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Waukesha County Dept. of Parks and Land Use: To host the 2022 annual Wisconsin Summit for Natural Resources Volunteers

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(Waukesha, WI) – Waukesha County is pleased to announce that together with the Wisconsin Master Naturalist program it will co-host the Wisconsin Summit for Natural Resources Volunteers from October 6-8 at various locations throughout the county. Residents and visitors interested in natural resources and Master Naturalists are invited to register for the event to take part in field tours, hikes, workshops, and presentations.

“The Summit’s theme is ‘Nature and People: Nurturing Each Other.’ While we see the positive impacts natural resources volunteers have on our natural world, we are still learning to appreciate the benefits that time spent in nature has for our physical and mental well-being,” said Becky Sapper, Director, Wisconsin Master Naturalist Program, UW–Madison Division of Extension.

The Wisconsin Summit for Natural Resources Volunteers is an opportunity for people who love *being* in nature and *taking care* of nature to:

- **Learn** during small group workshops, hikes, and field events.
- **Serve** with volunteer opportunities for the Ice Age Trail Alliance and Waukesha County Parks.
- **Connect** with volunteers, citizen scientists, natural resources professionals, educators, and land and water stewards.

“It is an honor to host this statewide event offering learning, networking, volunteering and exploring within Waukesha County,” said County Executive Paul Farrow. “Thank you to all the volunteers that work to protect and improve our natural resources across the state.”

The Summit’s Keynote Address will be provided by Emily Ford, a winter adventurer and thru-hiker. Emily traveled through the Waukesha area during her winter thru-hike of the 1,200-mile Ice Age Trail with her Alaskan Husky, Diggins. With an understanding and drive to show that anyone can adventure, and everyone deserves to discover the outdoors, regardless of race, gender identity, or upbringing, she continues to seek adventure and represent the underrepresented in outdoor spaces.

Learn more and register between August 15 and September 19, 2022 at https://go.wisc.edu/bt8vr2