

# KNSC NATURE JOURNAL CLUB

3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH – 3PM TO 5PM – CHALET TRAIL HEAD

“I SEE NO MORE THAN YOU, BUT I HAVE TRAINED MYSELF TO NOTICE WHAT I SEE.” – SHERLOCK HOLMES



## COME JOIN US

THE KNSC NATURE JOURNAL CLUB . . . provides an opportunity for participants of all ages and levels to deepen their connection to the natural world through writing and sketching.

Once a month, the club meets at the Chalet Trail Head of the Maasto Hiito Trail System (near the Houghton County Fairgrounds) for a hike. Each outing includes a short demonstration on a drawing or painting topic, interpretation on natural and cultural history, a trailside potluck and ample time to journal.



1500 Birch Street, Hancock MI

## WHAT TO EXPECT

- Park at the Chalet Trail Head off of Birch Street in Hancock (see map provided)
- Bring a Nature Journal and media to sketch, draw, or paint (no experience necessary)
- Bring a dish to share for a time of food and fellowship after the hike
- Expect technique demonstrations, natural history interpretations, time in the outdoors, easy to moderate hiking, and plenty of time to draw and write
- Cost: Donation to the Maasto Hiito/Churning Rapids Trail System

## SKETCHING RESOURCES

PAPER AND PENCIL WILL DO . . . but some folks enjoy more (colored pencils, watercolor paints, etc.). Materials for sketching are personal & completely up to individual members. Bring whatever materials you need, but keep it simple, especially since walking and hiking will be a part of our meetings.



## WHAT ABOUT WEATHER?

SOME OF THE GREATEST JOYS OF NATURE OBSERVATION HAPPEN WHEN WE ENJOY THE OUTDOORS IN ALL IT HAS TO OFFER.

Here in the UP we know of the unique, and sometimes unpredictable weather conditions. Wear comfortable shoes and pack plenty of water. Think about sunscreen, bug repellent, binoculars, etc. In cold weather, dress in plenty of layers. Prepare for the weather, and remember the old Scandinavian saying, "There is no bad weather, just bad clothing."

### DATES – SPECIAL STUDIES

(LOCAL SPEAKERS ON HAND TO GUIDE AND INSPIRE)

JUNE 18 – FLOWERLESS PLANTS

JULY 16 – BIRDS

AUGUST 20 – INSECTS

SEPTEMBER 17 – TREES, SHRUBS, VINES

OCTOBER 15 – ROCKS, MINERALS, SOIL

NOVEMBER 19 – STREAMS, RIVERS

DECEMBER 17 – WEATHER, CLIMATE

BUT, I'M NOT VERY GOOD . . .

KNSC welcomes sketchers and naturalists of *all* levels and expertise. Please treat each other with respect, and allow for a safe place for people to push their boundaries, draw, and write without criticism or fear. This group is not about art; but about exploration and learning. If you have not drawn in a long time, it can be scary to start again. Once you do, you will discover that this new skill develops quickly. Throw yourself into it and be fearless. Leave your inner critic behind and go for it.

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Join our KNSC Facebook page for the opportunity to post sketches and journal pages, chat with other participants, arrange carpools, and share nature observations and other Maasto Hiihto/Churning Rapids Trail happenings.