Come and visit us this winter! Heckrodt Wetland Reserve is open all year round and is offering Winter Wetland Adventures November through March. These programs are designed for preschool children ages 2 and up to learn about their natural environment through hands-on, interactive activities.

During each 1 1/2 hour program, participants will enjoy nature related activities and a hike.

The fee is $3.00 per child.

Minimum number of children is 10.
Maximum class size is 60 children.

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!

For more information, or to schedule a program, please call (920) 720-9349 or e-mail heatherw@heckrodtnaturecenter.org.

HWR reserves the right to cancel a program less than 24 hours before program start due to weather conditions/school cancellations.

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.
Program Options

**Warm Fuzzy Critters**
Learn about how animals, birds, and humans survive the cold winter months. This program will include furs and other fun things to touch. Recommended for ages 2 and up.

**Terrific Turtles**
Turtles carry their homes on their backs, but did you know not all turtles can completely enclose themselves in their shell? Find out other interesting facts about turtles during this fun interactive program, and meet some live turtles up close! Recommended for ages 2 and up.

**Froggy Fun**
Have you ever touched a frog? Is a frog's skin slimy or dry? Find out the answer to this and much more. Feel what frog eggs are like and leap like a frog. Meet some live frogs up close and more! Recommended for ages 2 and up.

**Buzzing Honeybees**
Find out about the life of the honeybee. We will explore the mysteries of the hive, learning how bees make honey and why. We will also learn why bees are so important. Children will perform a bee wiggle dance too! Recommended for ages 2 and up.

**Soar, Glide, & Dive: Bald Eagle**
Learn why eagles soar, glide, and dive. Find out how big an eagle's wing span is, step inside an “eagle's nest” and much more! Recommended for ages 2 and up.

**Winged Wonders**
Birds are unique animals in that they are able to take flight. Find out what it means to be a bird. Children will have the opportunity to feel feathers, wings, and more. Recommended for ages 2 and up.

**Birds of Silent Flight**
Owls are birds of prey that are specially adapted to hunting at night. Explore the life of an owl through hands-on, interactive activities, listen to owl calls, and participate in a group hoot.

**Perfect Pelicans**
Pelicans have become a commonly seen bird in the Fox Valley area. Find out some cool things about these birds and where they go in winter. Feel a pelican wing and see just how big they are, play a game to learn how they “fish” to catch their food and more. Recommended for ages 2 and up.

**Raccoon: The Masked Bandit**
Raccoons have a reputation of being very curious, which often leads to getting them into trouble. Learn about the life of a raccoon through hands-on activities. We will also find out how we can live with urban wildlife. Recommended for ages 2 and up.

**About Your Field Trip to Heckrodt Wetland Reserve...**

**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.
- 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 held indoors, if we are not able to go outside.

**Some guidelines to share with your group**
- Children should have their listening ears on because they will have a lot of fun!
- Picking and collecting anything along the trail is prohibited.
- No throwing of ice or snow. (Snow needs to stay on the ground.)
- No littering. Please place trash in receptacles.
- Be ready to have fun and learn something too!