

A Conservation Destination

TOURS & EXHIBITS



Explore our site on a guided or self-guided tour. Knowledgeable tour guides and interpretive materials illuminate Leopold's life and legacy, linking his land ethic to the 21st century at both

the Aldo Leopold Shack & Farm and the LEED-Platinum Leopold Center. Exhibits and tours offered April through October.

CRANE VIEWING

Each fall, thousands of sandhill cranes gather on the islands and sandbars of the Wisconsin River before migrating south for the winter. The area just beyond the Leopold Shack has become the region's premier vantage point to experience the incredible sights and sounds of these iconic birds. Witness this wildlife spectacle by attending a crane congregations tour in November & December.



FACILITY RENTAL

Host your next meeting at one of the most environmentally-friendly buildings in the world. The Leopold Center offers two beautiful and unique meeting spaces available for rental to groups that share our mission and vision.



Facility rental available year-round.

THE ALDO LEOPOLD FOUNDATION

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April–October:

Mon–Fri 9am–5pm; Sat 10am–4pm

Closed some holidays. Self-guided and guided tours offered April through October. To arrange private tours or facility rentals call us or visit our website.



"That land is a community is the basic concept of ecology, but that land is to be loved and respected is an extension of ethics."

–Aldo Leopold

THE LEOPOLD SHACK & FARM

and the Leopold Center



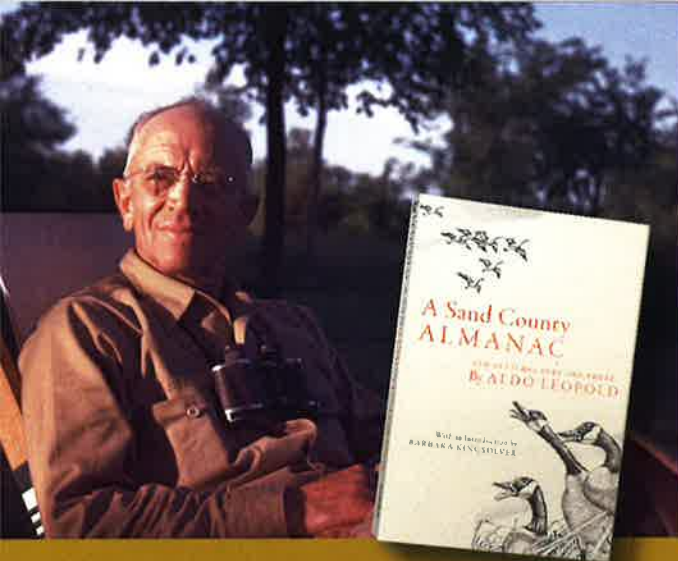
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DISCOVER the National Historic Landmark where *A Sand County Almanac* was inspired.

LEARN how Aldo Leopold's idea of a land ethic continues to inform and inspire us today.

EXPLORE Aldo Leopold's living legacy and your own connections to the natural world.



ALDO LEOPOLD is most well-known as the author of *A Sand County Almanac*. The ideas he presented helped spark a growing awareness of the need for a land ethic—a respectful and responsible relationship between people and the natural world. Leopold has been celebrated for his work as a teacher, ecologist, and philosopher.

Founded in 1982, the Aldo Leopold Foundation owns and manages the Leopold Center, the Leopold Shack and Farm, and the surrounding landscapes. The foundation acts as the executor of Leopold's literary estate and archival collection, encourages scholarship on Leopold, and educates audiences about Leopold, his work, and his ideas.

THE LEOPOLD CENTER serves as the headquarters for the Aldo Leopold Foundation and a hub for its educational and land stewardship programs. Built to meet the highest standards in resource-efficient or "green" design through sustainable forestry, outstanding energy efficiency, and renewable energy sources, the Leopold Center embodies Aldo Leopold's concept of a land ethic.

THE LEOPOLD SHACK & FARM informed and inspired Aldo Leopold's *A Sand County Almanac*. Today, the site is a living classroom for exploring the ecological and ethical relationships between people and land. When Leopold purchased this "sand farm" along the Wisconsin River in 1935, it had been worn out by attempts to farm the fragile soils and by the twin specters of Dust Bowl droughts and the Great Depression. With his family, Leopold set to the challenge of rebuilding the health of the land.

Using "the Shack" as a base camp, the family spent weekends and school vacations restoring their land. Each spring, they planted thousands of pine seedlings to conserve the soil and provide wildlife habitat. The pines and other plantings eventually thrived, transforming the landscape into the mosaic of conifers, hardwoods, and prairie that visitors see today. Tours of the site include the history and philosophy of Aldo Leopold, a visit to the Shack, and a walk through places described in *A Sand County Almanac*.



Join our Thinking Community

The Aldo Leopold Foundation aims to foster a land ethic through the legacy of Aldo Leopold. We are working to:

- weave a land ethic into the fabric of our society
- advance the understanding, stewardship, and restoration of land health
- cultivate new leadership for conservation

Whether it's making connections between people and land or people and each other, we need your support to foster and deepen a land ethic worldwide. We invite you to join our thinking community and stay connected!

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