

Operating Hours

Trails open year round from 6 a.m.—9 p.m.

Nature Center Hours

Monday:	CLOSED
Tuesday:	8 a.m.—4:30 p.m.
Wednesday:	8 a.m.—4:30 p.m.
Thursday:	8 a.m.—4:30 p.m.
Friday:	8 a.m.—4:30 p.m.
Saturday:	11 a.m.—4 p.m.
Sunday:	CLOSED

The mission of Heckrodt Wetland Reserve 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.



HECKRODT WETLAND RESERVE
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Fall School Field Trips

Offered September—
November



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 \$3.00 per student (10 student minimum.)
- (If you are combining Wildlife Wonders with either Swamp Stomp or Discover Wetlands, the fee is still \$3.00/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 \$3.00/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 or e-mail heatherw@heckrodtnaturecenter.org

Heckrodt Wetland Reserve is open all year and offers school programs September through May. OR....Let us come visit you! We also do Roving Naturalist programs to your outdoor school site.

Next Generation Science Standards

All of our programs are now aligned with the Next Generation Science Standards.

Ask for more details.

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 via e-mail about a month before your scheduled visit.

We now offer a Breakout Box for students with sensory sensitivities that can be checked out during your program.

About Heckrodt Wetland Reserve...

Heckrodt Wetland Reserve includes 91 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.

Program Options

Wildlife Wonders

Grades 4K-8 (Offered Sept. through Nov.)



These programs offer a glimpse into the life of the animals that may live in a wetland. Through hands-on, inquiry-based learning, students will make connections to animals in their natural world. 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:** honeybees, owls, bear, birds, fox, deer, frog, butterfly, bald eagle, pelican.

**for 4K-3 we suggest you combine one of our Wildlife Wonders programs with Swamp Stomp or Discover Wetlands.

\$3.00/student



Discover Wetlands!

Grades 2-3 (Offered Sept. through Nov.)

Introduce students to the importance, values, and functions of wetlands through this fun, skit-like presentation. (Student reading skills are required for this program.)

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

\$3.00/student



Wading into Wetlands

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

An in depth investigation of the wetland habitat with an emphasis on plant adaptations, water quality, wetland function, water conservation, human impacts, as well as interactions and energy transfer within the wetland ecosystem.

\$3.00/student

Swamp Stomp

Grade 4K-1 (Offered Sept. through Nov.)



Students will make connections with the wetland habitat during this inquiry-based sensory walk through the wetland. Children will explore the wetland by touching the moss, making a wetland filter, and much more, while discovering why wetlands are important for wildlife and humans.

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

\$3.00/student



The World Beneath Your Feet

Grades 4K-3 (Offered Sept. through Oct.)

Ever wonder what types of critters lurk beneath your feet in the soil? Through exploration and nature investigation, students will 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!

\$3.00/student

Where the Wild Things Live

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

Through hands-on, inquiry-based 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 understand interactions and energy transfer within each ecosystem.

\$3.00/student



Seeds on the Move

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



Children will investigate plants, seeds, and seed dispersal/plant reproduction through hands-on exploration and interactive stations. Students will also examine the world of seeds by participating in a seed scavenger hunt, while on a hike through the Reserve.

\$3.00/student



Tremendous Trees

Grades 4K-4

Through engaging, interactive stations, students will learn parts of a tree, leaf identification and leaf shapes, and everyday things that are made from trees. Students will also take a hike through the Reserve to explore energy transfer and the process of photosynthesis in trees, while identifying some of our native tree species.

\$3.00/student



Water World

Grades 3-8 (Offered Sept. through 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.

\$6.00/student—4 hour session

(limited availability) - 50 students maximum

\$3.00/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

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.

