

The Hausmann Family

The Hausmann Nature Center at the Lapham Peak Unit of the Kettle Moraine State Forest is a result of the generosity of the Hausmann Family. Dr. Paul and Bernice Hausmann donated their home to the WI Department of Natural Resources in 1985 with the desire their residence and land be used for environmental education and conservation purposes.

Dr. Paul, a well-known thoracic surgeon, and his wife Bernice, an individual with a love for nature, were land stewards and conservationists who dedicated endless hours to restoring and transforming the agricultural land into woods and grasslands. They planted thousands of trees and native species of plants. They even won the Tree Farm of the Year award in 1972. Along with forestry, the Hausmanns restored native prairies and preserved wetland habitat by excavating two ponds on the property.

In 1985, the Hausmanns donated their 8,700-square-foot home and 35 acres of nearby land to the WI Department of Natural Resources. At the same time, they sold an additional 374 acres of their glacier-sculpted property to the WI DNR. The building affords spectacular panoramic views of this land, which is now a large portion of Lapham Peak.

Today, thousands of school children visit the Hausmann Nature Center every year to connect with nature and learn the importance of land conservation. This unique facility is now available for private gatherings, including weddings and business retreats. The rental fees will help us expand our educational programs, maintain the building, and continue the Hausmanns' noble mission to protect and preserve this beautiful, awe-inspiring landscape for future generations.

The facility rentals and Outdoor Education programs at Lapham Peak are made possible through partnerships involving the following environmental stewards:



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Hausmann Nature Center

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BUSINESS & PRIVATE RENTALS

Rooms Available	Fee per hour (4 hour min.)	Each Additional Hour	Max. # of People
All Rooms & Deck	\$100	\$75	150
Lower Level	\$45	\$25	50
One Classroom	\$20	\$15	20
All 3 Classrooms	\$50	\$25	60 (20 per room)
Deck Area	\$20	\$15	50

In addition to the building fee, a vehicle admission sticker is required for each vehicle entering the park. For details, visit dnr.wi.gov/topic/parks/admission.html



THE PERFECT GATHERING PLACE

The Hausmann Nature Center is nestled in a beautiful wooded setting inside Lapham Peak Unit of the Kettle Moraine State Forest, just 30 miles west of Milwaukee. It is a perfect place to host birthday parties, showers, wedding receptions or business meetings/retreats.

Hours of availability are approximately 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. with several different rental options, as well as discounts for non-profit organizations. Please call (414) 647-6050 to make your reservation.

PLEASE NOTE BEFORE YOU RENT:

- Kitchen facilities are not available, but catering services are permitted.
 - Set-up, take down & clean-up for your event must be included in your rental times.
 - An attendant from Milwaukee Public Schools will be on site during all rental events.
 - The Exhibit Area is not available for rentals or storage during rentals. However, guests are invited to look at the displays.
 - For additional information about educational field trips or rentals, please contact Milwaukee Recreation at (414) 647-6050.
 - If you have general questions about Lapham Peak, please call (262) 646-3025.
- Information current as of February, 2014.*



NON-PROFIT / GOV. RENTALS

Rooms Available	Fee per hour (4 hour min.)	Each Additional Hour	Max. # of People
All Rooms & Deck	\$80	\$75	150
Lower Level	\$35	\$25	50
One Classroom	\$15	\$15	20
All 3 Classrooms	\$40	\$15	60 (20 per room)
Deck Area	\$15	\$15	50

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