

DRIFTLESS DIALOGUE PRESENTS



History, hydrogeology, and what it
means for us

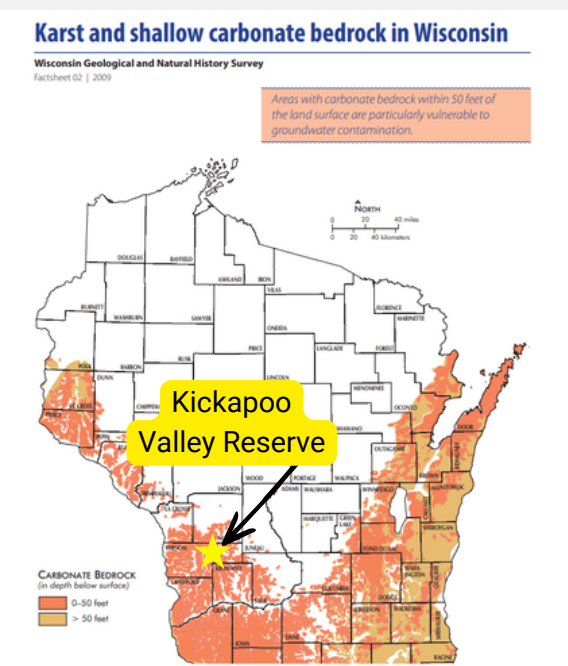
DRIFTLESS KARST

Join us for a journey through 500 million years of geological history to learn what forces shaped this unique landscape we call home and observe two groundwater simulators as they model how water flows through the earth in the region.

We will leave ample time to discuss not only what is beneath our feet, but also what it means for us and our many land and water uses.

Everything is connected, and even more so on karst!

What is Karst?



Map Credit: <https://www.wiledge.org/learning>

“Karst” is a landscape created when water dissolves rocks. In Wisconsin, dolomite and some limestone are typical soluble rocks. The rocks are dissolved mostly along fractures and create caves and other conduits that act as underground streams. Water moves readily through these openings, carrying sediment (and pollutants) directly into our groundwater.

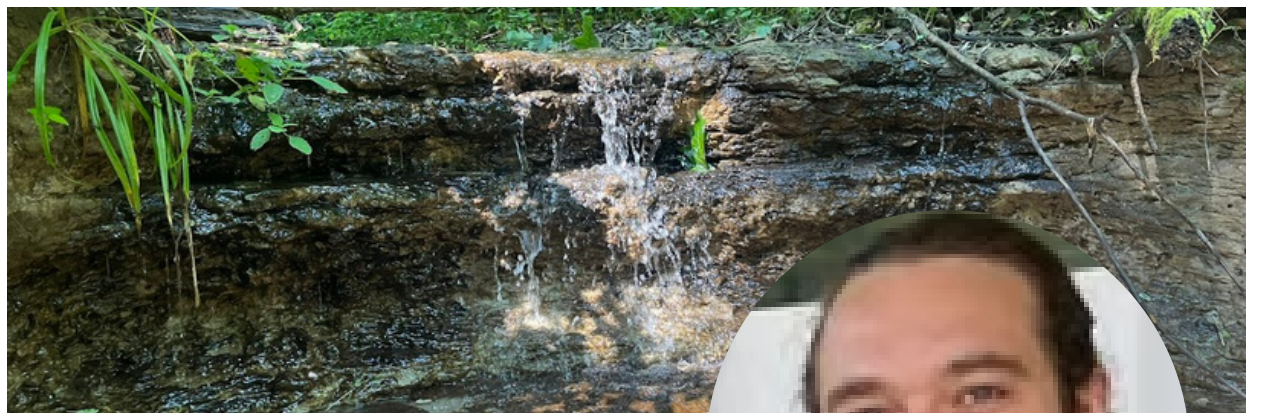
Source: <https://home.wgnhs.wisc.edu/wisconsin-geology/karst-sinkholes/>

THURSDAY, JULY 23, 2026

Socializing at 5:30pm, Talk at 6pm

KICKAPOO VALLEY RESERVE

S3661 State Road 131, La Farge, WI



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Forest Jahnke
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Forest was born in a barn and grew up on Dancing Waters Permaculture Co-op at the headwaters of the West Fork of Knapps Creek tromping around in the hills and bluffs of the Driftless. After graduating from North Crawford High School he went on to Eckerd College in Florida where he graduated with a degree in Communications, minoring in International Studies and Global Affairs, and Spanish. He has traveled through 26 countries on three continents, rounding out his education and helping him appreciate our special region for what it is. Forest has a passion for the beauty of this area, and is dedicated to helping folks engage to protect the values and rights of our communities and ecosystems. He keeps busy on a wide range of projects involving grassroots organizing/networking, cross-organizational coordination, research and education, public speaking, and more. While NOT a professional geologist, Forest has associated and collaborated with the best ones he can find and done extensive research on the local hydrogeology for 13 years as the Programs Coordinator for Crawford Stewardship Project.



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