

Fun Facts

These can be used as an e-quest, a class warm-up, a 5 minute closer, trivia, a question of the day, or any idea you have.

Q: How big is the George W. Mead Wildlife Area?

A: Over 33,000 acres. That is over 29,000 football fields!

*** One acre is slightly less than 91 yards on an American Football field, with the full field, including the end zones, covering approximately 1.32 acres. An acre, which is a common measurement of land area, is equal to 43,560 square feet.

Q: What is the most productive habitat?

A: A freshwater shallow marsh.

Q: What activities can visitors do at Mead?

A: Hike, watch wildlife, bike, fish, hunt, trap, pick berries, canoe, snowshoe or just relax!

Q: Who works at the Mead?

A: The WI Department of Natural Resources Bureau of Wildlife Management manages the Mead Wildlife Area. There are also a number of volunteers who donate their time.

Q: Does the Mead Wildlife Area use any renewable energy?

A: Yes! Solar-hot water and photovoltaic for electricity, wind turbine for electricity, biomass fireplace for supplementary heat and geothermal for heating and cooling the Center.

Q: What is Wisconsin's state tree?

A: The sugar maple is the state tree, and you can find plenty of them at the Mead.

Q: How many different bird species will you find at Mead?

A: There are over 267 bird species at the Mead. Keep your eyes open!

Q: Who owns Mead Wildlife Area?

A: YOU do! The Mead Wildlife Area is owned by the citizens of Wisconsin.

Q: When is a cavity a good thing?

A: When it is found in a tree, and creates habitat for wildlife.