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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.

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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.

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 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.

Next Generation Science Standards
All of our programs are now aligned with the Next Generation Science Standards.
Ask for more details.
Program Options

Wildlife Wonders
Grades 4K-8
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: deer, bear, raccoon, wolf, fox, backyard birds, owls, groundhog, bald eagle, pelican, honeybees.

**for 4K-4th we suggest you combine one of our Wildlife Wonders programs with Winter Wonderland Walk.

$3.00/student

Winter Wonders
Grades 4K-3

Students will become nature detectives, unraveling some tracking mysteries. Then, experience the wetland in a unique way! We will strap on snowshoes and go out on the Reserve to look at winter animal tracks and other animal signs. (A guided winter animal tracking hike may be substituted if snow conditions are not suitable for snowshoeing.)

*Snowshoeing option is available for this program. (Please request snowshoeing option at the time of program booking.)

$3.00/student*

*Additional $.50/student to make plaster animal tracks.

Winter Ecology
Grades 4-8

Through inquiry-based learning, students will make connections about the strategies plants and animals use to adapt to the cold.

*Snowshoeing option is available for this program. (Please request snowshoeing option at the time of program booking.)

$3.00/student

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

Winter Survival Skills
Grades 4-8

During this 2-hour hands-on, interactive program, students will learn basic winter survival skills. Students will build winter shelters and survival fires, while learning some team-building and engineering modeling strategies.

** This program is offered January through March.

$3.00/student

About Your Field Trip...

Appropriate dress for your program...

- Please have children dress in layers, including winter jacket and snow pants or snowsuit.
- Children should wear insulated winter boots. No open-toed shoes please!
- Children should wear hat, mittens, etc.
- We will not go out if wind chills are at what we consider to be dangerous levels for the children.
- Programs will be modified and we will plan on being indoors as much as possible if the weather is too cold or dangerous for the children to be outside.

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.