



***It's time to invest
in our planet.***

***Together we can
all make a
difference!***

What will you do?

Featured Events

Registration or tickets may be required

- Tuesday, April 19, 6:00-8:00 pm – Climate Change in Our Own Backyard: A Minnesota Perspective a virtual presentation by Mark Seeley – Hosted by League of Women’s Voters & Citizen’s Climate Lobby – [Registration required](#)
- Tuesday, April 19, 12:00 pm - Lunch & Learn - Energy Smart for Businesses – Sponsored by the Climate Coalition of Goodhue County at the Elks – [Registration required](#)
- Tuesday, April 19, 7:00 pm Learning on Tap – Threats to Lake Pepin and community solutions to this vital stretch of the Mississippi River local solutions – Hosted by Pepin Legacy Alliance at Jimmy’s Pub in the St. James Hotel, age 21+ [Registration required](#)
- Wednesday, April 20, 5:30-7:00 pm – A History of Sustainability Walking Tour of the Tower View Estate - Sponsored by the Anderson Center [Registration required](#)
- Wednesday, April 20, 6:30 pm – Peacestock: Militarism & the Environment – Hosted by Veterans for Peace at the Ignite Building, 319 Bush Street [Registration required](#)
- Thursday, April 21, Earth Day, Red Wing & the Future – Nate Hagens, PHD in Natural Resources and MS in Finance, Executive Director of [The Institute for the Study of Energy & Our Future](#) – at Red Wing Pubic Library – Sponsored by Citizens Climate Lobby – Register at the Door
- Saturday, April 23, Sunrise to Sunset – Hike the Bluff, Sponsored by [Friends of the Bluffs](#)
- Saturday, April 23, 4:00-6:00 pm – Electric Vehicle Show at the Red Wing High School
- Saturday, April 23, 6:30 pm - Wild & Scenic Film Festival – Sponsored by Red Wing Environmental Learning Center – [Tickets required](#)
- All week
 - [Young Artist & Author Showcase](#) – Generation Rescue: Sustainable Water for All – Artwork displayed at Mandy's Coffee & Cafe – Sponsored by Sister Cities Commission
 - [Red Wing Students Earth Week Streetscapes](#) in Downtown Red Wing Storefronts – Sponsored by Downtown Main Street

Earth Week 2022

- Adopt a Drain – Sponsored by [City of Red Wing Stormwater Unit](#)
- Adopt a Trail – Sponsored by [Friends of the Bluffs](#)
- [Backyard Bingo with Dakota Translations](#) – Sponsored by Prairie Island Indian Community
- [Treasures on the Trail](#) – Sponsored by Red Wing Arts

Monday

- 5:30 am – Sunrise Hike on He Mni Can-Barn Bluff – Hosted by [Friends of the Bluffs](#)
- All Day - Red Wing Clean-Up Day – Our campaign to remove pieces of trash and litter from our neighborhoods, along our rivers, trails, and parks

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- 7:00 pm Learning on Tap – Lake Pepin Legacy Alliance Presentation - Sponsored by Red Wing Community Education & Lake Pepin Legacy Alliance Presentation at Jimmy’s Pub in the St. James Hotel – Ages 21+ [Registration required](#)

Wednesday (Walking Wednesday)

- Walk to School · Walk to Work · Host a Walking Meeting · Take a Walk with your Neighbors
- All Day - [Red Wing’s Historic Architecture Walking Tour](#) – Brochures available at Red Wing Chamber of Commerce
- Anderson Center tour on the history of energy generation & research at Tower View
- 12:00 pm – Mayor’s Walk for Walking Wednesday – meet outside the Mayor’s Office, 327 Third Street
- 12:15 pm – Riverfront Trail Walk – Hosted by the Red Wing Family YMCA – meet at the Y
- 12:15 pm – Levee Park Walk for Red Wing Seniors – Hosted by the Red Wing Family YMCA, meet at the Y
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Thursday

- 11:00 am - Reducing your Family’s Carbon Footprint Webinar – Sponsored by University of Minnesota Extension – [Registration required](#)
- 5:00 pm - Solar Panels on Your Roof & Solar Gardens – 1478 Hillside Drive – Hosted by Chad Kono/David Anderson
- 6:00 pm – Earth Day, Red Wing & the Future - Nate Hagens, PhD in Natural Resources and MS in Finance, Executive Director of [The Institute for the Study of Energy & Our Future](#) – Hosted by Citizens Climate Lobby and the League of Women Voters at the Red Wing Public Library, Foot Room. Register at the Door

Friday (Take a Ride on Your Bicycle Day)

- Bike to School · Bike to Work · Bike the Cannon Valley Trail. Goodhue-Pioneer Trails or Riverfront Trail
 - 6:00 am – Sunrise Bike Ride – A 10-mile bike ride around Red Wing – Sponsored by the Red Wing Bicycle Shop - Meet at Red Wing Bicycle Company, 319 Main Street
 - 10:00 am – Mayor’s Ride – A 5-mile bike ride around Red Wing – Meet at Red Wing Bicycle Company, 319 Main Street
- 9:30 am – 5:30 pm Story Walk – We are Water Protectors – Sponsored by Red Wing Public Library – Bay Point Park
- 1:00-2:30 pm [Nature’s Sunprints](#) – Sponsored by Red Wing Arts Clay & Creative Center, 1920 Old West Main Street
- All Day - [“For the Love of Spring”](#) event – shop local at Downtown and Old West Main retailers

Saturday

- Sunrise to Sunset - Hike the Bluff – Sponsored by [Friends of the Bluffs](#) – He Mni Can – Barn Bluff
- 7:30 am - Assessable Bird Walk – Sponsored by Red Wing Park Naturalist – Meet at the Goodhue Pioneer Trail [Registration required](#)
- 10:00 am-12:00 pm – Nature Play – Sponsored by Red Wing Park Naturalist – Twin Bluff School
- 10:00 am – 12:00 – Earth Day Fun at Goodhue County History Society – Families and individuals are invited to visit the museum for free and take a look at our exhibit "Down Stream Stories " which talks about the importance of water to Goodhue County and have a chance to do a planting activity.
- 1:00-2:00 pm - Sustainable Food: Restorative Agricultural Practices for Business of the Future at John the Baptist Beverage Company, 33292 County 5 Blvd., Lake City, MN

- 10:00 am or 1:00 pm – Flood Plain Walk in the Cannon Bottoms with Bruce Ause [Registration required](#)
- 1:00-2:30 pm [Nature's Sunprints](#) – Sponsored by Red Wing Arts Clay & Creative Center, 1920 Old West Main Street
- 4:00-6:00 pm - Electric Vehicle Show – Red Wing High School
- 6:30 pm - Wild & Scenic Film Festival – Sponsored by Red Wing Environmental Learning Center – [Tickets required](#)
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Sunday (Get Out & Enjoy Mother Nature Day)

- All Day – Being in nature, or even viewing nature, reduces stress and increases pleasant feeling. Exposure to nature not only makes you feel better emotionally, it contributes to your physical wellbeing, reducing blood pressure, heart rate, muscle tension and the production of stress hormones. End Earth Week with a bang!
 - Go for a picnic,
 - Enjoy a walk on one of our many trails,
 - Take a bike ride,
 - Play in a park,
 - Go fishing,
 - Do whatever makes you happy.

Earth Week Challenges

- **Fair Trade Books Climate Change Book Read & Discussion** – The more you read, the more you learn. The more you learn, the more you grow. Read a book from our list or choose your own: *The Red Deal, Merchants of Doubt, Drawdown, The Next Great Migration, Finding the Mother Tree, Entangled Life, The Big Bad Book of Botany, Bright Green Lies, The Water will Come, Midnight in Chernobyl, The Nutmegs’s Curse, doughnut Economics, Lie a Tree, The Overstory, The Hydrogen Revolution, The Insect Crisis, Fathoms, Animals Make Us Human, Islands of Abandonment, Carrots Don’t Grow on Trees, The Treeline*. Books are available at Fair Trade Books or the Red Wing Library. Discussion will be held at the Red Wing Conservation Club. [Registration required](#)
- **Meatless Monday** - Meatless Monday is a global movement that encourages people to reduce meat in their diet for their health and the health of the planet. To learn more, go to [Meatless Monday](#)
- **Home Energy Assessment** – A [Home Energy Assessment](#) can help you determine how much energy your home uses, where your home is inefficient, and which problem areas and fixes you should prioritize to save energy and improve the comfort of your home.
- **Vehicle Miles Traveled Challenge** – Learn how many miles you travel around Red Wing by tracking your vehicle miles traveled. During Earth Week reset your odometer to zero at the beginning of the day and write down your mileage at the end of the day. Then look for ways to reduce them, carpool with neighbors, park in a central location and walk to the different stores you need to visit or try bicycling for some of those trips.
- **Walking Challenge** – Take 10,000 steps or more on Walking Wednesday and then try to match it everyday the rest of the week.
- **Reduce Food Waste Challenge** – Fruits and vegetable scraps, coffee grounds, tea bags and leaves and cut flowers can be composted and kept out of the garage. During Earth Week, take a 5-gallon bucket and collect all of above-mentioned items to learn how you can reduce your waste. To learn more about composting, go to: [Composting in your backyard](#)
- **The Great Climate Bike Challenge** – There isn’t one magic silver bullet that will end climate change, but we know one thing: replacing car trips with bike rides is one small thing everyday people can do to help make a huge difference. Simply put, when you ride a bike to work, school, see friends and family, to run errands, you’re helping combat climate change – every mile counts. Start small, one ride at a time and see how easy it can be. Then, join [“The Great Climate Bike Challenge”](#) and see how small changes can make a big difference.

Description of Activities, Programs and Challenges

- **Red Wing Clean-Up Day** – Littering is the improper disposal of waste products. Littering can happen intentionally or unintentionally, but both have environmental consequences. As litter degrades, chemicals and microparticles are released. These chemicals aren't natural to the environment and can make their way into the soil, freshwater sources and the air, impacting both humans and animals. This year, we encourage you to grab your gloves, a garbage bag and walk around your neighborhood, to our parks or on our trails to clean-up. Area Service Clubs and organizations are helping out too by cleaning our city parks and trails:
 - Elks – Memorial Park,
 - Rotary Club – Pottery Pond Park,
 - Lions Club – Clay City Trail,
 - Chamber Ambassadors – Goodhue-Pioneer Trail
 - Thrivent Financial and High School Clubs – Colvill Park

For more information contact David Anderson at davidbanderson59@gmail.com

- **Adopt a Drain** - When it rains in Red Wing, stormwater runs straight from our streets into the Mississippi River through the city's storm drains. Anything carried in the stormwater, including grass clippings, leaves, pesticides, animal waste, and trash, also ends up in the river. Red Wing residents and businesses can help protect our waterways by adopting storm drains! Developed by the City of St. Paul, Capitol Region Watershed District, and Hamline University, the **Adopt-a-Drain program** asks residents to care for a storm drain in their neighborhood in an effort to reduce the amount of harmful debris that makes its way into our rivers, lakes, and wetlands. For more information, contact Kelsey Van Duesen at kelsey.vanduesen@ci.red-wing.mn.us
- **Adopt a Trail** – Hiking trails are located on He Mni Can- Barn Bluff, in Memorial Park and on Billings-Tomfohr Conservation Area. During Earth week and all year long, residents may adopt a section of trail and keep it clean. For more information, contact David Anderson at redwingbluffs@gmail.com
- **Treasures on the Trail** - Red Wing Arts Treasures on the Trail is an Earth Day finders-keepers art-in-nature program. Red Wing Arts designed this program during the week surrounding Earth Day to celebrate and bring attention to the arts, as well as the natural beauty of the Red Wings parks and greenways. Treasures will be "hidden in plain sight" - no need to venture off the trail! Those who find the trail treasures get to keep them. Make it an annual family tradition!
- **Lunch & Learn – Energy Smart for Businesses** – Energy Smart is a nonprofit that works with businesses to improve their energy efficiency. They are contracted through Xcel Energy so their services are free. During this Lunch & Learn, business owners will learn how they can reduce energy cost and reduce their carbon footprint and connect with Jessie Hendrix.
- **Climate Change in Our Own Backyard: A Minnesota Perspective** - Dr. Seeley serves as extension climatologist/meteorologist, often gives weather chats on MPR, coordinates weather and climate educational programs with the National Weather Service, the Minnesota State Climatology Office, and various state agencies. His faculty appointment is split between research (20%) and extension (80%) programs related to the utilization of meteorological and climatological data for agricultural production systems and management of natural resources. As Professor Emeritus of the U of M, he is also active in the NOAA Climate Literacy Program. Mark's presentation was recorded in person October 28, 2021, in Fergus Falls for the CCL Fergus Falls Chapter.

- **Learning on Tap** – Learn about the threats facing Lake Pein and community solutions to protect this vital stretch of the Mississippi River from the staff at Lake Pepin Legacy Alliance. Available to adults ages 21+
- **Walking Wednesday** - Walking for more of our shorter journeys helps to protect biodiversity. It creates less noise, less air pollution, and results in fewer emissions that are warming the atmosphere. There are many ways one can incorporate walking in your daily life: walk to school, walk to work, park in a central location when running errands downtown, take a walking meeting. Give it a try!
- **A History of Sustainability Walking Tour of the Tower View Estate** - Join Executive Director Stephanie Rogers for a Walking Wednesday tour of the Tower View Estate focused on the site's history of self-sufficiency. As a part of Red Wing Earth Week 2022, this event will focus on A.P. Anderson's legacy and the Red Wing Energy Center that was located at Tower View in the 1970s and 80s. The tour will conclude with information about the Anderson Center's recent work and future plans as the organization stewards historic buildings and land that are both impacted by and contribute to climate change. This tour will traverse both paved and gravel paths through the Anderson Center, tracing a route that avoids stairs for better accessibility. Please meet in the main gallery.
- **Peacestock: Militarism & the Environment** – Veterans For Peace Climate Crisis and Militarism Project is part of the world-wide movement to end the climate crisis and promote climate, environmental, racial, and economic justice. This presentation focuses on how US militarism, the single largest institutional source of greenhouse gasses on the planet, fuels the climate crisis. Participants may attend in-person or virtually.
- **Reducing your Family's Carbon Footprint** - Join Extension staff for practical advice about many different ways you can start reducing your family's carbon footprint. The webinar uses personal examples from one mom's mission to enable healthy living and environmental sustainability. Additionally, we will offer recommendations on how to handle the emotional impacts of climate stress.
- **Solar Panels on Your Roof & Solar Gardens** – Chad Kono installed solar panels on his roof to reduce his carbon footprint. Learn more about why he has done this and other options like supporting in solar gardens.
- **Earth Day, Red Wing & the Future** - Nate Hagens, PhD in Natural Resources and MS in Finance, lives near Bay City, WI. He is the Executive Director of The Institute for the Study of Energy & Our Future (ISEOF) <https://www.energyandourfuture.org/>, an organization focused on educating and preparing society for the coming cultural transition. Nate has appeared in various films and TV shows and lectured around the world on issues of energy and sustainability. Nate teaches his Reality 101 Honors class to U of MN freshmen and hosts a weekly podcast available on YouTube and all major podcast platforms, and shares frank video shorts, fascinating speakers, and an animated series.
- **Take a Ride on Your Bicycle Day** - More miles traveled by bicycle means fewer miles by car and that equals cleaner air! Bicycling isn't just for exercise, try biking to school, biking to work, biking around your neighborhood just for fun, run errands on your bike.
- **Nature's Sunprints** - Red Wing Arts invites the community to drop by our Clay & Creative Center to create artwork inspired by nature. This all-ages artmaking activity will be offered on Friday, April 22 and Saturday, April 23 from 1-2:30 pm, both days.
- **Story Walk: We Are Water Protectors** - Families and park visitors are encouraged to go for a river walk in Bay Point Park and enjoy the 2021 Caldecott Award-winning story *We Are Water Protectors* by Carole Lindstrom and Michaela Goade,
- **For the Love of Spring** – Kick off spring with us in Red Wing with this fun two-day shopping & dining event!
- **Hike the Bluff** – Reconnect with nature, check out the new trailhead and all the new trails on He Mni Can – Barn Bluff. Volunteers from Friends of the Bluff will be available to answer questions from sunrise to sunset.
- **Assessable Bird Walk** – The bird migration is on, bring your binoculars and enjoy a guided walk on the Goodhue-Pioneer Trail with the Red Wing Park Naturalist. Park in the Hay Creek Recreational Area Parking Lot. For more information contact [Erin Augustin](#)
- **Nature Play at Twin Bluff School** - The Red Wing High School Sustainability Club will join the Red Wing Park Naturalist to do some upkeep on the Twin Bluff School Nature Play Area. We will be planting pocket pollinator gardens and doing light maintenance on nature play elements. The public is welcome to stop by to enjoy the space and lend a helping hand if they'd like!

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- **Sustainable Food: Restorative Agricultural Practices for Business of the Future** - How we raise and purchase food has an immense impact on the health of our planet. Come and learn how one business is trying to raise food in a different way to benefit the earth and all people who contribute to their products. See how bees, plants, trees, bushes, greenhouses, goats, llamas, and sustainable business practices contribute to a healthier earth and delicious products at the John the Baptist Beverage Company.
- **Flood Plain Walk with Bruce Ause** – Hike the Cannon River Bottoms, learn how increase flooding and recent droughts are affecting our floor plain. Bring your binoculars for bird watching too. Floor Plain Walk starts and ends in the Parking Lot off of the Cannon Bottoms Road, by Arrow Building Center. For more information contact [David Anderson](#).
- **Electric Vehicle Show** – Owners of a variety of electric vehicles will have their vehicles available for people to look at and ask questions.
- **Wild & Scenic Film Festival** – The Wild & Scenic Film Festival works with environmental groups across the globe to host the film festival to generate outreach into their communities and bring together a diverse audience. The goal is to use film to inspire activism. The ELC hopes to use the festival to increase a better community understanding of the connection we share with the planet and our role as stewards to keep it healthy for the next generations. Tickets are required.