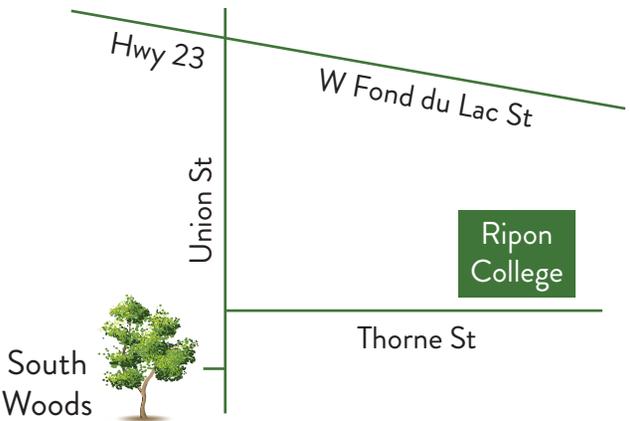


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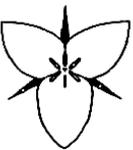
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Nature trails open to the public



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Parking is available at the head of the access trail on Union Street, 1.5 mi south of the corner of Union and W Fond du Lac Streets (Hwy 23) on the west side of Ripon.



South Woods Park Association

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Ripon, WI 54971

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## South Woods Park Association Membership

Individual (\$15)     Household (\$25)     Additional Donation: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Household Member

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please make checks payable to 'South Woods Park Association' and mail with membership form to:

SWPA

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Memberships and donations also accepted online at  
[southwoodsparkassociation.org](http://southwoodsparkassociation.org)

South Woods Park Association is a Section 501(c)(3) charitable organization, EIN 23-7383635.



**South Woods combined with Annie Starr Woods spreads across 55 acres and hosts approximately 3 miles of marked trails.**

The trails of South Woods welcome visitors to explore through hiking and snowshoeing. They are not open to motorized vehicles or bicycles. Dogs are welcome as well but should be under your control at all times and not be allowed to disturb or chase wildlife - and please pick up after your pet.

# You can make a difference.

Those who join together as members of the South Woods Park Association carry on the founders' vision of a beautiful natural resource open to the public and preserved in perpetuity.

With just \$15 a year, you can help keep South Woods a sanctuary for plants, animals, and people too.

Members enjoy time spent in the Woods, exploring the trails, and taking in all the sights and sounds of every season — knowing they are part of a community helping sustain and preserve this special place.



*“There is something infinitely healing in the repeated refrains of nature - the assurance that dawn comes after night, and spring after winter.”*

Rachel Carson

There are opportunities for members to participate in decision-making and leadership, as well as hands-on projects such as trail maintenance and invasive plant removal.

A member in good standing has voting rights as delineated in the South Woods Park Association's Bylaws. This includes voting at Fall, Spring, and other meetings for the election of Board members, changes to bylaws, or other actions requiring consent of the membership.

An individual membership conveys one vote; a Household Membership conveys up to two votes.

**South Woods Park Association is one of the oldest conservation groups in Wisconsin.**

In 1901, two local women's groups wanted to prevent the loss of a beautiful natural area to development. The Educational Club and Science Club joined together and on February 6, 1902, at the first meeting of the South Woods Park Association, each member contributed \$2 to purchase the original 20 acres.

*“South Woods is a hidden jewel of rich and natural beauty, unsuspected by the casual traveller. Nestled in the tip of the south branch of Ceresco Valley, it has for a hundred years... furnished a retreat for many generations of lovers, brought to older folks inspiration and fragrant memories, and has yielded for all ages that essential contact with the primeval.”*

Dr. George Conant, The South Woods Park Anniversary Booklet 1902-1947



Trails range from moderate to difficult and can be enjoyed in any season.



**Being a good steward**

Visitors are asked to help keep the Park clean by carrying out litter encountered on the trails. Removal or harvesting of any plant other than invasives is not allowed. Weapons of any kind, fires, and alcohol are prohibited. If you see anything of concern, please contact SWPA.

# South Woods is home to...

- American Bumblebee
- Dogbane Leaf Beetle
- Firefly
- Giant Swallowtail Butterfly
- Monarch Butterfly

- Dutchman's Breeches
- Hepatica
- Jack-in-the-Pulpit
- Mayapple
- Spring Beauty
- Trillium
- Trout Lily
- Wild Columbine

- Barred Owl
- Black-capped Chickadee
- Indigo Bunting
- Pileated Woodpecker
- Tufted Titmouse
- White-breasted Nuthatch

- Basswood
- Black Cherry
- Box Elder
- Hawthorn
- Red Oak
- Sugar Maple
- White Oak

