

Willow River State Park

School Field Trips

Willow River offers the following naturalist-guided programs correlated to Wisconsin Model Academic Standards.

Wildlife Programs

Turtles

Did you know turtles are relatives of dinosaurs? How do turtles see and move in their environment? Come to Willow River State Park and learn the life cycles of turtles. Crawl through a turtle's habitat and do some hands-on turtle activities.

Grades	K-1
Time of Year	All school year
Length of Program	20-25 minutes
Maximum Number of Students	25
Preferred Adult/Student Ratio	1/25

This program addresses the following Wisconsin Model Academic Standards:

- Science: F.4.1, F.4.3

Insects

What is an insect? Come to Willow River State Park to learn about insects' life cycles. Find out how insects help us live. At several hands-on stations, explore in more detail the different insects and how they live.

Grades	K-1
Time of Year	All school year
Length of Program	20 minutes
Maximum Number of Students	20
Preferred Adult/Student Ratio	1/20

This program addresses the following Wisconsin Model Academic Standards:

- Science: F.4.4

Deer

What does a deer need to survive? How do we affect the deer population? Learn this and more interesting facts about deer. There will be hands-on stations for the students to touch and see deer. We will play a game to help them understand the role of deer in the wildlife environment.

Grades	2-3
Time of Year	All school year
Length of Program	35 minutes
Maximum Number of Students	25
Preferred Adult/Student Ratio	1/25

This program addresses the following Wisconsin Model Academic Standards:

- Environmental Education: B.4.6

Habitats

At Willow River State Park, students will learn how animals interact with each other in their habitats. They will create a habitat and see how humans affect these habitats and how we can help wildlife. Students will be introduced to the major habitats at Willow River State Park and the importance of each habitat.

Grades	3
Time of Year	All school year
Length of Program	25 minutes
Maximum Number of Students	25
Preferred Adult/Student Ratio	1/25

This program addresses the following Wisconsin Model Academic Standards:

- Social Studies: A.4.4

Bats

Hands-on experiences of what it is like to live as a bat. Learn how their highly developed senses of smell and hearing help bats survive. Do bats hibernate or migrate? Come to Willow River State Park to learn the answers and more interesting facts about bats.

Grades	4-5
Time of Year	All school year
Length of Program	35 minutes
Maximum Number of Students	25
Preferred Adult/Student Ratio	1/25

This program addresses the following Wisconsin Model Academic Standards:

- Science: F.8.2

Other Programs

Recycling

The environmental educator at Willow River State Park will show your students how efficient nature is at recycling. She will provide students with the opportunities to examine how people can be effective recyclers and why it is necessary to recycle.

Grades	2
Time of Year	All school year
Length of Program	25-30 minutes
Maximum Number of Students	25
Preferred Adult/Student Ratio	1/25

This program addresses the following Wisconsin Model Academic Standards:

- Science: E.4.7
- Social Studies: D.4.7

Water Quality

Test the water from several different sources in Willow River State Park. Examine how the waters are different and alike. Learn what wildlife is supported by the types of water and why the different areas are important to the whole ecosystem.

Grades	4-5
Time of Year	All school year
Length of Program	45 minutes
Maximum Number of Students	25
Preferred Adult/Student Ratio	1/25

This program addresses the following Wisconsin Model Academic Standards:

- Science: F.4.4

More Information

For school year programs, call to be placed on our mailing list. Information for the fall is sent out in August. Information for the spring is sent out in January. Register for summer programs by phone or email. To register for a program, reserve dates, or find out about the fee policy, contact:

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