

# North Star News

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**VISIT THIS WINTER!**  
 Your state park is a gorgeous place in the winter. You can hike, snowshoe or ski, depending on conditions. There is even places to use your fat tire bike. And if you are really brave, come on out and star gaze or even winter camp. Remember, there is no bad weather; just inappropriate clothing!

## What's Happening?

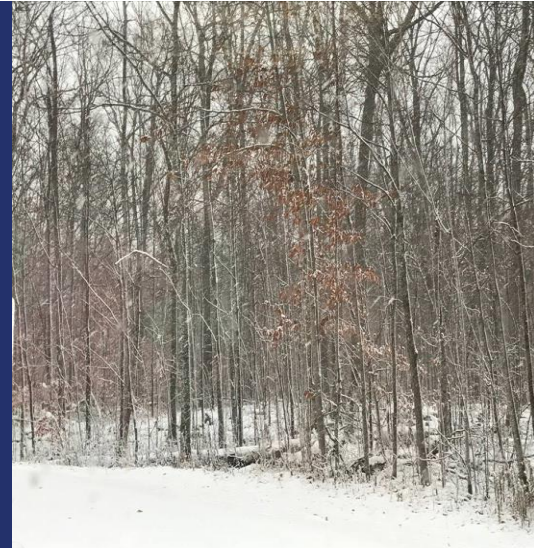
It is hard to believe that the busy season is behind us. For this reason, the *North Star News* will be a bit shorter in the coming months. Winter is quiet here, but that is no reason to not visit the park. November is generally not the best time to hike in the park. But if you do, blaze orange vests are available in the front hallway of the office building to use during your stay.

Bow hunting is allowed in Newport November 15<sup>th</sup> - December 15<sup>th</sup>. The park is also open for hunting during the 9 day rifle season (camp sites closed) November 23<sup>rd</sup> - December 1<sup>st</sup>.

This will be your last chance to get Newport merchandise for Christmas presents! The office is open sporadically through November and December, so it is always a good idea to call first if you need something.



## DID YOU KNOW?



The name “November” is believed to derive from “novem”, which is Latin for the number nine. In the ancient Roman calendar, November is the ninth month after March. As part of the seasonal calendar, November is the time of the Snow Moon and the period described as The Moon of the Falling Leaves.



*“Anyone who thinks leaves are dead has never watched them dancing on a windy day.”*

*~Shira Tamir*

## Did You Know?

We all say it. The one thing we can’t control is the weather. Our long, cool, wet spring was only the beginning of this strange weather year here in Door County. Record rains in September gave way to snow in mid-October.

Some interesting facts about precipitation in Ellison Bay:

- On average, we receive 30” of rain per year. (This year, we received 9” of rain in September alone.)
- Average snowfall is 48” per year.
- Though it feels like we haven’t seen much of the sun, Ellison Bay averages 187 sunny days per year.
- On average, Ellison Bay gets 112 days of some kind of precipitation.

## UNCOMING EVENTS

January 1<sup>st</sup> First Day Hike (more information in next newsletter)

January - March Hike/snowshoe with Beth the Naturalist (more information in next newsletter)

February 8<sup>th</sup> Candlelight Ski, 5:30 - 8:30



Winter snowshoe class



Candlelight Ski

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