

June - August Environmental Education Programs

All programs are fee based unless otherwise noted.

Tales On Trails (Storytime Hike)

Ages 3-6

1 hour or 1.5 hours with add-on craft based on your program's theme.

This storytime hike is all about reading and roaming! Our naturalists will conduct an outdoor nature hike and storytime designed to complement the month's theme.

Frog N' Around

Down to the pond we go in search of frogs. Use a net to catch one and discover cool adaptations these *slippery* amphibians display.

A Bug's Life

Look under a rock or sweep a net. What do you see? Pill bugs, spiders, butterflies and more! Come get down in the dirt and in the meadows and discover the world of crawly creatures.

Hide and Seek - Animal's Camouflage

Discover how animals use color to hide from sight while they go about their daily routines. Play a game of hide-and-seek as we try to blend in like the animals do.

Turtle Time

Learn more about the life of a turtle. Meet real live turtles and maybe catch a couple too!

I Spy Natural Treasures

Ages 4-7

1 hour

Naturalists serve as guides and interpreters while children seek out natural treasures through our variation of the game "I Spy." A collection of all the "I Spy" finds will return with you for added adventures.

Fabulous Feathers (New)

Ages 4-7

1 hour

No two feathers are ever the same. Journey through the growing life of a songbird or bird of prey and find out just how they acquire such spectacular feathers.

The Freaky Forest! (New)

Ages 5-12

1 hour

Discover the wonders from the forest floor all the way to the forest tree tops! Use binoculars, guide books and journals to create your own freaky forest picture.

Down at the Pond

Ages 5-12

1.5 hours

Program availability is dependent on water level in pond.

Discover what lurks in the pond as we explore with nets to scoop up mud covered critters, frogs and other water creatures. This interactive program gives children a close-up examination of the ponds ecosystem.

Mud Risk: High (come prepared)

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Created by Nature

Ages 6-12

1.5 or 2 hours (select your programs length)

A naturalist will guide you along the trails on this artistic adventure. Children will collect a variety of natural items found along the trails to create a unique piece of artwork to take home.

Pick from the following topics:

- Leaves & Flowers ♦ Bits & Pieces
- Color Around You ♦ Solar Design
- ♦ Nature's Texture Collage

Hop, Crawl and Fly with Us (New)

Ages 6-12

1.5 hours

Children explore the insect world using sweep nets, guide books, and hand lenses, then sample varied insect communities. Pull together your favorite bug features to build your own bug creation.

Find Our Home (New)

Ages 6-12

1.5 hours

Find out what an animal needs to build a home. Learn about the 4 basic needs: space, food, water and shelter. Select an animal to discover how it lives and survives in Wisconsin. Create a habitat where your animal could live.

Wild Scavenger Hunt

Ages 7-12

1.5 hours

Join the naturalist as children seek out natural treasures on a far out adventure. Solve clues as you explore the land to find and collect natural items on this wild scavenger hunt.

Wiggle with Worms

Preschool and Up

1 hour

Free program presented by Land Resources Staff

Learn another great method of recycling – composting! We will talk about nature's ultimate recyclers, worms and vermicomposting. Children will be able to touch, learn about and feed our worms as well as find cool "decomposer" bugs. We will challenge children to learn about all items that can be recycled and actions everyone can take to become more environmentally-friendly at home! Call (262) 896-8300 to make a reservation.

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

Preschool and Up

1 hour

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Recycling staff will teach you all about the 3R's, landfills, composting, what to recycle and what happens to your recyclables. Call (262) 896-8300 to make a reservation.



Program Registration: (262) 970-6680

Monday through Friday 8:15 am to 4:00 pm,
unless otherwise noted.

Retzer Nature Center Fees

Programs at Retzer Nature Center:
(3 week lead time required)

Children	1 Hour	2 Hours	Add. 30 Mins.
1-10	\$20.00	\$40.00	\$15.00
11-15	\$30.00	\$60.00	\$22.50
16-20	\$40.00	\$80.00	\$30.00
21-25	\$50.00	\$100.00	\$37.50
26-30	\$60.00	\$120.00	\$45.00
31-35	\$70.00	\$140.00	\$52.50
36-40	\$80.00	\$160.00	\$60.00
41-45	\$90.00	\$180.00	\$67.50
46-50	\$100.00	\$200.00	\$75.00
Etc.	Etc.	Etc.	Etc.

For groups larger than 60 - please contact
(262) 970-6680.

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Traveling Programs:

(30 children maximum per program.)

Program Fee: \$75.00 per 1 hour program
(price includes mileage charge)

For Additional 1 hour: \$60 per hour

Cancellation Policy

A three week lead-time is required to book all programs. Because your program has been specifically booked for your group (date, program, time, etc.), fees must be paid 21 days before program date. When booking a program 21 days before the program date, payment is due at the time of the booking. (We do accept MasterCard, Visa and American Express over the phone.)

If payment is not received 21 days or more before your program date, your program will be cancelled.

If you cancel your program less than 21 days before program date, we reserve the right to forfeit the whole program fee, or issue credit on account instead of refunding money. Credit on account must be redeemed with the same calendar year unless otherwise noted.

Traveling Programs

Let us come to you!

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1 hour each

30 children maximum per program

Creature Features

Ages 6 -12

Enjoy a visit from the Retzer teaching animals! See how an animal's physical and behavioral traits can help it to survive, as we explore the concepts of habitat and adaptation.

Nature Tales

Ages 3-6

Have one of our naturalists visit you, bringing a variety of hands-on nature objects for your children to explore. Each program includes: book and craft.

Topics:

- A Day in the Life of a Worm ♦ Turtle Time
- ♦ A Bug's Life ♦ Fabulous Feathers

Owl Pellet Dissection

Ages 6-12

Take apart an owl pellet and reconstruct its most recent meal! This is a fascinating way to study owl adaptations.

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Field Trip Opportunities

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle at the Materials Recycling Facility

Both free programs are 1 hour

- To book just a tour call (262) 896-8300
- To book a tour in conjunction with a Retzer Nature Center program call (262) 970-6680.

Preschool – 5th grade

See where the recyclables go when the truck takes it away! In our recycling education room kids learn about the 3R's, landfills, composting, what to recycle and what happens to your recyclables.

6th Grade-Adult

Experience recycling in person with a full walking tour of the plant in operation! See tipping trucks, sorting, bailing, and forklifts in action. Learn the environmental and economic impacts of recycling as well as products made from recyclables.

Come Swim with us!

Certified lifeguards are staffed at six Waukesha County Park locations:

All groups must follow these guidelines:

One adult/staff member per 12 children. Groups with children under the age of 6 must have one adult/staff member per 5 children and must be in the water with them at all times.

Contact Holly (262-)896-8074, 2 weeks in advance.

Please have the following information: preferred date, preferred park, organization name, contact person name, phone number, e-mail, arrival time, departure time, number of youth with age range, and number of chaperones. Park entrance fee applies: \$4.00 per car or \$20.00 per bus (11+ passenger vehicles). Please have cash or check (payable to Waukesha County Parks) the day of visit.

Go Ice Skating!

Groups Rates Available

Eble Park Ice Arena, Brookfield

(262) 784-7512

Naga-Waukee Park Ice Arena, Delafield

(262) 646-7072



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Summer Programs

Our philosophy:

At Retzer Nature Center, our goal is to teach students the workings of the local land system while they strive to make personal connections to nature. Such an approach is the best way to foster an early understanding and appreciation for the land, one that will last a lifetime.

Our approach:

We use a two-layer teaching approach in all of our programs. First we use a hands-on activity that encourages students to touch, smell, listen to, and observe the natural world around them. Naturalists then take this opportunity to interpret and expand on specific ecological concepts.

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Program Reservations:
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