



Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore

RANGER PROGRAMS JULY & AUGUST 1995



**D.H. Day Campground
Amphitheater Slide Programs
10 PM in July
9:30 PM in August**

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at the back of the campground.**

Thursday: The Last Men To See The Wilderness
Did you ever wonder why a road is where it is, not somewhere else? Or how you know where the boundaries of your house lot are? Come and see how it all began for this area with the U.S. Deputy Surveyor almost a century and a half ago.

Friday: Wild Flowers
Wild flowers do more than just sit pretty. They call birds, capture bugs, feed beasts and even "sting" unwary people. Come enjoy their beauty while you listen to the surprising stories of truly wild flowers.

Saturday: Animal Sounds
Ank, Ank, Ank! Have you ever wondered what kind of animal is making that noise? Try your hand at nature's mysteries and maybe learn a few sounds of your own!

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Friday: The Starry Night Sky
Take a journey across the night sky and enjoy the beauty of the stars. Starting from the Big Dipper, we'll navigate among the constellations while sharing folklore and astronomy.

**Saturday: Lighthouses and Lighthouse
Keepers at the Manitou Passage
(No programs July 1 and July 8)**
Five lighthouses and a lightship have guarded the often-treacherous waters of the Manitou Passage. We will tour these historic places and investigate the equipment used to create the brilliant lights. You will also learn of the keeper's daily life and hear stories of their adventures while tending their lights.

Special Events

July 25: Robin Nott – Meet at the Platte River Amphitheater at 7:00 p.m. for a half-hour of songs about seafaring and lumbering. Non-campers please park at the Ranger Station near the campground entrance.
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August 4: Coast Guard Day – Join us at the Maritime Museum in Glen Haven for a day of special events including firing the Lyle Gun rescue cannon. Rescue equipment spanning 135 years will be on exhibit.

	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
Heroes of the Storm: Participate in a turn-of-the-century shipwreck rescue. Meet at the Maritime Museum in Glen Haven.	3 PM ½ Hr 						3 PM ½ Hr 
Scent, Sight and Sound: Discover nature's secrets through the use of your nose, eyes and ears. Meet at Windy Moraine Trailhead on Welch Road at the corner of M-109.		11 AM 1½ Hrs No Program Aug. 21					
Bird Walk: An introduction to identifying the birds of the park by sight and sound. Binoculars and long pants recommended. Meet in front of the Visitor Center on M-72 in Empire. Be prepared to drive to the birding site.			8 AM 2 Hrs				
Woodland Walk: Stroll through woodlands to uncover common bits of forest life. Knock at a woodpecker's door. Discover life in an acorn. Shake hands with a hemlock. Wonder at the web of life that they create together. Meet a ranger in front of the Ranger Station at the Platte River Campground for this easy walk.			4 PM 1½ Hrs				
Surviving On A Sand Dune: A few hardy plants and animals manage to survive on the sand dunes. Using careful observation you will discover their secrets and learn how you too can stay alive on the dunes and in many other wild environments. Meet at the Cottonwood Trail parking area on the Pierce Stocking Scenic Drive.				10 AM 1½ Hrs No Program July 5			
Kid's Walk: Kids ages 8-12, take a parent with you to explore a special place in the park. You may stalk some little critters, "save" shipwreck "victims," explore old ruins, or trek a woodland trail. Who knows? Begin your adventure by meeting a ranger at the Visitor Center on M-72 in Empire.					11 AM 1½ Hrs		
Frogs, Toads and Tales: Do you know why Kermit the Frog is right when he says "It's not easy being green"? Join a ranger and explore the natural history and lore of these amazing amphibians. Take M-22 to the pair of 30 mph curves 8.9 km. (5.5 mi.) south of Empire, 6.4 km (4 mi.) north of Platte River. Go west on Trails End Road 1 mile to Platte Plains Trailhead.					8 PM July; 7:30 PM August 1½ Hrs No Program Aug. 24		
Poison Plant Walk: Enjoy scenic overlooks, rich woods and poisonous plants, many of which have medicinal value and play an important role in the web of life. Meet at the Empire Bluff Trailhead on Wilco Road, 2.7 km. (1.7 miles) south of Empire.							10 AM 1½ Hrs

