Curriculum Based School Programs

Our programs address Wisconsin Model Academic Standards and those that are linked directly to the Full Option Science System (FOSS) are indicated by the module name. The grade levels listed for each field trip are those recommended by the FOSS modules.

Most programs are designed for a half day session. You may also sign up for two programs for a full day learning experience at Bubolz Nature Preserve.

Please let us know if there are any specific literacy or science standards that you would like to have covered in your program. Suggestions and ideas are always welcome.

Cost: $3.50 per student or $75 minimum for a half day program or $6.00 per student or $150 minimum for a full day program

To Schedule a Field Trip

1. Contact the Preserve at: (920) 731-6041. The Office Manager will be able to tell you what dates are available and give general information.

2. For specific program information, please ask for one of the naturalists.

3. Spring and fall field trip dates fill up quickly so call early.

Bubolz Preserve’s Mission:
“To provide educational and recreational opportunities to encourage persons of all ages to develop and practice a sound environmental ethic, which reflects an understanding and appreciation of nature.”

For more information, or to discuss a program topic that you do not see listed here, please contact:

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Fall Program Options

Trees
Become a forester as students observe, compare, and describe the characteristics and changes in trees throughout the seasons. **FOSS Aligned. Grade: K**

Sensory Awareness
Using their senses, students will gain knowledge about the world around them. Students will explore animal habitats, learn about adaptations, and how to identify plants and animals. This guided hike is an excellent opportunity to see wildlife. **Grades K-4**

New Plants
Student investigations focus on plants found locally, and become aware of the diversity of life in the plant kingdom. Students observe the structures of plants from seeds to flowers in the field. **FOSS Aligned. Grades 1-2**

Insects
Through field investigations, students become aware of the diversity of aquatic and terrestrial insects found at the preserve. They will observe insects’ life cycles and compare the stages of metamorphosis exhibited by each species. **FOSS Aligned. Grades 1-2**

Birds and Beaks—New!
Students will use binoculars and field guides to learn and observe the common birds at the preserve. By the end of the class, students will have learned what adaptations birds have that make them unique from other classes of animals. **Grades 1-4**

Earth Materials
Discover the geological history of the preserve as students explore different geological sites at the preserve and spend time observing the characteristics of rocks and minerals through experiments. **FOSS Aligned. Grades 3-4**

Structures of Life
Students observe, compare, and categorize organisms while at the preserve. They will also learn how to identify plants and animals and sort them into families based on observations. **FOSS Aligned. Grades 3-4**

*Can be Full day*

Skins, Bones, and Unknowns
Students become wildlife biologists as they investigate the animals at the preserve. By looking at animal pelts, skulls, tracks, and scat, students will discover clues that can help identify common Wisconsin animals while on a hike through the preserve. **Grades 3-8**

Deer Tracks and Trails—New!
Through tracking, investigating, and games students will learn about our state wildlife animal, the white-tailed deer. They will focus on adaptations, signs, management strategies, and predator/prey relationships. **Grades 3-8**

GPS
Go on a high-tech treasure hunt throughout the preserve! Students will learn what GPS means, why it is important, and how GPS is used in the real world. Included is the popular game of geocaching. **Grades 4-adult**

Outdoor Survival—Now Offered in the Fall!
Teamwork and problem solving is emphasized in this program that simulates an emergency situation in the outdoors. Students construct survival shelters out of forest debris and use primitive fire-making skills to create a warming fire. Dressing for the weather and basic survival tips are also covered. **Grades 4–adult**

Teambuilding
Start the school year off right by learning to work together as a team! Students discover how to effectively communicate and listen to each other through fun and motivational games and activities. This is a fun and challenging program. **Grades 4–Adult**

Environments
Students use scientific instruments to test the quality of the pond environment. Students will discover the pH, dissolved oxygen, and water clarity of the pond and also will observe aquatic critters in the pond. These findings will help them to determine the health of the ponds. **FOSS Aligned. Grades 5-6**

New for Fall! - Book Lists and Pre/Post Activities will be sent along with your confirmation letter. These are suggestions designed to prepare your students for a trip to the Preserve. New this year will also be the addition of mobile microscopes and iPads, into a few of our programs (Insects, New Plants, Structures of Life, and others). They will be used to enhance the program content.