

WILD WEDNESDAYS

Day Trip #1

Location: [Riveredge Nature Center](#)
4458 County Hwy Y
Saukville, WI 53080



Activity: **Tree Climbing & River Rambling**

Date: Wednesday June 19, 2019

Tentative Schedule:

9:00am: Depart Wirth Park for Riveredge Nature Center

10:00 – 12:00pm: Tree Climbing

12:00pm-12:30pm: Lunch

12:30 pm-2:30pm: River Rambling

2:45pm: Depart Riveredge

3:30-3:45pm: Pick up at Wirth Park

Transportation: School bus; First Student Charter Bus Rental

Notes: Closed toe shoes **required**; sturdy soles recommended. **All climbers must come with a completed participant waiver, signed by a parent/guardian. Waiver is attached below.**

Activity Description: With the help of our trained facilitators, you'll get up in the trees *like never before*. Using the same professional equipment that arborists and scientists use when they ascend into the treetops, our facilitators position ropes high in the trees and tie secure climbing knots before you arrive. You'll get plenty of instructions on how the climbing system works, how to tie a safety knot, and most importantly how to descend safely. From there we will get you into the correct saddle and helmet and you'll be ready to reach for the sky. Once you're at a height that's comfortable for you, you'll be free to swing, spin, bounce, walk the branches, or just hang out in a tree. **It's your adventure!** Recreational tree climbing is safe, unique, and most importantly, FUN. In its over 30 years as an organized activity, more than 350,000 people have taken part. Now it's your turn!

What should we bring/wear?

Tree climbing is an outdoor experience so prepare as well as you can for conditions the day of your climb. **We recommend sunscreen and bug spray, hair ties for shoulder length or longer hair, drinks and snacks, and a camera.** We'll provide the fun!

Clothing wise, comfortable is best! **We recommend long pants and a t-shirt to help protect skin from rough bark. Closed toe shoes are required and shoes with a sturdy sole are also recommended. In cooler weather, please dress in layers.** If you start getting warm, you can start shedding them!

Safety is our biggest focus. Facilitators at Riveredge have been trained by the Global Organization of Tree Climbing approved organization [Tree Climbing Colorado](#) and follow only approved practices and procedures for institutionalized climbing.

In almost 30 years as an organized activity, and with more than 350,000 climbs conducted worldwide, no GOTC safety guidelines-following tree climber has ever been seriously injured. Prior to climbing, the tree's setting, root system, bark, trunk, structure, and crown are appraised to assess overall health and appropriateness for climbing activity. Lines are placed only over live limbs that are overly sufficient to support climbing activity. Lines are weight-checked and bounce-tested prior to climbing. Only ANSI-compliant Ness recreational tree climbing saddles and professional arborist rope, along with buckled Petzl Elios-class helmets are used. Rock climbing saddles and rope do not meet our safety protocols, and are not used. All equipment is inspected before and after each climbing session. By using proper techniques and equipment, and by following all safety procedures, the risk of being off the ground is minimized.

River Rambling

Activity Description: Join a naturalist and step into the Milwaukee River! We'll explore this wonderful watery world and seek out the creatures that call the river home. From dragonflies to crayfish, you never know what you are going to catch. Bring your favorite wading shoes (old sneakers work best), a towel and a change of clothes. Expect to get wet!

What should we bring/wear?

Swimsuits, shorts, towels and water shoes are required for the river. Please wear closed toe water shoes, not flip flops or sandals. The river bottom is very rocky. Old tennis shoes are perfect. Sunscreen, bug spray, and water bottles are also recommended, as well as, dry clothes to change into afterwards.

Link to website: [Riveredge Tree Climbing](#)



And now a word from our attorneys...

**Riveredge Nature Center Nature Journeys Camp
RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND
USER INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT**

I, _____, hereby acknowledge that I have voluntarily applied to (personally participate) (have my child, _____ participate) in the following described activity: _____ (hereafter referred to as "Program"), conducted and/or sponsored by Riveredge Nature Center (its agents, officers, directors, representatives and employees, hereafter collectively referred to as "Sponsor").

I have received the promotional material regarding the Program and understand and fully appreciate the hazards, exposures, environmental conditions and risks and dangers of injury inherent in and connected with said activity including, without thereby limiting the generality of the same: hazards of travel by biking, climbing, skiing, auto, air, train, or some mode of transportation; hazards of weather and all the elements thereof; hazards of animals, insects, birds and other species. I certify that I (or my child as the designated participant herein-above) am (is) in good health and fully capable of engaging in all phases of said Program and that I, and not the Sponsor, its agents, volunteers, employees, officers, and directors, am responsible for the safety of myself, or my child, as the case may be, at all times while participating in the Program.

I certify that I am an adult of at least 18 years of age and that I am signing this release and indemnification upon my own behalf, as participant, or as the parent of the minor participant herein-above identified, and that if I am married my spouse has also joined in this release and indemnification agreement as spouse or co-parent as shown by such spouse's (co-parent) signature below.

I (We) assume the full responsibility and risk of bodily injury, death and property damage to the Participant during participation in the Program. I (We) understand that the signing of this Release constitutes part of the consideration to the Sponsor in return for being allowed to take part in the Program and that permission to participate in such Program will not be granted unless this Release is signed. No oral representations, statements or inducements apart from the foregoing written agreement have been made.

In consideration of and as part payment for the privilege of participating in the Program by myself or my minor child, as the case may be, I, and my spouse, as the case may be, do each hereby forever release, acquit and discharge the Sponsor, and agree to indemnify and hold the Sponsor completely harmless, from any and all claims, actions, causes of action, charges, demands, rights, damages, costs, loss of service, expenses and compensation whatsoever (collectively referred to as "Claims") which Participant, his or her parent, or spouse may presently or hereafter have against the Sponsor on account of, personal injuries, mental conditions and/or property damage or the consequence thereof resulting from any accident, casualty or event in the course of Participant's participation in the Program.

In particular, and without limiting the generality of the foregoing, I (we) release Sponsor from and waive, and agree to indemnify and hold Sponsor harmless from, any and all Claims arising out of the following: (a) gross or ordinary negligence of Participant, including poor judgment and failure to follow safety instruction; (b) gross or ordinary negligence, or any misconduct, on the part of other participants in the Program; (c) acts of God; (d) health problems (including pre-existing conditions) of Participant which arise during the Program; (e) ordinary negligence of the sponsor during any portion of the Program; (f) drug or alcohol abuse on the part of the Participant; and (g) accidents occurring during the Program, including motor vehicle or airplane mishaps, falls, spills and the like.

In the event of a medical emergency, I (we) hereby appoint Sponsor my (our) agent to authorize and purchase and/or provide first-aid, evacuation, hospitalization and surgical and medical treatment of Participant and agree to provide medical insurance coverage thereof or reimburse Sponsor therefore, and do hereby release the sponsor from any claim or liability which arise out of said first aid, medical and/or hospital services or treatment.

I (WE) HAVE READ THE ENTIRE RELEASE SET FORTH HEREIN AND VOLUNTARILY SET MY SIGNATURE BELOW.

Date: _____ Participant's signature: _____

Parent(s) or legal guardian(s) if Participant is less than 18 years of age: _____

Special medical conditions of participant (allergies, etc.): _____

Name of Person to be contacted in case of emergency: _____

Telephone: _____ Relationship: _____

Doctor's name: _____ Telephone: _____

PERMISSION TO PHOTOGRAPH:

Occasionally, local newspapers take photographs of programs at Riveredge, or Riveredge staff members take photographs to use in our publications, or to have on file for use in presentations to groups. ***If you wish to grant permission to have your child photographed, please sign below.*** Thank you for your cooperation.

I give permission for my child to be photographed:

(Parent or guardian's signature)