

HOW TO REGISTER

Call Wehr Nature Center at (414)425-8550 Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. to reserve a date and time for your field trip.

Your field trip may be reserved beginning the first Monday of April for September through June. Programs are available Tuesday through Friday mornings as well as Tuesday afternoons.

A naturalist will call you prior to the field trip date to confirm the details of your visit.

STUDENT FEES

Fees are determined by Milwaukee County and are subject to change. Call 414-425-8550 for current fee information.

\$3.25 per student
\$2.25 per student (Milwaukee County)
A minimum group fee of \$45.00 required.

STARLAB FEE

\$25.00 in addition to the standard student program fee is required for Starlab programs.

SUMMER PROGRAMMING

Special registration requirements are in effect mid-June through August. Please call 414-425-8550 for program and fee information.

FOR MORE
INFORMATION
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countyparks.com

ADDITIONAL OFFERINGS FROM WEHR NATURE CENTER

NATURE IN THE PARKS (NIP)

As an outreach program of Wehr Nature Center, NIP offers programs for school, scout, and youth groups. These popular programs are available throughout the Milwaukee County Parks and in schools. NIP brochures listing and describing programs are available by calling Wehr Nature Center at 414-425-8550 or through NIP's web site <http://Milwaukee.uwex.edu>

PUBLIC PROGRAMS

Special Events - Wehr offers a variety of public programs for children and adults as well as special events for all ages. Cider Sunday and Halloween Haunts in October, Owl Prowls in Jan./Feb. and Maple Sugar Days in March. Walkabout at Wehr, Earth Day Open House, Bug Day, and Reptile Day as well as native plant sales and Sunday morning spring hikes are events to watch for as some dates vary.

Kids and Families - Little Wonders for 2 & 3 year olds, NatureNauts for 4-6 year olds, and Astronomy for Families and for Adults are held during the week, on weekends and in the evening.

Please see *Wehr Words*, the nature center newsletter or go to countyparks.com for a complete calendar.

WEHR NATURE STORE

The Nature Store provides educational supplies, books, T-shirts, sweat shirts, and many nature related gifts for children and adults.

FOR TEACHERS

Wehr offers curriculum help, a reference library, information bulletins, and pre- and post-trip materials for many programs.

Training opportunities:

-In-service programs such as Project Wild, Project Wet, Project Learning Tree, and Leopold Education Project.

-Credit classes offered through UW-Milwaukee and UW-Whitewater.

ABOUT US...

Our Mission

The mission of Wehr Nature Center is to foster environmental awareness, knowledge, and a conservation ethic in citizens of all ages. Wehr functions as a living laboratory and an educational public information center to promote the care of the earth.

Program Development

Age-appropriate and seasonal programs for school children and adults are developed and presented by professional interpretive naturalists and trained volunteers. The staff develops programs and coordinates them with existing school curricula, state standards, and important natural history information to facilitate the infusion of environmental education concepts into the classroom.



An EEO/Affirmative Action employer, Wehr Nature Center provides equal opportunities in employment and programming, including Title IX and ADA requirements. Requests for reasonable accommodations for disabilities or limitations should be made prior to the date of the program or activity for which it is needed. Please make such requests as early as possible by contacting the Nature Center at (414) 425-8550 (or 711 for Relay) so proper arrangements can be made.

Wehr Nature Center is a cooperative effort of Milwaukee County Department of Parks, Recreation and Culture and UW-Extension.



Wehr Nature Center Environmental Education Programs

9701 W. College Ave.
Franklin, WI 53132
In Whitnall Park



*"If you're thinking one year ahead...
Plant a flower."*

*If you're thinking ten years ahead...
Plant a tree."*



*If you're thinking fifty years ahead...
Educate the children."*






Field Trip Programs


Key to Season Symbols


	Spring		<i>See Summer Brochure</i>
	Autumn		Winter


State Standards


The education programs offered by Wehr Nature Center are designed to complement and support state standards as well as many of the local school district standards in science, math and social studies. To find specific correlations call 414-425-8550.


 **The Adventures of Canada Goose**
PreK - Grade 1
 In this original puppet show, children follow Canada Goose as he tries to decide what to do for winter. A seasonal/sensory hike follows the show.
 Sept.- Dec.


 **Animal Tracking**
Level 1, Grades 1 - 3
Level 2, Grades 4 - 6
 Students learn about animal signs and habitats, make a plaster cast of an animal print, and hike outside in search of animal tracks. Jan.-Feb.


 **Biodiversity Basics**
Grades 7-12 (2 hours)
 Students visit 2-3 different ecosystems in teams to measure and record data, then return for group evaluation of their physical and biological measurements.
 Mid-May thru June and Sept. to mid-October.


 **Chipmunk Chatter**
Grades 2 - 4
 Children crawl through a magic tunnel to explore the world as a chipmunk. Math, science and natural history are emphasized in this indoor and outdoor program. May-June and Sept.-Oct.


 **Nature's Neighborhoods**
Grades 1-3
 Students use finger puppets to discover the basic needs of living organisms. They visit habitats in Wehr's woodlands, wetlands, and grasslands.


 **Ecosystems**
Grades 4-6 (2 hours)
 Students visit 3 ecosystems to discover how they are alike and different and measure some of the physical factors that interact with plants and animals.


 **Fly, Flutter and Crawl**
(Insects and Their Relatives)
Grades 1-4
 Students learn about insects and their relatives. Then they hike to find, identify and release them.
 May-June and Sept. to mid-Oct.


 **Lady Bug's Spring Breakfast**
PreK - Grade 1
 Lady Bug awakens from a winter sleep and visits her other friends in search of aphids, her favorite food. A sensory discovery hike follows this original puppet show. April to mid-May


 **Let's Go Climb a Moraine**
Grades 4 - 8 (2 hours)
 An investigation of the effects of the Ice Age on Wisconsin including an extended hike through the glaciated landscape of Wehr.
 April-June and Sept.-Nov.


 **Maple Magic**
K5-Grade 6
 Students learn about maple sugaring and its Native American origins, tree identification and also taste sap and syrup. Programs for K5 -1st grade are 1 1/2 hours, those for grades 2 - 6 are 2 hours. March


 **Rocks and Minerals**
Grades 3 - 8 (2 hours)
 Students work in groups using kits to learn mineral testing, the rock cycle, and rock identification. 40 students maximum. No outdoor hike.
 Jan.-June (except March) and Sept.-Dec.

 **Soil Secrets**
Grades 2- 6 (2 hours)
 Students learn who lives in soil and under logs, discover how soil is like a layer cake (soil horizons) and how our food comes from soil. They go in search of the ingredients and mix soil for an "alien"!
 May-June and Sept.-Oct.

 **Trees and Me**
Grades 2 - 4
 As children build a tree they learn about tree parts and functions. They hike to meet these key players of the forest and discover who depends on them.
 Sept. to mid-Oct.

 **Water Explorers**
Level 1, Grades 2 - 4
Level 2, Grades 5 - 12
 Hands-on collection and observation help students learn about food chains and the amazing adaptations of aquatic creatures. May thru June and Sept. to mid-Oct. Level 2 is 2 hours.

 **Weasel's Winter Coat**
PreK - Grade 1
 A clever but slightly confused long-tailed weasel teaches about the benefits of camouflage and winter adaptations in this original puppet show. A seasonal sensory hike follows the show. Jan. and Feb.

 **Willow Pond**
PreK - Grade 3
 In this original puppet show, miraculous changes happen to a tadpole as he transforms into a toad. Toad meets many other animals living in and around Willow Pond who are changing and growing faster than you can say "metamorphosis." A seasonal hike follows the show. Mid-May thru June.

Program Length
 All programs are 1&1/2 hours long, except those indicated as 2 hours.

Maximum Group Size
 Group size is up to 60 students for all programs except Rocks and Minerals with 40 maximum.

Starlab Astronomy programs Available year round

The Starlab is a portable, inflatable planetarium. School groups divide into smaller groups to rotate through 3 stations, one inside the Starlab. A \$25 fee is required in addition to program fees. 1 1/2 hours

I Can See the Moon
Grades PreK- 2
 Kid astronauts (as young as 3) enjoy Moon activities, a song, exploring the Moon's surface, and seeing the night sky full of stars.

Blast Off To Mars
Grades PreK - 2
 Children take a trip to Mars as kid astronauts to learn about its features and what we would need to live there.

Our Favorite Solar System I
Grades K - 2
 Students become the planets and participate in a story to discover how each is special in this active study of the solar system.

Our Favorite Solar System II
Grades 3 - 8
 Students discover the special characteristics and motions of each planet in this active study of the solar system which includes recent photos from NASA.

Moon Madness
Grades 3 - 8
 Kids study the Moon, its features, formation, and landings. Activities to learn the Moon's phases, size, and distance are included.

Sun Secrets
Grades 3 - 8
 Sun features, composition, formation, eclipses, and solar phenomena are included in this program about our nearest star.

Star Stories
Grades 3 - 8
 Students see the stars as they appeared on the day they were born. Star stories from different cultures are emphasized.