

**Registration Deadline  
Monday, August 3rd!**



# Leelanau Conservancy Annual Friends Picnic & Auction

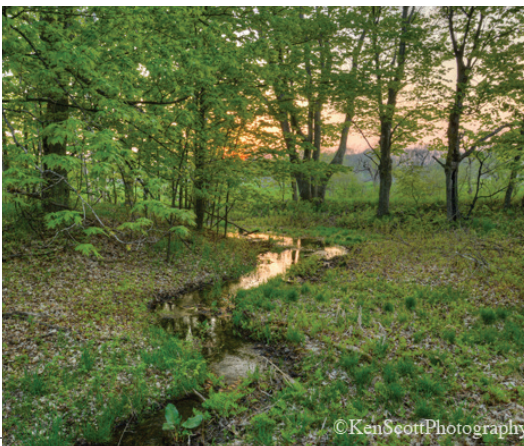
**Thursday, August 6th, 5 P.M.  
Chippewa Run Natural Area  
Near Empire**



## The Day's Events

**Pre-Picnic field trips beginning at various times. See Field Trips page.**

- 5 pm** - Social hour and Silent Auction bidding
  - Appetizers made from local products created by area chefs
  - Leelanau wines
  - Kid's Tent with activities for ages 3-12
- 6 pm** - Picnic dinner: A local foods menu!
- 7 pm** - Awards
  - President's Paddle Raise
  - Special Program
  - Local Leelanau Door Prize



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# About the 2015 Auction

Thanks to so many of our members, we have a great auction on tap! This year's event offers more opportunities than ever before for friends and family to get together to share great meals, visit wonderful places, and experience the best of Leelanau. Get your group together now to bid on items that you just can't buy anywhere else! Our online auction site (see link on our website: [www.leelanauconservancy.org](http://www.leelanauconservancy.org)) has a great "email this page to a friend" feature so that assembling your "syndicate" and gathering friends to bid together is easy. Plan now to have fun for a great cause. If you cannot come to the picnic, you may still win auction items by placing a proxy bid online or by calling our office to place your bid (231-256-9665).

## Have Fun, Help a Great Cause! Over 120 items, Here's Just a Sampling!

Dinner for Six at Mario Batali and Joe Bastianich's Babbo in NYC

3-hour Pontoon Tour of the Cedar River with Former Conservancy Director Brian Price

Golf at Crystal Downs for 3 with Club Member; Weeklong Vacation Home Stay near Crystal Downs Country Club

Morel Hunt with Leif Sporck and Catered Dinner in Your Home for 12 with Abra Berens

Stand-up Paddle Board Rental

Air Tour Over Leelanau County

3 nights for 4-6 at a Manhattan penthouse overlooking the Empire State Building

Wine Rain Barrel & Michigan Native Plant Mini Rain Garden

Original paintings by various Leelanau artists

4 Detroit Tigers Front Row Tickets with Tigers Club Den Pass

Handmade handbags, jewelry, quilts, and more!

"Leelanau vs The World" Wine Tasting Party at L. Mawby

4-hour bread baking class with wine at 9 Bean Rows

Sunset cruise for 4 on the Mishe-Mokwa

Pick-Your-Dinner from Epicure Catering at Cherry Basket Farm

Guaranteed Entry to 2016 M22 Challenge Race

Historic M22 Tour in Convertible

Baabaazuzu Tour with Gift Certificates

Hilside Homestead Historic Farmstay

Fireworks or Blue Angels Viewing at home on Grand Traverse Bay

Retired M 22 Road Sign

Lake Leelanau Cottage Rental for Labor Day Week 2015

Maple Syrup Experience

Plein Air Painting on Location

Private Explorer Tour of Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore

Skating and Lodging Package at the Homestead Resort

Stargazing at Lanphier Observatory

Glen Arbor Adventure Day: Bike, Paddle, Wine

Martha's Leelanau Table - Mediterranean Cooking Class and Dinner

Coffee with Seth Bernard of Earthwork Music

Chateau Chantal VIP Tour and Tasting & \$750 Gift Card

Five-Course Dinner for Ten Prepared by Chef Charlie Hall

Stay in a 16th Century St. Andrews Scotland Home in the Heart of Golf Country

Pottery and Ceramics Work by Michigan Ceramics Artists

Stihl Chainsaw and Safety Gear

Unique Children's Gift Baskets

# Picnic Registration

Advance registration ends Monday, August 3rd

After August 3rd, ticket price goes up \$5.

Until August 3rd you may register online at [leelanauconservancy.org](http://leelanauconservancy.org),

mail this form to PO Box 1007 Leland, MI 49654 (must be received by August 3rd), or register by phone (231) 256-9665.

Registration is limited and on a first-come basis. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO EXPEDITE YOUR AUCTION CHECKOUT PLEASE PROVIDE A CREDIT CARD WE MAY KEEP ON FILE.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (where you will be July 28-Aug.8) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

I can't come to the event, but would like to make a donation.

Please register:

\_\_\_\_ adults & children 12 & over at \$35 each (after August 3rd \$40 each)

\_\_\_\_ children under 12 who want to go through the regular food line \$10

\_\_\_\_ children under 12 who want to eat in Kid's Tent: PBJ, snacks, & juice \$5

If you would like for your child to participate in the Kid's Tent, please provide a cell phone number \_\_\_\_\_ for our Tent Supervisor.

Enclosed is my check for \$\_\_\_\_\_ payable to the **Leelanau Conservancy**

Please charge my \_\_\_\_\_ Visa \_\_\_\_\_ Mastercard \_\_\_\_\_ Discover Card # \_\_\_\_\_

Exp date \_\_\_\_\_ 3 Digit Code \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ TO EXPEDITE MY CHECKOUT, PLEASE USE THIS CREDIT CARD FOR MY AUCTION PURCHASES OR PRESIDENT'S PADDLE RAISE

Cardholder name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Signature (required) \_\_\_\_\_

FIELD TRIP REGISTRATION (see pg 3 for detailed descriptions)

# attending \_\_\_\_\_ 3:00 pm Chippewa Run: Wild About Wildlife

# attending \_\_\_\_\_ 3:00 pm Hatlem Creek: Marl Spring Hike

# attending \_\_\_\_\_ 3:00 pm Conservation Easement Tour

# attending \_\_\_\_\_ 3:00 pm PW-1: Palmer Woods Easy Loop

# attending \_\_\_\_\_ 3:00 pm PW-2: Palmer Woods Long View

# attending \_\_\_\_\_ 3:00 pm PW-3: Palmer Woods Adventure Trek

# attending \_\_\_\_\_ 3:00 pm PW-4: Palmer Woods "Get Lost"

# attending \_\_\_\_\_ 3:45 pm Ken Scott Photography Talk

# Pre-Picnic Field Trips

*Explore, learn, get to know your Conservancy Staff and Docents!*

*For complete information and directions visit [leelanauconservancy.org/pre-picnic-field-trips/](http://leelanauconservancy.org/pre-picnic-field-trips/)*

*We recommend sturdy hiking shoes, long pants, insect repellent, hats or sunscreen, and water bottles for all hikes.*

## **3:00pm Chippewa Run: Wild About Wildlife Hike**

Get to know the site of the 2015 Annual Friend's Picnic and Auction with Leelanau Conservancy docents. Home to four separate ecosystems, Chippewa Run is known for its large variety of wildlife. This hike is perfect for the whole family and will take participants past pine forests, an old beaver pond, a cattail marsh, a stream corridor, fallow farm fields, and an orchard. (30 people max)

## **3:00pm Hatlem Creek: Marl Spring Hike**

Join Leelanau Conservancy docents on a tour of the beautiful Hatlem Creek Preserve. View a rare bubbling sandy marl spring and traverse through a hardwood conifer swamp, a northern hardwood swamp, and northern wet meadows. Many varieties of native ferns and wildflowers grow along Hatlem Creek. (30 people max)

## **3:00pm Polack Lake Private Conservation Easement Tour**

Attendees will learn about our largest conservation easement donation project while overlooking Polack Lake. Conservation Easement Program Manager, Yarrow Brown, and Farm Program Manager, Sam Plotkin, will lead this unique tour. Explore portions of the property on existing two tracks while learning about the property's natural features, plants, and agricultural useage. (30 people max)

## **3:00pm PW-1: Palmer Woods Easy Loop with a View**

Join Leelanau Conservancy Executive Director Tom Nelson for this (relatively) easy hike at Palmer Woods. The trail gently ascends approximately 100 feet to a mixed hardwood forest on a high ridge east of the main valley that forms the spine of Palmer Woods and offers a view. Forestry management as practiced on the property over the past 40 years, along with future management by the Conservancy will be discussed in this introduction to Palmer Woods. (20 people max)

## **3:00pm PW-2: Palmer Woods Long View Loop**

Join Brian Price, former Leelanau Conservancy Director and current Project Manager, on this longer hike at Palmer Woods that showcases the property's diversity. Proceed along a 2 mile loop cutting across the central valley that forms the spine of Palmer Woods, ascend through a rich plateau above the valley, and stop at one of the best viewing points at Palmer Woods. This section of the property includes some of the most diverse and healthy forestland, with a rich assortment of ferns and native wildflowers. (20 people max)

## **3:00pm PW-3: Palmer Woods Adventure Trek**

Join Staffer Leslee Spraggins on this very strenuous adventure trek showcasing the drastic elevation changes at Palmer Woods. Participants will get to experience some of Leelanau County's most rugged landscapes by ascending to the top of the ridge along the eastern side of the Palmer Woods, then descending into the main valley. Along the way you'll get a sense of the vast potential for outdoor recreation at Palmer Woods, such as hiking and cross-country skiing. (20 people max)

## **3:00pm PW-4: Palmer Woods "Get Lost in the Woods With Matt"**

Matt Heiman, Director of Land Programs, will lead an adventurous hike into the central valley of Palmer Woods for a tour of a unique groundwater stream system and exploration of the western property boundary adjacent to the National Park. This hike will proceed along old two-track roads, logging paths and occasionally off-trail as we explore the most remote portions of this very impressive property. Attendees should expect moderate-heavy physical exertion. (25 people max)

## **3:45pm Ken Scott Photograpy Talk**

Iconic Leelanau photographer Ken Scott spent two years taking photos at our natural areas and private protected lands, (now part of a new book that will be for sale at the Picnic.) Hear from Ken what it took to get these gorgeous photos and about how he approaches his craft. At the Empire Town Hall.

# Tips & Notes For Best Picnic-Auction EVER!

**Proxy Bidding Available** - Can't come? Don't let that stop you from bidding. Arrange for a "proxy bidder" who will bid on your behalf. Call our office or email [cfaught@leelanauconservancy.org](mailto:cfaught@leelanauconservancy.org) to arrange.

**Expedited Checkout** - If you purchase an Auction item, we won't be ready for check out until our program ends (and we really want you to stay for this special presentation anyway!). To expedite your checkout, leave a credit card on file when you register here or online. If you prefer, you can even pick up and pay for your items at our office on Friday between 9am and 4pm.

**Local Leelanau Door Prize** - Be in your seat at the end of the program for a chance to win our Leelanau Local Doorprize. Always a big hit!

**President's Paddle Raise** - During this fun event our President, Steve Martineau, will ask for a show of paddles to support our land protection efforts. This is a meaningful way for you to demonstrate your love for Leelanau County and inspire others too!

**Just for Kids!** - Bring the whole family! Fun activities are planned for children ages 3 to 12 in our Kids Tent. Art, crafts, Legos and nature activities, all supervised by staff from the Leelanau Children's Center. Bring a cell phone if you plan to leave your child. There are two meal choices for kids; see registration form.

**Thanks, Appetizer Chefs!** - Taste a little bit of Leelanau via our talented chefs. See which chefs/restaurants will be present by visiting the Picnic page of our website.

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## Directions to the Picnic

The Chippewa Run Natural Area is located in Empire 7/10 of a mile north of the intersection of M72 & M22 on M22. Visit [leelanauconservancy.org/events/annual-picnic](http://leelanauconservancy.org/events/annual-picnic) for a detailed map, and watch for signs that will be out the day of the event guiding you to the picnic site!



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