

# The Outdoor Classroom



## Retzer Nature Center

Unless otherwise noted, these programs are held at Retzer Nature Center. For more information or to register visit [www.waukeshacountyparks.com](http://www.waukeshacountyparks.com).

### Environmental Education Programs: Weekday Offerings



#### Various Weekdays in November and December

Options available at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

\$4 per student (free for adults and young siblings under age 3)

Maximum of 20-25 paid registrants (program attendees)

Ages: Elementary students

Register at least one day prior to program (no walk-ins please)

Families, caregivers, home school groups, scout troops, 4-H and more... supplement your learner's virtual education experience with an environmental education program at Retzer Nature Center. Each program is 60 minutes in duration. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Programs will be conducted largely outdoors, so dress for the weather. In case of inclement weather, program will be moved to an openly ventilated location. Face masks will be required indoors and when social distancing cannot be properly maintained outdoors.

#### Soil—It's More Than Just Dirt!

November 3, 4, 19 at 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

From how it is formed, to the millions of creatures that live there, soil is an undiscovered world to most of us. Once we have learned a bit about soil, we will take a hike to look at some of the different soils here at Retzer and do a little digging to look for just a few of the creatures that live there. There will be no clean hands when we are done!

#### Migration / Hibernation

November 5, 11, 17 at 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Hit the trails at Retzer to see which animals stay, sleep or leave during winter. Learn about their special adaptations and strategies that help them to survive and search for their various forms of shelter and food sources.

#### Home Sweet Habitat – Pond

November 10, 18 at 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

December 3 at 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Explore wildlife habitats from the viewpoint of the animals that live there. Compare and contrast the different habitats observed. Students will play the role of an animal as they go in search of their animal's basic survival needs: food, water, shelter and space. Decide which animal would call a given location home, and discover how they are connected to other aspects of their ecosystem.

#### Understanding the Glacial Landscape

November 12, 24 at 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Learn to read the glacial landscape of Retzer and recognize the importance of the glaciers to our region. Students will investigate different glacial landforms and how they were created.

#### Animal Adaptations – Avian Adventure

December 1, 9 at 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Explore Retzer's animal artifacts as we see how an animal's physical and behavioral traits can help it to survive as we explore the concepts of habitat and adaptation. This program will focus on the many different adaptations of birds.

#### Winter Tracking and Animal Signs

December 2, 10 at 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Children's snowshoes may be used during this program – weather dependent. Animals leave behind a number of clues for us to find as we explore our winter world. We'll hunt for animal track clues outside in the snow or mud and create our own tracks!

See the weekday planetarium show offerings!



View our full Fall Activity Guide:  
[www.waukeshacounty.gov/EnvironmentalEd](http://www.waukeshacounty.gov/EnvironmentalEd)