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## Reptile Day Returns to Wehr Nature Center June 12

Franklin, WI (May 19, 2016) – Meeting snakes, turtles, and lizards—up close and personal—is in store at Reptile Day, Sunday, June 12, from 1-4 p.m., at Wehr Nature Center, 9701 W. College Ave..

Families will see and learn about a variety of reptiles and amphibians from Wisconsin and around the world. Experts, including wildlife biologist Randy Hetzel and members of the Madison Herpetological Society, will present their animals, give visitors the opportunity to touch or hold the critters, answer questions about reptiles in the wild, and discuss responsible ownership of reptiles as pets.

In addition to the critter show and tell, Milwaukee County Parks staff and volunteers will lead nature hikes at 1:30 p.m. and 2:45 p.m. in search of basking turtles, croaking frogs, and sunning snakes.

Some of the Wisconsin species to be exhibited include the Common Snapping Turtle, Blue-spotted Salamander, and Timber Rattlesnake. Exotic species to be exhibited include the Amazon Tree Boa, Ball Python, and Spiny-tailed lizard.

A variety of children’s reptile-themed craft activities will complete the event.

Refreshments will be available for purchase.

“There’s a lot of myth and half-truths out there when it comes snakes, turtles, and frogs,” said Wehr Naturalist Howard Aprill. “At Reptile Day, we share tips on how to peacefully co-exist with our misunderstood reptile and amphibian neighbors.”

General admission is \$3 per person, \$2 per Friends of Wehr member. Parking is \$3 per car.

For more information call Wehr Nature Center at (414) 425-8550 or go to [countyparks.com](http://countyparks.com)

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