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I was born and raised in Detroit Michigan many years ago. I spent summers at my grandparent's farm exploring all the things I couldn't find in my own backyard. I graduated (1969) from the University of Michigan with a BS in Science of Education and began teaching in inner city Los Angeles. I earned a MS in Special Education and kept on teaching, but always dragging my students outside to look at bugs, plants, dirt, etc. I found a partner, sailed for 5 years and then homesteaded near Horsefly BC in the middle of a forest. The logging of the forest bothered me so I went back to university and got a BS and MS in biology (botany is/was my thing), so that I could work intelligently on environmental issues. I spent 5 years doing botany field work, which I thoroughly enjoyed, but it kept me away from home too much. Now I focus on getting people of all ages outdoors exploring, enjoying and learning about nature—while continuing to work on environmental issues.