

Heckrodt Wetland Reserve includes 76 acres of forested wetland, wetland meadow, open water, and upland field



communities. The wheelchair & stroller-friendly 3+ mile trail system allows access to the wetland without getting wet feet! The Reserve is home to a variety of mammals, birds, insects, reptiles, and amphibians. Facilities include a nature center with indoor living wetland and live reptiles, amphibians, and fish, as well as mounted specimens of Wisconsin mammals and bird species. Educational programs are provided for schools, daycares, special focus groups (pre-school, grade school, and senior citizens), and the general public. Our goal is to provide visitor education while fostering an ethic of environmental stewardship in a fun, hands-on atmosphere.

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Fall School Field Trips Offered September—November



See policy regarding adult chaperones. Details inside!

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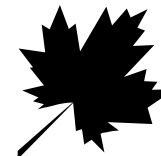
School Programs at Heckrodt...

- Programs are designed to be 2 hour sessions, unless otherwise noted. All Kindergarten programs are 1 1/2 hours.
- Programs will run rain or shine.
- Program fee is \$2.00 per student. A minimum charge of \$25.00 is required. (If you are combining Wildlife Wonders with either Swamp Stomp or Discover Wetlands, the fee is still \$2.00/student for both programs.)
- Limit of 10 adults (including teachers) for groups of 30 students or less and limit of 20 adults (including teachers) for groups over 30 students. An additional fee of \$2.00/adult will be charged after adult limit is reached.
- No younger siblings please!
- Dates fill quickly on a first come, first serve basis. Please book your field trip early!

For more information, or to schedule a program, please call 920-720-9349

Heckrodt Wetland Reserve is open all year and offers school programs Sept. through May. Please call to request a brochure outlining our Winter and Spring school programs.

OR....Let us come visit you!
We also do classroom naturalist programs December through February. Call to request our Classroom Naturalist brochure.



Your field trip experience....

Our naturalist educators offer child-friendly and hands-on activities for school students. Designed with age-appropriate experiences, these programs can be adapted to suit your curricular needs. Just let us know!

You will receive a written confirmation, as well as an enrichment packet full of pre- and post-activity ideas to enhance your field experience.

Heckrodt's Mission...

is to enhance, restore, and preserve the Reserve and educate all people in the importance of conserving our natural resources while promoting the Reserve's many recreational opportunities.



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Program Options

Wildlife Wonders

Grades K-8 (Offered Sept. through mid-Oct.)

These programs offer a glimpse into the life of the animals that may live in a wetland. Puppetry and stories are included in these programs. For older students, scientific discovery will help them learn and understand the special relationships between humans and wildlife. Choose one of the following animal options: bear, goose, birds, fox, deer, groundhog, frog, butterfly.

**for K-3 we suggest you combine one of our Wildlife Wonders programs with Swamp Stomp or Discover Wetlands.

\$2.00/student



Discover Wetlands!

Grades 2-3 (Offered Sept. through mid-Oct.)

Introduce students to the importance, values, and functions of wetlands. Students learn about this valuable habitat through hands-on learning. (Student reading skills are required for this program.)

**This program must be coupled with a Wildlife Wonders program.

\$2.00/student



Wading into Wetlands

Grades 4-8 (Offered Sept. through mid-Oct.)

A 2 hour exploration of the reserve with an emphasis on plant adaptations, water quality, wetland function, water conservation, and human impacts.

\$2.00/student



Swamp Stomp

Grade K-1 (Offered Sept. through mid-Oct.)

Experience the wetland in a unique way! This sensory walk will allow the children to squish in the mud, crunch in the grass, hop like a frog, and find out why wetlands are important for wildlife and humans.

**this program must be coupled with a Wildlife Wonders program.

\$2.00/student

The World Beneath Your Feet

Grades K-3 (Offered Sept. through mid-Oct.)

Ever wonder what types of critters lurk beneath your feet in the soil? Through exploration and hands-on activities, find out what ingredients make up the soil recipe, as well as some of the squirmy, slimy and wiggly critters that make their home in the soil. Also, learn about some mammals that make dens or burrows in the soil!



\$2.00/student

Where the Wild Things Live

Grades 4-8 (Offered Sept. through mid-Oct.)

Through hands-on learning, students will learn about meadow, forest, and aquatic habitats that are found at the Reserve. Interactive activities and exploration of each habitat will allow students to find out about the plants and animals that live in each habitat and why each habitat is important.



\$2.00/student

Water World

Grades 3-8 (Offered Sept. through mid-Oct.)

A full day experience allowing students to learn about wetland values and functions, the water cycle, water conservation and human impacts, examine pond life, fish adaptations, and fishing techniques through hands-on stations. The program is also available as a half-day session, but limited to 3 stations of your choice. Fishing is not available for the half-day session.



\$4.00/student—4 hour session

(limited availability) - 50 students maximum

\$2.00/student—2 hour session

2 hour session station options:

(Choose only 3 stations)

- Journey to the Bottom of the Pail
- Wetland Walk
- Life Downhill & Broken Water
- What's In A Fish?
- Water's Going Around

Discover Your Wild Heritage

Grades 4-8 (Offered Oct. through early Nov.)



Take a history hike and convene in an authentic

Native American woodland wigwam, where the students will get a glimpse into the life of local Native Americans 300 years ago. Play games to learn life skills the Native Americans would have needed in order to survive.

\$2.00/student

See next page for Seed Program!

State Academic Standards

All of these fun, hands-on, educational programs have been assessed according to Wisconsin's State Model Academic Standards.



About Your Field Trip...

Appropriate dress for your program...

- Long pants are recommended, as well as sturdy footwear. No sandals please.
- We will be prepared to do the program in inclement weather. Please dress appropriately for the weather. (Rain gear, winter coats, mittens, hats, etc.) No umbrellas please. (We will plan to be indoors as much as possible if weather becomes hazardous.)

Guidelines to share with your students...

- Picking and collecting is prohibited. This includes plants, animals, insects, turtles, frogs, snakes, etc.
- No littering.
- Have fun and learn something too!

Picnic and restroom facilities

- Please make arrangements to reserve the use of our picnic pavilion at the time of program scheduling.
- We are a "Leave No Trace" facility. Please plan to carry out your picnic trash.
- Restrooms are available in the Nature Center.

Seeds on the Move

Grades K-4 (Offered Sept. through mid-Oct.)

Through hands-on, interactive stations students will learn about plants and how seeds are dispersed. Explore the world of seeds by taking a seed sock walk, participate in a seed scavenger hunt, as well as hands-on plant and seed stations.

\$2.00/student

