



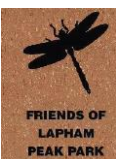
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HOLIDAY GIFT IDEAS

1. STATE PARK STICKERS

A great gift for the holidays...a [state park vehicle sticker and trail pass](#) available at the park entrance station. Park hours are usually 11 am to 4:00 pm. Encourage others to get outdoors!

- 2. **BUTTERFLY GARDEN BRICKS** are available with your own design. An engraved 4x8 brick is \$75 and an 8x8 brick is \$150.



3. MUGS... at the park office.



New colors available...**Wisconsin made** in Neenah! There are four designs, food-safe, and can be placed in the microwave, oven, or dishwasher. All proceeds benefit the FLP park projects.

Executive Slim	14 oz.	\$24.00
Java Taster	16 oz.	\$25.00
Wide Mouth	16 oz.	\$25.00
Octoberstein	24 oz.	\$28.00

4. Clothing apparel



There are sweatshirts and Colorama discounted t-shirts and more for sale at the park entrance office.

5. Lapham Lodge Brick

Help us meet our goal for beginning construction. Check out the [website](#) for a 4" x 8" paver for \$200 or an 8" x 8" paver for \$500.00. Scroll to the bottom of the Lodge page for information.

6. Ski league or Loppet registration

Purchase a [ski league or Lapham Loppet registration](#) for a family or friend. Scroll to the bottom of the page to find all the information.

AMAZON SMILE FOR FRIENDS OF LP

Friends of Lapham Peak is one of the nonprofits you may donate a portion of your purchases. Check out the [Amazon Smile](#) information under *Help Us* page *Donate* area on the website.

LET THE SNOW BEGIN

Bring out the skis! Skiers enjoyed a 600 meter section of manmade snow trail during the first half of December. With cold weather coming up the week before Christmas, more snow will be made and more trail segments open for skiing. Thanks to the volunteers and staff for the many hours of preparation and making snow. See you out there! Check the [Trail Conditions Page](#) information on the website.

SKI LEAGUE

There are two options to compete against fellow ski enthusiasts. **Tuesday Time Trials**, January 3-14 is skiing on your own from 1-5 pm and recording your time. See the [website](#) for more information by scrolling the bottom of the page. The second option is Wednesday Night races **January 4 - February 15**. Detailed information for the [Junior Nordic Ski Series](#) (Grades K-12) and [Adult Nordic Ski Series](#) are available on the [website](#). State Park vehicle sticker and a State Park Trail Pass are required. Call the Lapham Peak Ski Hotline at 262-646-4421 for snow conditions or the website's [Trail Conditions Page](#) for information. Contact [Kris Maki](#) for adult

information and [Paul Keber](#) for grades K-12 information.

LAPHAM LOPPET

Compete against fellow skiers at the **2023 Lapham Loppet** on **Saturday, January 14**. Information can be found on the [website](#) with a paper or online version. **People are needed for tasks** such as assisting at a water stop, writing down race numbers on the course, collecting bibs at the finish, and registration. Contact [Kris Maki](#) if you are help.

NEW LODGE



The proposed Lapham Lodge is envisioned to be about 5000 square feet, located between the east edge of the Evergreen parking lot and the main trailhead. The building will include a large gathering area, a 'multi-purpose' room, men's, women's, and family bathrooms, and changing rooms. It will have a large patio on the east, facing the trails. The building will serve visitors to the park year-round and can be reserved during select time periods for meetings and special events through the DNR's existing reservation system.

The building is being designed for all potential users and will have facilities to support events such as races, weddings, and meetings. The 580 square foot multi-purpose room will allow for meetings segregated from the main gathering area, and will include a sink and refrigerator, a counter, and a window to the gathering area that will allow for simple concessions and event management.

A grant was obtained from the U. S. Economic Development Administration (EDA), under the American Rescue Plan's Travel, Tourism, and Outdoor Recreation Program for \$1.3 million, to be matched by the Friends with \$650,000 donated to the project. A matching grant from the DNR's Stewardship Friends Grant program

was also secured. This grant is for \$20,000, to be matched by the Friends, and will be spent on items not covered by the EDA grant.

Inflation, and the additional costs required to comply with federal contracting requirements increased the estimated costs of the project to about \$2.4 million. Additional donations of about \$400,000 will be needed for the project.

A fundraising initiative for laser-printed brick pavers to recognize smaller donors has been rolled out. The pavers will be placed in the patio area on the east side of the building and will show donor names. Additional donor recognition features will also be provided for higher level donors. We want everyone to feel like they are a part of this exciting project.

Please visit the FLP [website](#) for more information, to donate, and to download a donor-paver order form.



FIRST DAY HIKE

Start the New Year off on the right foot on **January 1st at noon** at the Mike Fort Picnic Shelter by joining Ice Age Trail Alliance members for three different length hike options. No registration is necessary.

CANDLELIGHT SKI/HIKE

Enjoy the outdoors on **Saturday, January 28th** from 6:00-8:45 pm at Homestead Hollow area. A 2023 WI State Park annual vehicle admission fee or a \$5.00 Special Event vehicle admission fee will be required per vehicle. **In addition to the vehicle admission fee, a free ticket voucher will be required for each vehicle so that participants in that vehicle may attend the event.**



More information will be coming later.

WINTER RENTALS

[Nordic Specialists](#) of Oconomowoc 262-261-3800 or 877-473-1199 provides rentals at the *Peak Nordic* white shed located on the road to Evergreen Grove area. Contact Nordic Specialists for more information. Hours will be posted on the door at the *Peak Nordic* white shed and cards with the schedule will be available at the entrance office. Nordic Specialists hours at Lapham Peak will depend on weather and snow conditions. Rentals include classical and skate skis, snowshoes and Nordic walking poles. Rentals are also available through [Bicycle Doctor](#) 262-965-4144 in Dousman.

MEMBERSHIP

Thank you to the Friends members who have renewed their 2023 membership. The membership form is available on the [website](#) as a PDF or you may pay through PayPal. Membership dues can be payable through March 31.

Friends of Lapham Peak is a 501(c)(3) organization; dues and donations are tax deductible.

If you missed the Annual Meeting in November you may check out all Friends sponsored event reports on the [website](#). Scroll to the bottom of the page to find Annual Meeting Reports.

HAUSMANN NATURE CENTER



We ended this year's Hausmann Nature Center open weekends October 22 and 23 with an Owl Pellet Dissection program and record turnout at the center. It was great to be able to open the doors and windows with the beautiful weather.

Thank you to all the volunteers that helped this season and the nearly 1000 visitors that came through our doors and attended our programs in 2022. We look forward to seeing you all next spring!

