all leaders, will be offered.

If you are interested, please call the John Muir Chapter office (608-256-0565) to sign up. All that's required is your time and a \$10 fee for each day to cover lunch and materials. Email Eric at Eric.Uram@SierraClub.org for more information.

Earth Day to focus on a Great Lake

Watching a sunrise over Lake Michigan is an awesome experience. You are struck by its beauty and grandeur while at the same time you're reminded of the perils the lake faces from pollution, invasive species, storm water and agricultural runoff. To bring awareness of these issues as well as to celebrate our neighborhood Great Lake, we invite you to our annual Earth Day event on April 25 at the beautiful Schlitz Audubon Nature Center.

Lake Michigan is the fifth largest lake in the world and the largest entirely in one country. It's home to trout, sturgeon and salmon, and it provides millions of people with drinking

water, jobs, recreational opportunities and food. When you remember that the Ojibwe called it mishigami, meaning "great water," you smile at the understatement.

But despite its greatness, Lake Michigan faces many problems that are exacerbated by the global "elephant in the room" that is climate change. Though most

discussions of climate change conjure images of ice calving from a glacier or a polar bear struggling next to an open sea, the impact of global greenhouse gas emissions has a very real effect on us in Wisconsin. The quality of our water, production of our fisheries and the enjoyment of our recreation can



As beautiful and powerful as it is, Lake Michigan faces many man-made perils that will be discussed at GWG's annual Earth Day event April 25.

all be threatened by expected changes in our climate.

At our Earth Day observance we will hear about the impacts of climate change on Lake Michigan from a number of speakers, including Dr. Paul Roebber, Director of the Innovative Weather program at UW-Milwaukee, and Milwaukee Riverkeeper Cheryl Nenn.

There's no entrance fee. Just let Audubon know you're there for the Sierra Club's event. Light meals and beverages will be provided, and we'll have a musical guest. Following the indoor event, there will be a tour of the grounds, weather permitting.

Sitting on 185 acres of natural, lakeside habitat, Audubon's environmental center received a Gold LEED award for green building practices. Directions can be found at: <http://www.schlitzaudubon.org/about-us/contactdirections>.

Friends of Monarchs to expand habitat

The numbers are in for the condition of the overwintering Monarch population in Mexico. Although this year's coverage area of 1.13 hectares represents an improvement over last year's .67, it remains the second lowest population on record.

To assist our struggling "winged warriors", we have deemed 2015 the "Year of Restoration." The Friends of the Monarch Trail will concentrate on planting native milkweed and nectar plants in and around the Monarch Conservancy, expanding the habitat beyond these boundaries to restore the area that once supported the Monarchs on the County Grounds.

Fun, free and family-friendly events have been planned to Spring

take place throughout 2015. They include:

- A fundraiser-silent auction in April. (Date to be announced).
- A bench installation and tree planting ceremony on Earth Day, April 22 at 3:30 p.m.
- A plant sale event May 31.
- A planting project July 12.
- The eighth annual Migration Celebration Aug. 23.
- Work groups every Sunday starting in June from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. (Formerly the Tuesday Teasel Task Force).

Dates and times have not all been firmed up yet. To access up-to-date information, please "like" us on Facebook—Friends of the Monarch Trail or visit themonarchtrail.org

New route shows value of transit

Bill Sell

Member Beyond Oil Clean Transit Subcommittee, John Muir Chapter

One December evening Jeff Jordan, Chair of the Milwaukee County Board's Transit Services Advisory Committee, and I stepped onto the Board's Route No. 6 bus, the New Berlin Industrial Park Express. Our intent was to get an understanding of this new route, which is used primarily by workers commuting from the City of Milwaukee to suburban jobs.

The ride can last as long as 90 minutes one way, and there was a weekend schedule through the Christmas shopping season as well. For route details see <http://www.ridemcts.com/routes-schedules/routes/6#Saturday>.

We made the round trip after sunset and agreed we would need to make it again in the daylight when we can get a better picture of the potential of the route for shoppers and students as well as a better view of the quality of the bus shelters, which is a critical factor in encouraging ridership.

As we wound our way through Brookfield and New Berlin, our bus neared its seating capacity. I counted 23 riders at one time, along with one very helpful driver. Like railroad Pullman porters of the 1920s, he coached his riders on their stops as needed, and because of that, several of them were able to sleep – a public transportation perk.

After more than two hours he still remembered Jeff and me, and he was able to remind us when we were approaching the stop where we had boarded. It was an impressive accomplishment for a man who sees hundreds of faces every day.

He told us that in his previous run earlier that afternoon the bus was packed coming back into Milwaukee. Crammed buses reflect a growing transit need, and they drive the case for more transit, while befuddling car-oriented "transportation planners."

This sudden growth in ridership on several new County transit routes came in May 2014 as a result of a federal court settlement. The Wisconsin and the US Departments of Transportation were sued over the Zoo Interchange reconstruction by Milwaukee Inner City Congregations Allied for Hope (MICAH), and the Black Health Coalition of Wisconsin. See <http://www.aclu-wi.org/issue/135-million-transportation-victory> for details of the case.

Over the course of the next four years, \$13 million in settlement money will be used to right the injustice of the original Zoo Interchange plan. Reducing future DOT highway widening will also deliver beneficial environmental impacts on Wisconsin's water resources, air quality and local business development.



A sandhill crane in flight can be a spectacular sight. A hunting season for the cranes is one of the proposals being considered at the annual DNR fish and wildlife hearings.

It's your turn to vote on DNR rule proposals

"Do you think Wisconsin should have a sandhill crane hunting season?" Extend the inland trout season to mid-October? Lengthen the early catch-and-release season for trout? Or in response to chronic wasting disease in deer or elk, ban baiting and feeding from Sept 1 through the end of deer hunting season?

These are some of the 69 proposed rule changes up for balloting at the annual DNR Fish and Wildlife hearings and Wisconsin Conservation Congress meetings. They will be held April 13 in all 72 counties. Go to dnr.wi.gov for the full roster of proposals. A short DNR video will be shown summarizing key fishing proposals.

You can vote on any or all of the proposed rules at the following locations from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. whether you attend the meeting or not.

Milwaukee County: Nathan Hale High School, 11601 W. Lincoln Ave, West Allis.

Ozaukee County: Webster Traditional School, W75N624 Wauwatosa Road, Cedarburg.

Washington County: Washington County Fair Park, 3000 Pleasant Valley Rd, Co. HW PV, West Bend.

Waukesha County: Waukesha County Technical College, Richard Anderson Education Center, 800 Main St., Pewaukee.

Canoe expo slated for Madison

The world's largest paddle sport expo will be held at the Alliant Energy Center in Madison from Mar. 13-15. The annual event is filled with fun speakers and programs on canoeing and kayaking that include techniques, travelogues and equipment. Distributors and outfitters are there to show off their latest products and adventures.

Be sure to stop by the Sierra Club booth and learn about our trips to Quetico in the Boundary Waters. Go to <http://www.canoeecopia.com> for more information.

Good time had by all at GWG Holiday party

By Janet Anderson
Communications Chair

Members of the Great Waters Group and guests enjoyed another fun gathering at our annual Holiday Party and Fundraiser event on December 7 at the Wil O Way Recreation Center in Wauwatosa. Attendees shared a delicious Middle-Eastern meal from Aladdin Deli, and many left with their winning items from a varied selection of silent auction donations.

After dinner, we were entertained by the Milwaukee-based band Nite n Day which had people up dancing. This event featured a special trio version of the band including fellow Sierran Julie Thompson. We were fortunate to have our own GWG member and musician Tim Maher sitting in on percussion.

Thanks go to all of the volunteers who made this special event possible, especially Dave Hetzel, Joan Janus, and Chris Zapf. There were a lot of different jobs, and we're grateful to you whether you donated auction items, helped set up the tables, brought beer, made coffee and tea, brought snacks or desserts, printed nametags and bid sheets, re-filled the appetizers, brought beverages, made the tasty desserts, worked the calculator, washed dishes, helped clean up afterwards, or helped in any other way. All the tasks are essential to the success of this event.

Also, thanks to the generous businesses that donated items, including: Barcelona Artful Living, Cold Spoons Gelato, Colectivo Coffee, Fair Trade for All Fair Trade Store, Four Corners of the World Fair Trade Store, Highlands Café, James Steeno Gallery, Jody Janus Massage and Yoga, The Little Read Book, Lowlands Group – Café Hollander, Milwaukee Repertory Theater, Oro di Oliva, Outpost Co-op, Plowshare Center, Riveredge Nature Center, Rishi Tea, Samara Garden and Home, Theatre Gigante, Trader Joe's and Usinger's Famous Sausage

O'Donnell Park too precious to privatize

By Dianne Dagele
Conservation Chair

O'Donnell Park dodged a bullet on December 18 when the Milwaukee County Board voted, 9-8, not to sell the 9.3 acre lakefront park to Northwestern Mutual Life for \$14 million. The parkland with its amazing vistas was assessed in 2010 at \$26 million, and so some of the "no" votes were about wanting to sell the park, but at a higher price.

On January 27, three supervisors proposed a resolution to make repairs and improvements, with a public task force to create events and concessions on the park land. But on that same day another group of supervisors put forth a substitute amendment to solicit bids for redevelopment from all interested private buyers, declaring the park "surplus" land for sale, and steering the \$1.3 million in annual parking garage profits from the County Parks budget to County Spring



Rosemary Wehnes (left) received the 2014 Environmental Hero Award from Communications Chair Janet Anderson at GWG's annual Holiday Party.

Rosemary Wehnes GWG Hero

By Janet Anderson

Our annual Holiday Party and Fundraiser on Dec. 7 included the presentation of the "Environmental Hero of the Year 2014" award to a well-deserving Rosemary Wehnes, who is an excellent example of a continuing active volunteer member.

Rosemary has been very dedicated to the Sierra Club through her involvement at national, state and local levels. She is a life member of Sierra Club, and for 10 years she held a staff position in Milwaukee for national Sierra Club. After that position ended, she stayed active with various GWG responsibilities that included being a delegate to the John Muir Chapter and Program Chair planning our monthly programs.

debt reduction. Both motions were scheduled for a vote of the full County Board on Feb. 5.

Following the December vote, there was hope among the Park People of building a supporting "Friends" group around the park for local care, use and investment. But should the Board declare O'Donnell Park as "surplus," the focus will shift again to saving the park.

Selling the land, rather than working with a private/public partnership as with other park enterprises, would set a profit precedent.

If you live in Milwaukee County or ever visit its lakefront or downtown area, then you know the value of public urban green space. Tell the County supervisors to take appropriate administrative action and direct Milwaukee County Executive Chris Abele to take O'Donnell Park off the surplus shopping block. It's too precious a jewel to privatize.

Learn about CSAs at farmer open house

By Anne Steinberg

Now is a good time to consider subscribing to a Community Supported Agriculture farm. You can learn about CSAs and about subscribing to a share this year at the free annual Local Farmer Open House on Saturday, March 7, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Urban Ecology Center in Riverside Park.

Farmers will be there offering consumers a chance to learn more about their methods and the shares and extras they offer. Lunch will be available from Milwaukee Localicious, and two workshops will be offered:

“Introduction to CSAs” at 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. will feature Jamie Ferschinger of the Urban Ecology Center, who will explain how CSAs work. Cooking instructor and Master Food Preserver Annie Wegner LeFort of the Mindful Palate will share ideas for finding and preparing fresh food all year long at “Eating Healthy All Year” from noon till 12:45 p.m. She’ll talk about how to use the contents of a weekly CSA box to prepare quick healthy meals, shopping farmers markets, preserving and more. Recipes, tips, and resources for cooking seasonally from scratch will be provided.

There are many reasons to subscribe to a CSA. Purchasing a share means you’ll get a box of fresh produce and more each week (or

Welcome back Snowy Owls

By Betsy Abert

They’re Ba-aaaack! Snowy Owls have returned in record numbers to Wisconsin for this winter, and on Saturday, March 7, we will search sites where one to three of these Arctic visitors have been seen.

We will meet at 9:30 a.m. at the Fast Ferry parking lot at the south end of Hwy 794’s Hoan Bridge in Bay View. We’ll also explore the many species of gulls and ducks that winter along our shoreline. At 10:45, we may caravan north to join the weekly Lake Park winter duck watch.

Dress warmly, and if possible, bring binoculars and/or telescopes. Hand warmers are helpful. Cancellation is possible in the event of a heavy snowfall.

Questions may be addressed to Betsy Abert at 414-531-9249 or betsyacorn@aol.com. In the event of questionable weather, you may alternately check the Friends of Grant Park website – www.fogp.org/events - for cancellation notice or updates

every other week) from around June to November. Shares come in different sizes, and many farms offer extras such as eggs and meat while offering payment plans.

You’ll enjoy the freshest, tastiest, most healthy fruits and veggies available and know both the farmer and the story behind your food. And you can rest assured that the food is free of harmful chemicals. If you’re concerned about protecting our land and water and you want to do something to combat climate change, joining a CSA is a concrete way to use your food dollars to make a difference.

The year 2015 has been proclaimed the International Year of Soils, so it’s the perfect time to support local farmers whose methods prioritize the health of the soil and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. It’s a good year to reduce our support of the industrial agriculture that is harming our planet.

Participating in CSAs helps to shift agriculture toward economically and environmentally sound farming while strengthening the century-old bonds between the community and the farmer.

Know Your Farmer, Know Your Food

Climate, energy addressed at Sustainability Summit

Leading figures from business, education and government will address important environmental issues at the Sustainability Summit Mar. 4-5 at the Wisconsin Center, 400 W. Wisconsin Ave in Milwaukee.

This year’s event will address “Sovereignty and Survival: Climate, Energy, Water, Food, Health.” Sierra Club-Wisconsin Director Shahla Werner will conduct a workshop on “Moving Beyond Oil to Clean Transportation.” The John Muir Chapter is looking for volunteers to staff a table for the Sierra Club on a rotating basis. Tabling staff are allotted a free passes for attendance at the Summit.

Contact Don Ferber at 608-222-9376 or don_ferber@sbcglobal.net for more information.

Outing will explore urban trees

The Village of Shorewood promotes and cares for some of the area’s most distinguished trees, and luckily for us, many of them are not far from the Camp Bar. Join us on May 23 to see some mighty trees and learn about why some do better than others in an urban environment. After an easy walk, we will settle down at the Camp Bar on Oakland Avenue for an early dinner.

Date: Saturday, May 23. Time: 2 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Level: Easy.

Location: Shorewood. Contact Dan Buckler for meeting location.

Leader: Dan Buckler. Please RSVP at Daniel.c.buckler@gmail.com or 330-261-2088.



Photo by Rita Flores Wiskowski
Snowy owls are making themselves at home in Wisconsin in record numbers this winter.

Canoeists to enjoy Boundary Waters

You can learn firsthand about the beauty and importance of the International Boundary Waters Wilderness Area by taking part in any of seven scenic canoe trips offered by John Muir Chapter Outings.

Participants will paddle through a wild Northwoods area that spans the international border between northeast Minnesota and southwest Ontario and offers the largest expanse of wild, public access lands in the region. With more than 2,000 lakes and almost 1.2 million acres of remote wilderness, Quetico features picturesque rivers and lakes and the rugged beauty of towering rock cliffs, majestic waterfalls and virgin pine and spruce forests.

Our trip leaders are experienced veterans with Wilderness First Aid training and SC's Outings Leadership Training approvals, in addition to their own personal outings, life, and leadership experiences. No experience is required for participants, but a friendly personality, positive attitude and good physical fitness are important assets. Trips normally last eight days and seven nights from put-in to take-out. Crews up to a maximum of nine can be limited by trip leaders.

There are no fees to participate but the Quetico outings have direct shared costs of \$600 which cover group sup-

plies, equipment, food and lodging, park permits and taxes. A refundable deposit reserves your spot. Not included are personal pre/post trip travel costs, passports, permits, fishing licenses or personal gear. Costs are less for other outings. Participants customarily make carpooling arrangements to the outing's starting point and are private arrangements made among participants.

For more details on all trips, visit www.sc-gwg.org and go to "Events and Outings" and then "Boundary Waters/Quetico." Contact trip leaders for additional information.

Trip Dates:

June 20-28 – Two travel days. Canoe trip is 8 days, 7 nights.

Aug. 7-16 – Two travel days. Canoe trip is 8 days, 7 nights.

July 31-August 9 – Two travel days. Canoe trip is 8 days, 7 nights.

August 27-Sept. 7 – Two travel days. Canoe trip is 8 days, 7 nights.

June 19-23 – Five days, four nights. Sylvania Wilderness Service Project \$50

Aug. 14-17 – Four days, three nights. Family Paddle Adventure \$150

Sept. 24-27 – Four days, three nights. Women's Paddle Adventure \$150

Light Brigade joins fight against Keystone Pipeline

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blocking pipelines through their country, the U.S. is being targeted for the pipeline project.

President Obama has the executive authority to authorize or reject the pipeline, since it crosses international borders. He has promised to veto any legislation that would transfer that authority to the legislative branch. The sooner Obama acts to reject the pipeline, the better.

If a decision has not been made by the time you receive this newsletter, please call the White House Comment Line (202-456-1111) and urge President Obama to take administrative action and direct the State Department to reject Keystone XL now. You've called before? Then call again.

Save the date for Autumn Assembly

The Four Lakes Group will be hosting the 2015 Autumn Assembly at Camp Perlstein on scenic Lake Blass in the Wisconsin Dells on Friday-Sunday, October 2-4. Mark it on your calendar and stay tuned for details.

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Discovery World to show 'Bag It'

You can learn how plastic ends up in our lakes and oceans to harm fish and their habitats when the "Bag It" movie is shown as part of the "Love Your Great Lakes" program at Discovery World, 500 N. Harbor Dr. on Feb. 14.

Show times are 10 a.m. and 3:45 p.m., and your Sierra Club membership card will allow you a \$5 discount off the regular admission price. If you'd like to be part of the solution to the plastic problem, contact John Bahr at jpbahr@wi.rr.com or 414-256-0932.



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to **GWG's Earth Day Celebration April 25.** See article elsewhere in this newsletter. We hope to see you at our event.

"Understanding the Global Water Crisis"
Monday, May 18, 7 p.m.

Here in Wisconsin we have a special responsibility to protect the resources of both our groundwater and that of the Great Lakes. Jenny Kehl, Endowed Chair and Director of the Center for Water Policy at UW-Milwaukee's School of Freshwater Sciences, will help us understand the water challenges ahead for our state as well as the need for strategic thinking, innovative policies, and sustainable technologies inherent in water resource issues.

Find us –
The GWG holds its programs on the third Monday of most months in the Community Room on the lower level, Room G110, at Mayfair Mall.
www.sc-gwg.org

No snow, but plenty of sun for snowshoers

This year's January 31 snowshoe hike was held just a day short of the big dump of snow we got on February 1. We were happy to see the sun despite not having enough snow for snowshoeing. Nonetheless, a group of hikers walked the trails at Minooka County Park in Waukesha County and enjoyed nature's variety.

We tried to identify animal tracks, learned about a variety of trees and birds, got a short lesson on glaciation in our Wisconsin area, discovered a poison ivy vine, and even saw signs of a big fight between, possibly, two coyotes. We ended the day with our tasty and traditional outdoor picnic.



Thank you to everyone who contributed through workplace giving to the Sierra Club Foundation and Community Shares of Greater Milwaukee.