



WILD ROSE FISH HATCHERY EDUCATION CENTER

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

N5871 State Road 22, Wild Rose WI 54984

(920) 622-3527, Ext. 209

2024 VISITOR GUIDELINES

Visitor Hours are 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Spring & Fall School Group Tours: available on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday in April, May, September, and October. **SUMMER VISITOR HOURS: Wednesday through Saturday.** Summer Sunday hours are 10:30 am to 3 pm, along with Summer holidays, Memorial Day, July 4, and Labor Day. The Education Center is closed Monday, and Tuesday, EXCEPT open summer holidays. Please call two weeks ahead to schedule group tours for up to 30 people.

LOCATION: ¼ mile north of the Village of Wild Rose on the west side of Hwy 22, (between Co. Rd. P to the North, and Co. Rd. A to the South.) Tours begin in the Education Center (N5871, west side of Hwy 22). Follow the driveway up hill to the parking area. *Please park boats, canoes, and trailers at the first lower lot by the large visitor sign.* (NOTE: Most GPS units do not find our location.)

GROUP LEADER'S GUIDE FOR HATCHERY TOURS

PLEASE DO NOT COME TO THE HATCHERY IF YOU ARE FEELING SICK OR HAVE BEEN EXPOSED TO COVID-19.

TOUR INCLUDES:

1. **HATCHERY PRODUCTION:** A 10-minute video of hatchery facilities showing what we do at the hatchery (spawn fish, hatch, raise, and stock in Wisconsin waters).
2. **TOUR OF NEW COLDWATER HATCHERY:** Guided by DNR staff only. DNR hatchery staff will guide visitors to a viewing room to look inside hatchery. We have the capacity to raise over 200,000 fingerlings in 40 circular tanks and incubate 5.2 million salmon eggs and 7.2 million trout eggs.
3. **EXPLORE MUSEUM EXHIBITS AND DISPLAYS:** including two 300-gallon aquariums in Education Center, simulated fish exploratory lab, fish identification, aquatic invasive species, lake sturgeon exhibit, mock fishing pond and Lake Michigan story.
4. **VIEW HISTORIC ORIGINAL HATCHERY PONDS:** You may still view a few of the oldest brown trout in our historic raceways. If there are fish in the ponds on the date of your visit, you may feed fish with food in our feed dispenser located under the picnic shelter. **PLEASE DO NOT THROW STONES, DEBRIS OR HUMAN FOOD IN PONDS AND RACEWAYS.** The feed is composed of ground up fish, and other nutrients, so hands will smell fishy. Plan to bring hand wipes or hand sanitizer. Do not rub eyes or put fingers in mouth after feeding fish. Wash hands before and after handling fish feed.

To allow adequate social distancing among group pods, the conference room and visitor viewing room in the Coldwater hatchery can accommodate up to 30 people. Due to hatchery bio-security practices and to avoid risk of contamination, visitors do not go inside certain hatchery work areas. Tours are held "rain or shine" as we can do most activities indoors, except viewing the old historic ponds outside. Plan to bring weather appropriate clothing. **GROUPS SHOULD TAKE CARE OF RESTROOM NEEDS BEFORE ARRIVING FOR THEIR TOUR SINCE WE ONLY HAVE ONE RESTROOM.**

~ FISHING IS NOT ALLOWED ON HATCHERY PROPERTY ~

~ DO NOT BRING BOATS, CANOES, NETS, FISHING POLES OR PETS TO THE HATCHERY ~

Please complete the Group Tour Reservation form on the next page and return to me as a Word document. **There is no fee for group tours.** If you have any other questions, please email me. I look forward to showing you and your group the Wild Rose Hatchery facilities.

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2024 GROUP TOUR RESERVATION FORM

DATE SUBMITTED: _____

Please complete this form to schedule a group tour of the facility for up to 30 people. This will help us prevent overlap and ensure that the hatchery educator can give your group full attention. You can email, fax, or mail this form to the hatchery educator at the Wild Rose Hatchery Education Center up until two weeks prior to your tour date.

Summer Visitor hours are from **8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday. Summer Sundays 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.**, and summer holidays. **Spring and Fall** hours are **Thursday, Friday and Saturday**. The property is closed to visitors from November through March.

DATE OF TOUR:		ALTERNATE DATE:	
ARRIVAL TIME / TOUR TIME	/	DEPARTURE TIME:	
GROUP/SCHOOL:			
CONTACT PERSON:			
EMAIL:			
PHONE CONTACT:	Work/Home:	Cell:	Cell for contact day of tour:
ADDRESS			
CITY, STATE, ZIP			
NUMBER IN GROUP:	# Adults:	#Youth:	Age/Grade:
<i>NOTE: Groups over 30 will be divided to accommodate facility space and require adults to supervise children.</i>			
ACTIVITIES: 10-Minute Tour Video included for all groups	<input type="checkbox"/> Hands on activities, view exhibits in visitor center	<input type="checkbox"/> View New Coldwater Nursery facility	<input type="checkbox"/> View old hatchery
DOES YOUR GROUP HAVE ANY SPECIAL NEEDS? Please specify:	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		
IF YOU PLAN TO SPEND A HALF DAY YOU MAY CHOOSE FROM THESE ACTIVITIES AFTER THE TOUR.	<input type="checkbox"/> Fish ID <input type="checkbox"/> Egg Development	<input type="checkbox"/> Aquatic food chain <input type="checkbox"/> Aquatic invasive species	<input type="checkbox"/> Fish Migration activity <input type="checkbox"/> Fish casting

To schedule your group tour, please call or email Joan Voigt, Natural Resource Educator, two weeks in advance at (920) 622-3527 Ext. 209 or email: joan.voigt@wisconsin.gov. If you would like to enjoy a picnic lunch at the hatchery, we have picnic tables around the visitor center. **Please take your picnic waste home with you, as we do not have waste pick up services.** Thank you! Rev. 1/2024

_____ Group tour confirmed
_____ E-Calendar
_____ Desk Calendar
_____ Special Requests _____