

Our Goal

A goal of the Mead Wildlife Area is to provide wildlife and environmental programs to the citizens of Wisconsin that encourage environmental stewardship. Through educational programming we can accomplish this and foster an appreciation and understanding of natural resource values and issues.

Program Information

The WI Department of Natural Resources' (DNR) Mead Wildlife Conservation Education Program offers a fun and exciting way for your group to explore our natural resources while meeting state academic standards.

Our program is broken into relevant topics that utilize various lessons developed from teacher guides: Project WILD, Project WET, Flying WILD, LEAF, KEEP, and other appropriate activity guides. Lessons are tailored to fit the unique diversity found at the Mead wildlife area.

These lessons can be modified based on participant age/grade/abilities, weather conditions or to enhance a current classroom curriculum. We can also customize a topic or lesson to meet your group's specific needs. Mead Staff can present some of these lessons or topics at your site based on staff availability.

Program Fees

All of our wildlife education programs are offered to you free of charge. Our salaries, supplies, and program services are paid by the license fees that DNR collects from Wisconsin's hunters and anglers. The Mead Wildlife Area Trust and Friends of the Mead/McMillan Association Inc. also lend financial support to our staff and programs.

While all programs are free of charge for educational groups and organizations, donations to our education program are **greatly appreciated!**

Interpretive Trunks

Groups can begin exploring the world of wildlife by checking out one of the following interpretive trunks.

Call today to reserve a trunk!



World of the Whitetail



A Closer Look a Whooping Cranes



Wisconsin Mammals Trunk

Trunks come complete with skulls, bones, hides, tracks, and a complete curriculum. Developed by DNR Wildlife Management staff, these materials help the public understand the biology, life histories, and management issues of some popular and less well-known Wisconsin animals.



Mead DVD

The Friends of the Mead/McMillan in collaboration with WI-DNR have created "A Journey through the Mead." This 22 minute film highlights the history, wildlife, wildlife management and recreational opportunities at the Mead Wildlife Area. If you are interested in viewing the film during your field trip as an introduction to the Mead, please inform the wildlife educator ahead of time. The DVD is also available for purchase.

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Registration

Wildlife Educators are available for programs during regular office hours:

Monday-Friday: 8:00am-4:00pm

If these hours do not suit your needs, please call us for alternatives.

For booking availability, please visit:

www.meadwildlife.org

Center Calendar

Dates fill up fast

Mead Website

Friends of the Mead/McMillan are sponsors of the Mead/McMillan Wildlife Area's website.

You can:

- *Research background information to help prepare you for your visit
- *Check Center availability through our calendar
- *Print forms required to reserve your visit
- *Get directions on how to get to the Wildlife Areas
- *Find property information
- *Find information about upcoming public events

We hope to see you soon!

Wildlife Conservation Education

Program Opportunities

George W. Mead Wildlife Area



Friends of the Mead/McMillan Association Inc.

Wonderful Wetlands

Students will explore the amazing world that lives in our waters, with dip nets in hand. They will learn about the adaptations and interactions between these important organisms and their role in the aquatic ecosystem. By looking for the presence of these creatures, your class will be actively participating in citizen science, which will help gauge the health of the area being studied.



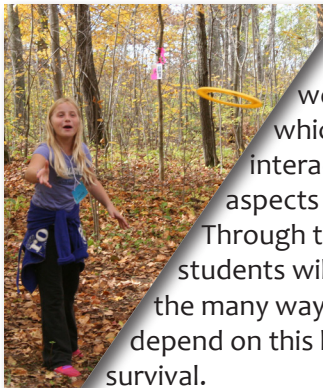
The Great Grasslands

Great Grasslands allows students to take a closer look at one of the endangered habitats found in Wisconsin. They will learn about some of the unique plants and wildlife that call prairies home. Their explorations will allow them to gain a better understanding of the adaptations that help them to survive in today's world.



Forestry Fun

Forestry Fun is an introduction to the woodland habitat in which students get to interact with the different aspects of this ecosystem. Through these explorations, students will be able to describe the many ways in which animals depend on this habitat for their survival.



A Healthy Heritage

From Native Americans to Fur Traders to Loggers to present day life, our history shapes who we are. These hands on lessons take students back in time to a day in the life of our ancestors. They will also take a closer look at the important role hunting and trapping plays in the sustainable management of wildlife.



Wisconsin Mammals

Explore the exciting world of mammals as your class learns the identities of some Wisconsin native residents. Students will learn about these animals' life histories, as well as, how they have adapted to survive in a very competitive world. This program can be conducted at the Mead or right in your own classroom. Just let us know which of Wisconsin's mammals interests your group.



Orienteering

In today's technology based world, many students take for granted the ability to use a GPS to navigate in their world. However, what happens when you take away the batteries? Our introduction to orienteering allows students a fun opportunity to navigate in the outdoors without any electronic means.



Renewable Energy

Renewable energy is an important part of a sustainable future. Here at the Mead, we have representations of five renewable energy systems. After discussing the differences between renewable and non-renewable resources, students get to explore the benefits of renewable energy through hands on lessons.



Birding Basics



Flitter, Flap, Fly! Birds are abundant here at the Mead. However they can be difficult to identify. Birding Basics introduces students to the art of birding through hikes and hands on activities designed around our feathered friends!

Winter Ecology

Wildlife still flourishes even though snow covers the ground. Winter Ecology reveals a new way to explore our world. While animal activities and movements are more visible, their ability to survive becomes more challenging. Students will have the opportunity to seek out these signs of life while on snowshoes!



Discovering Owls in Wisconsin

This presentation will introduce participants to owl adaptations, different species of owls, and of course everyone's favorite...owl pellets.



Boy and Girl Scouts



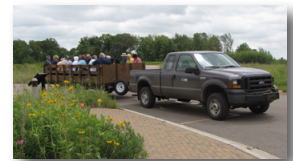
The Mead Educational staff would be delighted to assist you and your scout group to complete the requirements needed to obtain any natural resource related badge and journey.

Family Groups or Adult Organizations

Our programs can be catered to most group's size, age or area of interest.

Popular on-site programs are:

- Wagon Tours (Summer/Limited Capacity)
- Green Design Building Tour
- Guided Wildflower Walks
- Birding Basics
- Snowshoeing
- Discovering Owls Presentation



Let the Mead Education staff work with you to make your next visit to Mead something special!

The staff can also work with your group or organization to plan a program at your location. Call the Mead for more information.