



# High School Programs

## Horicon Marsh State Wildlife Area

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The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources' Horicon Marsh 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.

All of the programs listed can be adapted to different age levels. We will also customize a program to your class's specific needs. Please notify us at least one month in advance.

### Registration

Wildlife Educators are available for programs during regular office hours:  
Monday-Friday:  
8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

If these hours don't suit your needs, please call us for alternatives.



### Program Fees

All of our wildlife education 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. Donations are accepted and VERY MUCH appreciated!

### Interpretive Trunks

You and your class can begin exploring the world of wildlife by checking out and opening up 3 wildlife education trunks:

- ❖ Wisconsin Mammals Trunk
- ❖ World of the Whitetail
- ❖ Whooping Crane Truck

Trunks come complete with skulls, bones, hides, tracks, and a complete curriculum. Developed by WDNR 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.

### Horicon Marsh on DVD

The Friends of Horicon Marsh in collaboration with Wisconsin DNR have created "The Horicon Marsh Story." This 20-minute film highlights the history, wildlife, wildlife management and recreational opportunities at Horicon Marsh. This educational documentary is appropriate for any age. If you are interested in viewing the film during your field trip as an introduction to the marsh, please inform a wildlife educator. If you are interested in purchasing the DVD to show classes before your trip to the marsh please visit the Education Center gift shop. The Education Center is open to the public year round, 7 days a week from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## Wisconsin Ice Age

How do we know there was an Ice Age and what evidence tells the story? An outdoor interpretive program and indoor presentation will help students understand the most recent geological event which shaped our land.

Academic Standards Addressed:  
Science: E.8.2



## Dabblers and Divers: Wisconsin Waterfowl

Wisconsin is home to more than 20 different species of ducks. Through the use of taxidermy specimens and a habitat hike, students will come to understand Wisconsin's waterfowl and their management.

Academic Standards Addressed:  
Science: F.8.2



## Monitoring Aquatic Ecosystems

By testing a series of physical, chemical and biological parameters of Horicon Marsh students will learn to appreciate the foundation of life in a wetland, their interactions and methods for studying these.

Academic Standards Addressed:  
B1.8.8, B1.12.2, C8.2

## History & Ecology of Horicon Marsh

Learn the fascinating story of how, over time, Horicon Marsh was completely destroyed and then painstakingly re-built to its present condition. Study the impacts people have made on this fragile ecosystem both past and present.

Academic Standards Addressed:  
Science: E.8.6  
Environmental Education: B.8.5, B.1.8.10,  
B.1.12.5, B.2.8.4

## Wisconsin Birds

Your students will learn about the birds of Horicon Marsh; including their identification, habits and habitat requirements. We will seek out the birds of the marsh and woodlands in order to understand their lives and relationship to the land.

Academic Standards Addressed:  
Environmental Education: B1.8.3, B1.12.7

## Muskrats, Mink and other Marsh Mammals

Due to their secretive nature, mammals are rarely observed in the wild. By examining mammal pelts students will explore their life histories, distribution, population dynamics, wildlife survey methods and management.

Academic Standards Addressed:  
Environmental Education: B1.12.4, B1.12.6

## Managing our Wildlife

Nature has always taken care of our wildlife. So why do we need to do so today and how is this accomplished? Walking among grassland, wetland and woodland habitats, students will learn what wildlife management is and how it is being applied at Horicon Marsh and other similar areas.

Academic Standards Addressed:  
Environmental Education: B1.8.3, B1.8.8,  
B1.12.2, B1.12.3, B1.12.7, B1.12.6



Horicon Marsh was dredged in the early part of the 20th century.

## Snowshoe Programs

### Exploring the World of Ice & Snow



Take a guided interpretive hike on the frozen marsh on snowshoes. Learn the history of snowshoeing in Wisconsin. Gain an understanding of the value many cultures placed on snowshoes to survive harsh winters. Discover walking techniques and the structure of snowshoes and how to dress appropriately for any winter outdoor activity.

### Horicon Marsh Amateur Tracker

Hike into the ice-covered marsh by foot or snowshoe (snow permitting). Investigate how different plants and animals use adaptations to survive winter in an icy marsh. Search through the cattails for tracks and other signs or clues left by winter wildlife. Make a plaster cast in the classroom to take home.

Snowshoes were generously provided by a Wisconsin Environmental Education Board grant.

