



# Chippewa National Forest 2018 Norway Beach Summer Naturalist Schedule

Join naturalist Ben Hodgson for a summer filled with great family activities!

Date/Time	Program	Description
June 2 10 a.m.	Fish Printing	Why do fish have spots, stripes or bright colors? Learn about fish and create a fish print with paints.
June 9	Chippewa Triathlon For more information, go to: <a href="http://www.chippewatriathlon.com/">http://www.chippewatriathlon.com/</a>	Cheer on the triathletes as they start the race at the Cass Lake Wayside Rest or as they cross the finish line at the Norway Beach picnic area!
June 9 1 p.m.	National Get Outdoors Day Camp Skills	Join us for tent races and learn a few knots. Set up near the picnic shelter.
June 13 10 a.m.	BioBlitz Hike	Let's try to find every living thing we can along this short hike! Beat last year's record of 48 critters, plants and trees!
June 15 10 a.m.	Fishing Friday: <b>Benjamin Lake Fishing Pier</b> <b>Ladyslipper Scenic Byway, Blacduck</b>	Meet Ben for a fishing adventure at Benjamin Lake fishing pier. Bring your own bait and fishing gear.
June 15 3 p.m.	Pop Can Fishing	This is a new way to fish—no fishing pole required!
June 16 10 a.m.	Birdwatching Hike	What is that bird you are hearing in the pines? Join Ben for a hike to learn Norway Beach bird songs.
June 16 1 p.m.	Adopt-A-Tree	Great family activity—find YOUR tree at Norway Beach and make this a tradition.
June 17 10 a.m.	Pollinator Hike	What kind of plants attract butterflies and bees around Norway Beach?
June 20 10 a.m.	Wilderness Collage	Get into your artistic mode and make a wilderness collage from natural material. All ages welcome!
June 22 10 a.m.	Fishing Friday: <b>Knutson Dam</b> <b>Ladyslipper Scenic Byway, Cass Lake</b>	Join Ben for a fishing adventure at the Knutson Dam fishing pier. Bring your own bait and fishing gear.
June 22 3 p.m.	Pop Can Fishing	Learn a new way to fish without using a fishing pole!
June 23 10 a.m.	Campfire Breakfast	Ben will have the campfire going and will share a few breakfast recipes.
June 23 1 p.m.	Tent Relay	Great family fun! Test your camping skills by racing the clock to put up a tent.
June 24 10 a.m.	Aquatic Critters of Cass Lake	We know the big fish are out there, but what are they eating?

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June 27	No programs today	Stop by the historic Visitor Center and enjoy the CCC stone and log work and check out the display room!
June 29 10 a.m.	Fishing Friday: <b>Cass Lake Wayside Rest</b> Hwy 2, Cass Lake	Join Ben for a fishing adventure at the Highway 2 fishing pier near Cass Lake. Bring your own bait and fishing gear.
June 29 3 p.m.	Make a Lure	What kind of lures are the Cass Lake fish biting on? Make your own lure and try your luck with a new design.
June 30 10 a.m.	Showy Lady's Slipper Viewing (This date may change depending on timing with blooms!)	We will lead a car caravan to the Showy Lady's Slipper Scenic Byway north of Cass Lake, Minn. Meet at Visitor Center, follow lead car to site.
June 30 1 p.m.	Thunderstorms	This is a week known for strong weather patterns. What factors bring a thunderstorm together?
July 1 10 a.m.	Bike Parade (From Visitor Center to Wanaki Campground and Back)	Join us for our annual 4 <sup>th</sup> of July bike parade. Decorate your bike from 9-10 a.m. and parade begins at 10.
July 4	No programs scheduled VIC Open 9 - Noon	
July 6 10 a.m.	Fishing Friday: <b>Mission Bridge</b> Lake Andrusia, Cass Lake	Join Ben for a fishing adventure at Mission Bridge fishing pier. Bring your own bait and fishing gear.
July 6 3 p.m.	Beach Chair Birdwatching	One of our most relaxing programs. Bring your beach chair, we'll bring the binoculars and let's see what flies by.
July 7 10 a.m.	Pop Can Fishing	Learn to fish without using a fishing pole!
July 7 1 p.m.	Animal Skit Scat	We don't know what Ben is up to, but there is rumor of making some edible animal scat. Just for fun.
July 8 10 a.m.	Nature Painting	Paint scenes from nature. Norway Beach landscape is your inspiration.
July 8 1 p.m.	Invasives Program	Take a walk on the beach with Ben and look at invasive critters of Cass Lake.
July 13 10 a.m.	Fishing Fridays: <b>Kego Lake Fishing Pier</b> Near Walker, Minnesota	Join Ben for a morning of fishing from Kego Lake fishing pier. Bring your own bait and gear.
July 13 3 p.m.	Pop Can Fishing	Learn to fish without a real fishing pole!
July 14 10 a.m.	Ojibwe Weather Words	Learn ten words in the Ojibwe language that describe the weather.
July 14 1 p.m.	Dream Catchers	Make a dream catcher using willow and string. (Program for upper elementary to adult.)

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July 15 10 a.m.	Bats	Bats are important to our northwoods ecosystem. Learn about our Minnesota bats and how to protect them.
July 18-20	Youth Archaeology Week at Norway Beach	Stop in to visit us at Norway Beach Recreation Area near Cass Lake and learn about archaeology on the Forest.
July 20 10 a.m.	Fishing Friday: <b>Gilstad Lake Fishing Pier</b> Ladyslipper Scenic Byway, Blackduck	Join Ben for a morning of fishing from Gilstad Lake fishing pier. Bring your own bait and gear.
July 20 3 p.m.	Fish Printing (Bring a plain t-shirt or you can make a print on paper)	Why do fish have stripes, spots and dark colors? Add some art to your day and make a fish print. All Ages!
July 21 10 a.m.	Build an Eagle's Nest	Eagle nests can be over 10 feet around and weigh up to two tons.
July 21 1 p.m.	Edible Bird Nests	Think about the variety of bird nests you can find, and then, build your own out of some sweet treats.
July 22 10 a.m.	Adopt a Tree	We have campers who return every year. Pick out a favorite tree, adopt it and watch it grow through the years!
July 25 10 a.m.	Bird Hike	What birds are singing in the trees today?
July 27 10 a.m.	Fishing Friday: <b>Cut Foot Sioux Fishing Pier</b> Highway 46, north of Deer River	Every Friday, Ben chooses a new fishing pier to try out. Join Ben for a morning of fishing. Bring your own gear and bait.
July 27 3 p.m.	Pop Can Fishing	Learn to fish without a fishing pole!
July 28 10 a.m.	Berry Hike	The end of July is always a good time for blueberries and raspberries!
July 28 1 p.m.	Berries and Ice Cream Located: Cut Foot Sioux Visitor Center	Join our summer naturalist staff for a little treat with fresh summer berries and learn some berry folklore along the way
July 29 10 a.m.	Beach Chair Birdwatching	One of the most relaxing programs we have...bring a beach chair, we have the binoculars! Let's see what flies by.
Aug 1 10 a.m.	Aquatic Critters of Cass Lake	We know there are big fish in Cass Lake, but there are lots of other small water critters too. Let's catch those!
Aug 3 10 a.m.	Fishing Friday: <b>Bowstring Lake Fishing Pier</b> Highway 35, near Cut Foot Sioux VIC	Every Friday, Ben will try fishing from a different Forest fishing pier. Bring your own fishing gear and bait.
Aug 3 3 p.m.	Casting Contest	Test your casting skills along the shores of Cass Lake.
Aug 4	Walker Bay Days	Join us in Walker, Minn. for the annual Walker Bay Days event. Look for the

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		Forest Service booth and join us for some naturalist activities.
Aug 5 10 a.m.	What is InciWeb?	Learn about InciWeb, an online resource to learn about current wildland fire incidents across the country.
Aug 8 10 a.m.	Story of Smokey Bear	Let's read the real story of Smokey Bear.
Aug 8 1 p.m.	Smokey's 74 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Party at Cut Foot Sioux	Smokey arrives around 1 p.m. We will sing happy birthday, eat some cake and play a few firefighter games to celebrate Smokey's big day!
Aug 10 10 a.m.	Fishing Friday: <b>Boy River Bridge</b> Hwy 8, Near Federal Dam	Naturalist Ben will pick his favorite Forest fishing pier to see what is biting today. Bring your own fishing gear and bait.
Aug 10 3 p.m.	Minnesota Fish Baseball	Ben has come up with a fishing game, fish id, baseball and relays!
Aug 11 10 a.m.	Life of a Wildland Firefighter	What kind of training does it take to be a wildland firefighter?
Aug 11 1 p.m.	Smokey's 74 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Party at Norway Beach	We will be celebrating Smokey's Birthday again at Norway Beach. Join us for cake and firefighter games!
Aug 18 10 a.m.	Guest Program--TBA	
Aug 25 1 p.m.	Mary's Very Basic Fly Fishing	Mary is just learning to fly fish, but she will share the basics and give you a chance to try fly fishing in the parking lot!
Sept 1 1 p.m.	Falling Into Autumn	Hike the trail and look for signs of the fall season.