



# Waukesha County

## Department of Parks and Land Use

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### **EXPLORE THE SECRETS OF NIGHTTIME NATURE AT FRIENDS OF RETZER NATURE CENTER'S WILD WINTER NIGHT EVENT**

*New candlelight hikes highlight nocturnal animal behaviors*

**(WAUKESHA, WI)** – The Friends of Retzer Nature Center's Wild Winter Night returns on Saturday, February 16 at Retzer Nature Center from 6 to 9 p.m. to explore the wonders of the natural world at night. Retzer Nature Center is located at S14W28167 Madison Street, Waukesha.

"This is a perfect event for residents to celebrate winter in Wisconsin," said Dale Shaver, Park System Director. "Cure your cabin fever with candlelight hikes, educational activities, fun campfire songs, and don't forget to top it off with some hot cocoa."

New this year, attendees will enjoy guided nature hikes on candle-lit trails for an in-depth look at the winter world of Retzer. In addition, with the generous support of the Friends of Retzer Nature Center, attendees can borrow snowshoes (weather and snow cover permitting), delight in hot cocoa, s'mores and songs by the campfire and enjoy family friendly nature-themed activities. Also, the Horwitz-DeRemer Planetarium will be offering an indoor planetarium program, "The Solar System." Planetarium shows run every half hour from 6 to 8:30 p.m.

The event is held regardless of weather. Attendees should dress accordingly.

Admission is \$3 per person or \$10 per family (two and younger are free). Friends of Retzer Nature Center members receive free admission. For more information about becoming a Friends member, visit: [www.friendsofretzer.org](http://www.friendsofretzer.org).

For more Wild Winter Night information or details about volunteering, call Retzer Nature Center (262) 896-8007, or visit [www.waukeshacounty.gov/wildwinternight](http://www.waukeshacounty.gov/wildwinternight).

#### **About Retzer Nature Center**

Retzer Nature Center is a part of the Waukesha County Park System, which is a natural resource based park system that demonstrates stewardship while providing recreational and educational opportunities. For more information, visit [www.waukeshacounty.gov/retzernaturecenter](http://www.waukeshacounty.gov/retzernaturecenter), follow Waukesha County Parks on [Twitter](#), or like us on [Facebook](#).