

Our Goal

One of the goals of the Mead Wildlife Area is to provide wildlife and environmental programs to the citizens of Wisconsin. These programs help to foster a sense of environmental stewardship, that through education we can achieve a better understanding of the values and issues of our wildlife and natural resources.

These programs may include tours of the Stanton W. Mead Education and Visitor Center's green building design or the wildlife area, on or off site presentations and activity based programs. The Mead DNR staff, dedicated volunteers and UW system students come together to help achieve this goal.



Program Fees

All of our naturalist-assisted programs are offered to you free of charge. Our salaries, supplies, and program services are paid by the license fees that DNR collects from Wisconsin's hunters and anglers, the Mead Wildlife Area Trust and the Friends of the Mead/McMillan Association Incorporated.

While all programs are free of charge for educational groups and organizations, donations to our education program are greatly appreciated.

Registration

Naturalists are available for programs during regular office hours:

**Monday-Friday:
8:30am-4:30pm**

If these hours do not suit your needs, please call us for alternatives.



Spring dates fill up fast, so be sure to contact us early, or consider another season.

We look forward to meeting you.

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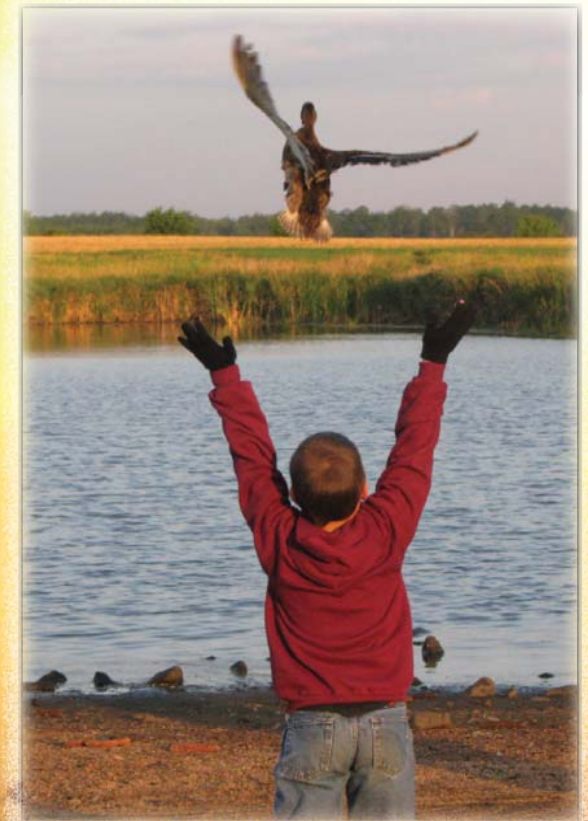
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Environmental Education Program Opportunities

George W. Mead State Wildlife Area



Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources & Friends of the Mead/McMillan Association Incorporated

Program Information

The WI Department of Natural Resources' Mead Wildlife Education Program offers a fun and exciting way for your class to explore the worlds of science and environmental education while meeting state academic standards.

The program consists of six standard program topics and five specialty topics.

These topics can be modified based on participant age/grade/abilities, weather conditions or to enhance a current classroom curriculum. We will also customize a program to your class's specific needs.



Interpretive Trunks

You and your class can begin exploring the world of the white-tailed deer, the endangered whooping crane, or Wisconsin mammals by checking out and opening up three new interpretive trunks:



World of the Whitetail



A Closer Look at Whooping Cranes



Wisconsin Mammals Trunk

Trunks come complete with skulls, bones, hides, tracks, and a complete curriculum. Developed by DNR Wildlife Management staff, these materials help students understand the biology, life histories, and management issues of some popular and less well-known Wisconsin animals.

Call today to reserve your trunk for a two-week period with your class.

Standard Topics

Wetland Study: Explore life in a pond. Learn about the functions and values of Wisconsin wetlands and how they are managed here at the wildlife area. Observe and identify aquatic invertebrates, frogs, turtles, birds and all the other magnificent creatures living in a wetland.



Grassland Study: Observe and explore the values and types of Wisconsin grasslands. Discover grassland wildlife species and learn about some special adaptations to surviving in a grassland. Learn about grassland loss and management.



Forestry Study: Explore the different habitat layers of a forest and how these layers are used by a diverse number of wildlife species. Learn how to identify Wisconsin trees and the ins and outs of forestry management.

Heritage: Explore Native American history in Central Wisconsin and check out our history display to see some amazing artifacts. Learn about the Wisconsin fur trade and furbearer ecology and identification. Discover why hunting and trapping are important components in wildlife management.

Orienteering: Explore the history of land surveying. Learn how to use a compass and pace count to navigate your way through a natural setting.

Renewable Energy: Learn about the renewable energy used here at the wildlife area. Explore the pros and cons of renewable and non-renewable resources.

Grades 5-9 create your own wind turbine and see how much electricity you can produce.



Teachers or students may borrow Wind Wise kits to do their own classroom or science fair projects.

Specialty Topics

Mobly the Owl: Meet Mobly and discover some interesting animal adaptations. Discuss the five basic requirements of a suitable habitat. Don't forget to ask Mobly to wave "Goodbye".

Birding: Learn how to feed and identify Wisconsin birds. Take a hike with binoculars (provided) in hand and see how many of Mead's 267 bird species you can spot.

Wildlife Management: Learn what wildlife management is and why it is so important. Discuss the numerous ways in which wetlands, grasslands, and forests are managed.

Nature Journaling: Learn about some important nature writers such as Aldo Leopold and John Muir. Create your own nature journal to use throughout the day to write about the things you observe.

Nature Hike/Scavenger Hunt: Fun for all ages, discover the sights and sounds of the Mead Wildlife Area. Field guides are available. Scavenger Hunts are specific to the time of the year, age/grade, and trail you are hiking.

Thanks to **WEEB** grant funding we have two new programs:

Canaries in the Wetlands: A program with citizen monitoring in mind. Discover how to test the water quality of a local wetland, lake, or river. Examine indicator species and land use issues.

Winter Ecology: Explore the Mead Wildlife Area via snowshoes. Examine winter wildlife, their tracks, and winter adaptations.



Snowshoeing

