

The Roving Naturalist programs are offered November through March and are designed for preschool & school-aged children ages 2 and up to learn about their natural environment through hands-on, interactive activities.

During each 1 hour program, participants will enjoy nature related hands-on activities that will bring the outdoors to you and your children. Some of these programs have an outdoor component option or can be a completely outdoor experience. (Ask for more details at time of scheduling.)

The fee is \$75.00 for up to 30 children. Maximum class size is 30 children.

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.



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.—4:00 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.



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Traveling Childcare Programs

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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.



**New option available for children 4 years and up. We can provide an animal den shelter building activity at no extra cost! We will go outside to build an "animal den" with natural materials at the end of your program. (Requires outdoor area for children to build and children dressed in winter outdoor gear. We provide all materials.) Let us know at time of booking if you are interested in this new, hands-on outdoor opportunity.*



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.



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.



**New option available for children 4 years and up. We can provide a nest building activity at no extra cost! We will go outside to build a nest with natural materials at the end of your program. (Requires outdoor area for children to build and children dressed in winter outdoor gear. We provide all materials.) Let us know at time of booking if you are interested in this new, hands-on outdoor opportunity.*

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.



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 and more!
Recommended for ages 2 and up.

During our visit...



Here are some guidelines to share with the teachers, leaders, and children...

- Teachers and leaders are asked to participate in and assist the children with the activities.
- Children should have their listening ears on because they will have a lot of fun.
- Please provide an open area for group listening/activities.
- Please have an outdoor area available for outdoor activities (animal den/nest build) or tables and chairs for crafts.
- Assist children with outdoor gear for quick transition outdoors.