



# Pine Ridge Post

Pine Ridge Campground  
W5132 County Hwy N  
Waldo, WI 53093

www.pineridgecamp.webs.com

## Camping at Pine Ridge - Disc Golf

Pine Ridge has many activities to offer families while they are camping. One of these activities is Disc Golf (Frisbee Golf).

Disc Golf was first played in Canada in 1926, but did not become popular until the 1960's. Now disc golf is played in over 40 countries world wide.

Pine Ridge has an 18 hole course located within the campground. The course is available for any camper to use free of charge, although there is a fee for disc rental. Campers can bring their own discs, or use the discs owned by Pine Ridge for a small rental fee.

### Disc Golf—How to play:

Disc golf is played much like traditional game of golf, but instead of a ball and clubs, players use a flying disc, or Frisbee.



A golf disc is thrown from a tee area to a target which is the "Pole Hole" (an elevated metal basket). The object of the game is to complete each hole in the fewest throws. One point (stroke) is counted each time the disc is thrown. The

player with the lowest total throws for the entire course wins.



As a player progresses down the course, he or she must make each consecutive throw from the spot where the previous throw has landed. When the disc lands in the chains or basket of the pole hole, the hole is completed.

As with any activity, always remember to pay attention to those around you. Never throw a golf disc when other players or campers are in the way that could be hit with the disc. Always give campers the right of way. Be aware of your surroundings and environment.

Here are a few tips for successfully playing disc golf:

- Be courteous to your fellow players. Remain quiet and avoid unnecessary movements while others are throwing.
- Stand behind the player who is throwing until throw is complete.
- Remove disc from Disc the Pole Hole after completing the hole.
- Help new players learn the rules.
- Allow faster groups to play through when possible.

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*Family Camping,  
School Outings, Church  
Picnics, Church  
Retreats, Church  
Workshops*

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### Special points of interest:

- ♦ *Annual Family Campout is August 5-7, 2016*
- ♦ *For Reservations, call Cindy and Eric Vanselow (920) 528-8307*

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## Delegates Meeting—May 18

The Lutheran Pioneer Camp Conference Annual Delegates meeting is scheduled for May 18<sup>th</sup> at the WELS Center for Mission and Ministry, N16W23377 Stone Ridge Drive, Waukesha, WI 53188. The meeting is scheduled to start at 6:30 PM.

Delegates from all of the Camp Conference Congregations are welcome and encouraged to attend. This is your campground, help the board make the important decisions on how it is run. Please contact Phil Wagie ([phil@wagie.org](mailto:phil@wagie.org)) with any questions. The agenda for the meeting includes passing a budget for 2017, electing new board members, and discussing campground plans for the upcoming year.

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## Board Members Needed!

Many thanks to Patti Behmke for her many years of service on the Pine Ridge Board of Directors.

The Pine Ridge Board is currently seeking a new board member. If you would be interested in volunteering for a position on the Pine Ridge board, please contact the Chairman, Phil Wagie.

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- Be cautious of throwing the disc near the lake. Disc will sink.
- Pick up your trash and put in proper receptacles. Do not alter the course (trees, bushes, etc.) in any way.
- And the most important—Have Fun!

More information on Disc golf can be found on the internet at <http://www.discgolf.com/>

Instructions, disc golf rules, and score sheets for recreational play, along with disc rental can be found in the campground office.

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Did you or a group you are a member of have an event at Pine Ridge? Would you like to share your event with other users of the campground? We are always looking for articles for this newsletter from groups and individuals who make use of Pine Ridge. Send your stories to [PineRidgePost@gmail.com](mailto:PineRidgePost@gmail.com).

Do you have a favorite camping recipe? Let us know. We are looking for camping related recipes to share in our newsletter. Please send your recipes to [PineRidgePost@gmail.com](mailto:PineRidgePost@gmail.com)

Thanks in advance!

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## Found at Pine Ridge—Ash Trees

By Nancy Gittel

### What does an Ash Tree Look Like?

#### **An ash tree is most easily identified by:**

It has an **opposite branching pattern** (two branches come off the main stem, one on each side and directly opposite each other)



It has **compound leaves** with 5-11 leaflets (depending on the species of ash). Leaflets are moderately toothed and may be stalked or sessile.

**In winter:** first look for the **opposite branching pattern and stout twigs** of ash. Small branches grow off larger **branches opposite one another**. Likewise, **buds and leaf scars are opposite one another on twigs**.

**Ash trees have many small dots (vascular bundles) on their leaf scars**, forming a semi-circle or crescent pattern. White and green ashes have **thick, diamond-patterned bark**, while black ash bark is **thin, ashy-gray, and scaly**.

Ash species that are attacked by the emerald ash borer include green, white, black, and blue, as well as horticultural cultivars of these species. Green and white ash are the most commonly found ash species in the Midwest with blue ash being rare. Note: blue ash twigs are 4-sided. All other Wisconsin ash trees have round stems.

While other woody plants, such as **mountain ash and prickly ash**, have 'ash' in their name, they are not true ash species. Therefore they **are not susceptible** to attack by emerald ash borer.

Ash trees are abundant in Wisconsin, with estimates as high as 765 million trees in forests and over 5 million in urban areas. Ash is a component of three forest types in Wisconsin including 1) Elm / Ash / Cottonwood, 2) Northern Hardwood and 3) Oak / Hickory.

Next time you are at Pine Ridge, see if you can find an Oak tree.

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## Save the Date—2016 Annual Family Campout

Mark your calendars! The Pine Ridge Campground Annual Family Campout is scheduled for the weekend of August 5-7, 2016.

We are looking forward to seeing you there!

Do you have a suggestion of an activity or idea you would like to see at the Family Campout? Let us know. Suggestions can be emailed to [PineRidgePost@gmail.com](mailto:PineRidgePost@gmail.com). Watch for more information in upcoming newsletters.



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# CHAIRMAN'S

O Greetings,

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Soon the deciduous trees at Pine Ridge will soon have leaves and the many coniferous (evergreen) trees will grow taller and taller. When Pine Ridge camp was first started, hundreds of small pine trees were planted. Now many of those pine trees are very tall and extremely beautiful. Also when Pine Ridge was started our pond was dug and it was filled by melting snow, rain and underground springs. For the past few years the lake has been low because of leakage, most of which was near the dam. Even though it is not really one of our caretaker duties, he has been doing research to try and determine how to slow down/stop the leaks. Last fall, he attempted to seal the leaks and at least for now it appears it has helped since the pond is currently quite high. This means, now would be a great time to fish (catch and release), canoe, boat or even swim (if you don't mind cool water). So if you're looking to enjoy God's beautiful creation from your RV, Camper, tent, the Chalet, or Bunkhouse, Pine Ridge is the place for you.

Besides relaxing, using the pond and enjoying God's creation, what are some of other things you can do at Pine Ridge? Do you want to take a nature walk? There are many cut walking trails that can be used or you can make your own trail (but be careful and do it with a friend). There are also 18 holes of Frisbee golf (Frisbee's available in the Pine Ridge office). There is also an archery area. Lastly, bring your telescope or just your eyes. Without city lights, Pine Ridge is a great place to look at the stars.

Of course we'd like you to come up for a week or the weekend, but Pine Ridge is close enough to drive up in the morning and stay for a while and return home. A day at Pine Ridge would be great for families, youth groups, school classes, etc. We have a few groups that have done this for a number of years.

If you know people that like to camp or hike or be outdoors, please tell them about Pine Ridge or pass this newsletter onto them or have them contact me. If you can get information concerning Pine Ridge in your bulletin or on your information board, also let me know.

If you want to come up to Pine Ridge give Cindy a call or if you want to give us a donation, send it to Beth Thornton.

Lastly, of course, Pine Ridge is the place where our Pioneers go. But Pine Ridge is also the place for church groups and family events to be held. So if anyone you know is planning an event, please be an advocate for Pine Ridge and suggest that they use Pine Ridge for their event.

In His Service, Chairman Phil Wagie

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## Campfire Cooking—Crockpot Breakfast Casserole

I often use a crockpot while camping. In this recipe you dump it all in the crockpot at night and let it cook while you sleep and breakfast is served! - From Nancy Gittel and Patti Behmke

### Crockpot Breakfast Casserole

1 – 26 oz. bag frozen hash browns  
12 eggs  
1 C milk  
1 Tbsp. ground mustard

1 – 16 oz. roll sausage  
Salt & Pepper  
16 oz. shredded cheddar cheese



Spray crockpot and evenly spread the hash browns in the bottom.

Cook sausage on high heat or follow directions on package and set aside. Cut sausage into bite size pieces and place on top of hash browns. Add cheese. Mix well.

Crack eggs in large bowl. Mix well (slowly) using a whisk. Add milk and ground mustard to eggs. Add salt and pepper to taste.

Pour egg mixture over everything in crockpot. Spread out even. Cook in crockpot on low for 6-8 hours.

Variations: Add chunks of sourdough bread, diced chiles, salsa, diced green onions. May substitute breakfast sausage with bacon (diced).

## Donating to Pine Ridge

Did you know Pine Ridge is a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization? Your donations are tax exempt. Donations can be sent to Pine Ridge Campground, W5132 County Hwy N, Waldo, WI 53093. Pine Ridge welcomes donations to be put towards improvement of the campground facilities.

Did you know that members of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans can help support Pine Ridge Campground through Thrivent Choice? In 2015 Pine Ridge received \$666 from the Thrivent Choice Program.

Each year, eligible benefit members of Thrivent Financial are designated Choice Dollars, based on qualifying insurance premiums, qualifying contract values and qualifying Thrivent volunteer leadership. When eligible members direct Choice Dollars, they make a recommendation as to where Thrivent Financial distributes a portion of its charitable grant funds.

If you are an eligible benefit member, you can help strengthen our community by directing your designated Thrivent Choice Dollars to Pine Ridge Campground.

It's all about our community. Your support. Your Choice. Choose to make a difference by directing your designated Choice Dollars today. If you're eligible to participate in Choice Dollars, or are uncertain about your eligibility, visit [Thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://Thrivent.com/thriventchoice). Or contact your local Thrivent Financial representative.

## **Pine Ridge Campground**

Waldo, Wisconsin  
Owned and operated  
by  
Lutheran Pioneer  
Camp Conference

Visit our website:  
[www.pineridgecamp.webs.com](http://www.pineridgecamp.webs.com)

For more information  
and registration call  
Camp Caretaker:  
(920) 528-8307



Pine Ridge is  
on Facebook!

## **Upcoming Activities:**

May 13-15—Evans  
May 18—Delegates Meeting

May 27-31—Frahm/  
Amundson

June 10-12—Wild Goose

June 24-26—Yahr

June 27-July 4—Frahm/  
Amundson

July 8-10 Endroff

July 15-16 Lange

July 16-23—Nationals

August 5-7 - Annual Family  
Campout

August 12-14—Point of  
Grace

August 19-21—Dunn's  
Campers Association

August 31-September 5—  
Frahm/Amundson

September 8-11—Builders For  
Christ

September 23-25—Midwest Ar-  
chery Camp

### **Call to schedule your reservations.**

Pine Ridge has seven separate  
camping areas available along  
with bunkhouse facilities.

### **Campground Reservations and information:**

**Caretakers: Eric or Cindy  
(920) 528-8307**

## **Pine Ridge Board of Directors**

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