

FRIENDS OF LAPHAM PEAK
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33rd ANNUAL COLORAMA RUN/WALK

The 2022 Colorama Run/Walk and Smokey Bear event on Saturday October 1st at Lapham Peak is fast approaching! Run the 5K/10K course or walk the 1.4 mile paved accessible trail suitable for wheelchairs and strollers or the 5K route. Smokey Bear Fun Run (10 & under) course circles the pond at Homestead Hollow. Registration forms are available on the Lapham Peak Friends [website](#) or [online](#). See the [flyer](#) link here.

If you are able to volunteer for this worthwhile fundraising event, please reply directly to **Jon Jeffords** at jwjeffords@charter.net or cell phone 262-617-9220. Volunteers are needed for registration desk, parking attendants, water station staffing, awards and door prize distribution, finish chute staffing, and cleanup, welcoming people at the Friends table, just to name a few. The registration desk opens at 8am, with the run/walk starting at 10am (same as previous years).

Looking forward to hearing from you!
Jon Jeffords
Board Member - Friends of Lapham Peak
Race Director - Colorama Run/Walk

FRIGHT HIKE



Fright Hike is back! Walk the haunted trails if you dare on October 28th and 29th from 6:00 pm - 8:30

pm. Ticket sales are **online only**. Get advanced tickets for \$15.00 before October 13th to save \$5.00.

More information on the Fright Hike [website](#).

LAPHAM LODGE



The Friends of Lapham Peak and the Wisconsin DNR are awaiting final approval of a \$1.3 million grant from the Economic Development Administration for the new Lapham Lodge project at the Evergreen trailhead. This grant would bring the total raised for the project to over \$2 million toward a total fundraising goal of \$2.4 million. Please help the Friends of Lapham Peak raise the final 17 percent so that construction can start in spring 2023.

Cash or checks should be mailed or dropped off at the Lapham Peak Park Office. Please make check's payable to "**Friends of Lapham Peak,**" and in the memo specify "**Lapham Lodge**" and mail to: **Friends of Lapham Peak, Lapham Lodge**
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GALBRAITH CARNAHAN ARCHITECTS

HAUSMANN NATURE CENTER



Many new things are happening at the Hausmann Nature Center (HNC). Stop by on a beautiful fall afternoon hike and check it out. Besides the informative exhibits and kids area, have you seen the new interactive QR Codes around the park? Check out LaphamPeakInteractive.org for locations and information.

The HNC will be open from 10 am- 4pm on September 10 and September 11, October 15 and October 16, and October 22 and October 23. Some cool upcoming programs include the History of the Lapham Peak Tower and Increase Lapham, and owl pellet dissection. [Register here](#) for any program.

Volunteers are needed to help staff the Center. Check out the [link](#) if you are interested in assisting.

Bring cash to purchase items including new t-shirts at the Coneflower Gift Shop. Kids Korner will have a variety of activities for children.



WORK DAY

Our group work event is **Saturday, November 12th** from 9- noon. The tentative plan is to spread wood chips.

But, we're certain there will be other projects around the park so stay tuned for upcoming information closer to the date. A hearty lunch of chili, bread and desserts will be provided at noon by the Friends.

SNOWMAKING

The Friends' snowmaking volunteers will be busy this fall doing maintenance and repairs on the snowmaking infrastructure in anticipation of the upcoming ski season. Several hydrants and power pedestals will be repaired in October, along with the installation of about 650 feet of cable to redistribute power to the pedestals and provide a more balanced power grid. Additional preparations will follow in November with brush clearing around the hydrants and pedestals, mowing in the 'playground' area, and placement of 'snow depth markers' for use in achieving the desired depth for the manmade snow on the trails. We are looking forward to another great skiing season on the manmade snow trails, hopefully matching last season's 95 days of skiing on groomed trails.

If you wish to find out more about snowmaking or to volunteer, check this [link](#) to the Snowmaking volunteer page.

THANKS FOR HELPING!

NEW ORIENTEERING AND MAPS FOR LAPHAM PEAK

The Badger Orienteering Club (BOC) was hard at work this spring replacing the old orienteering markers within the park and creating a new map for people who would like to enjoy the experience of navigating their way around to find the markers. There are 24 new markers, each with a number and a QR Code, within the park, east of Hwy "C". Topographic maps of the park, showing the approximate marker locations, and a 'clue' to help find each marker, can be purchased from the BOC via their website - badgerorienteering.com - or in person at the Lapham Peak office (while limited supplies last). Note that the map is copyrighted and may not be reproduced without written permission from the BOC.

The Homestead Hollow parking lot is the recommended starting point for following a course of markers, but it is okay to find the markers in any order. The clues shown on the map include things such as 'boulder', 'depression', and 'stone wall'. Note that the markers are off the trail, so a fair amount of 'bushwacking' is required - dress accordingly and watch out for mosquitos and ticks. It is best to search for markers in the early spring or late fall, when the vegetation is not as thick. Anyone interested in navigating the park should obtain a copy of the map as you will be amazed at the intricate level of detail provided by the map makers. Cost for maps are \$5.00 for Friends of Lapham Peak members and \$8.00 for nonmembers.

HABITAT RESTORATION HELP NEEDED - WEEKDAYS OR WEEKENDS

We have teams who volunteer at Lapham Peak to cut and remove invasive species (buckthorn, honeysuckle, autumn olive, prickly ash, Japanese barberry, etc). Depending on the day of the week and weather conditions, piles of this brush may also be burned as part of the process. Teams go out:

- Almost every Monday, Wednesday, Friday, from 9am-noon
- On many weekends, especially Sunday mornings, usually 8am-11am
- On many Tuesday and Thursday mid-days, times are scheduled when people are available

And soon, we will also be working on some days during the week to split wood; this wood will be offered for donations to park visitors with all money raised going towards our fund that enables us to burn our prairies and woodlands using controlled burns via contracted help. If you would like to join the mailing list(s) for any of these work teams, please see our website:

laphampeakfriends.org/habitat-restoration
We will always email the list of volunteers a day or two before the event with the plan. If you can come on that day, please do, and if not, just ignore the email. Questions? Contact Habitat@JHillmer.com (John Hillmer)

BUTTERFLY GARDEN



The garden has continued to have an amazing transformation again this summer. New plants were added, some transplanted and woodchips have been added. The memorial brick pathway was also enlarged

/ lengthened this spring! Stop by to enjoy!

MUGS AND T-SHIRT SALES



Stop at the Lapham Peak Office to

purchase mugs and new t-shirts. There are only a few colors left (short-sleeve: maroon, orange, forest green) and long sleeve blue, ranging in price from \$20-\$30.



Mugs also are available with prices of \$24, \$25, and \$28.

Park Office number is 262-646-3025.