

Devil's Lake State Park

School Field Trips

Devil's Lake offers the following naturalist-guided programs correlated to Wisconsin Model Academic Standards.

Cultural Heritage and the Arts Programs

Effigy Mounds of Devil's Lake

Travel back in time as you visit the Indian mounds at Devil's Lake. Who built them? Why were they built? How were they built? How did the mound builder's culture differ from ours? Gain insights into the resourcefulness needed to survive 1,000 years ago at Spirit Lake.

Grades	4-8
Time of Year	Fall, winter, spring
Length of Program	1 1/2 - 2 hours
Maximum Number of Students	30
Preferred Adult/Student Ratio	1/10

This program addresses the following Wisconsin Model Academic Standards:

- Social Studies: B.4.10, B.4.4, B.8.1

Earth Science Programs

Glacial Geology of Devil's Lake

Take a glacial journey that begins at the nature center, descends a terminal moraine, passes Indian effigy mounds, and ends at the edge of Devil's Lake. Along the way, learn how a river was changed into a lake by a glacier and how the glacier affected the land and the people who would eventually inhabit the land.

Grades	5-8
Time of Year	Fall, winter, spring
Length of Program	1 - 1 1/2 hours
Maximum Number of Students	40
Preferred Adult/Student Ratio	1/10

This program addresses the following Wisconsin Model Academic Standards:

- Science: E.8.5
- Social Studies: A.8.6

Wildlife Programs

Whispering Wings

Is it a moth or a butterfly? Is it a cocoon or a chrysalis? Are caterpillars vegetarians? All will be answered as the whispery lives of moths and butterflies are explored! Sound like fun? It gets even better as the students get to create their own butterfly or moth to take home!

Grades	K-3
Time of Year	Spring, fall
Length of Program	1 - 1 1/2 hours
Maximum Number of Students	25
Preferred Adult/Student Ratio	1/5

This program addresses the following Wisconsin Model Academic Standards:

- Science: F.4.1, F.4.3

Beaver Tales

Students will learn about the historical significance of the beaver from the early European exploration of North America to the present. The 200-year popularity of the beaver hat and its impact on beaver populations will be a focus. The biology, behavior, and ecological impact of the beaver in Wisconsin will also be explored.

Grades	5-8
Time of Year	Fall, winter, spring
Length of Program	1 - 1 1/2 hours
Maximum Number of Students	45
Preferred Adult/Student Ratio	1/12

This program addresses the following Wisconsin Model Academic Standards:

- Environmental Education: B.8.15
- Science: F.8.8
- Social Studies: A.8.7

Snakes. Our Friends ... Really!

You can't shake hands with a snake, but if snakes make your hands shake, this program is for you! Fear of snakes is a learned behavior! This program will dispel rumors about snakes and leave participants with an appreciation of the ten species of snakes that inhabit the Devil's Lake area. A hands-on experience awaits willing individuals!

Grades	5-8
Time of Year	Fall, spring

Length of Program	1 hour
Maximum Number of Students	25
Preferred Adult/Student Ratio	1/5

This program addresses the following Wisconsin Model Academic Standards:

- Science: F.8.6, F.8.7, F.8.8

Wildlife and Plant Programs

Discovery Walk

Go on a hike of wonder and discovery where everyone gets a chance to be a leader! Students will learn and share information on the plants and animals of Devil's Lake as they hike a wooded hillside near the nature center. Each child will help lead the walk with the park naturalist. Plant and animal relationships will be explored as the secrets of the forest are revealed!

Grades	K - 4
Time of Year	Fall, spring
Length of Program	1 - 1 1/2 hours
Maximum Number of Students	25
Preferred Adult/Student Ratio	1/5

This program addresses the following Wisconsin Model Academic Standards:

- Environmental Education: B.4.1
- Science: F.4.1, F.4.2, F.4.4

Ecosystem Programs

Forest Communities

Compare and contrast the ecology of two forest communities, a pine plantation and a hardwood forest. Explore their diverse plant and animal life while being on the lookout for alien invaders! Be prepared to get your hands and knees dirty.

Grades	5-8
Time of Year	Spring, fall
Length of Program	1 1/2 - 2 hours
Maximum Number of Students	25
Preferred Adult/Student Ratio	1/5

This program addresses the following Wisconsin Model Academic Standards:

- Environmental Education: B.8.10, B.8.3, B.8.8
- Science: F.8.10, F.8.8

More Information

To register for a program, reserve dates, or find out about the fee policy, contact:

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