

Libraries within 20 miles of Riveredge: Bring the wonder of nature to your library community with engaging, hands-on environmental outreach! Programs help participants experience nature up close by blending indoor learning with outdoor exploration.

Programs are one hour long and led by Riveredge educators. Each offering is interactive, inquiry-based, and includes an outdoor portion in all the various Wisconsin weather conditions. Capacity is maximum 25 participants for Art in Nature; 30 participants for all other programs. *(For children's programs, parents/guardians must remain present but don't count toward participant number.)*

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**Questions?**

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## CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS



### **Feathered Friends Discovery (all seasons)**

Learn to identify common Wisconsin birds and examine bird characteristics, internal and external adaptations and survival strategies. Then embark on a bird hike!



### **Exploring Vernal Pond Macroinvertebrates (spring only)**

Investigate one of nature's secluded amphibian nurseries. Explore adaptations, food webs, and the unique characteristics of these temporary but vital ecosystems.



### **Insect Expedition (spring)**

Equipped with scientific tools, uncover the myriad of insects surrounding your local library and the roles they play to enrich our world. Discover an appreciation for small creatures.



### **Life Around the Lily Pad (summer)**

We will bring the pond to you! Explore the many aquatic insects and more while learning how ponds serve as nurseries for many species.



### **Communities and Ecosystems: Habitat (summer)**

Use real scientific tools to collect and examine data about living and nonliving components of local ecosystems. Discover how plants, animals, and environmental factors work together around your neighborhood library.



### **It's a Bug's Life (fall)**

Get an up-close look at the insects that help our ecosystems thrive. Discover how bugs move, eat, and survive. Optional art component available upon request.



### **Sensitizing (fall)**

Awaken your senses! Through hands-on activities, participants explore the sights, sounds, textures, and scents of nature while building observation skills.

## CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS, CONTINUED



### **Art in Nature (winter)**

Explore patterns, textures, and colors in nature through hands-on outdoor discovery and creative expression. Participants observe and create art inspired by the natural world.



### **Life in Winter (winter)**

Become a winter wildlife detective! Examine tracks and clues to uncover how animals survive the cold months through observation and inference.

## ADULT PROGRAMS



### **How to Make your Home Environmentally Friendly (spring)**

Learn practical strategies for sustainable living, like rain gardens, insulation, energy conservation, and more.



### **Art in Nature (spring)**

Practice observation skills while walking outdoors and create a unique art piece from natural materials that reflect your experience in nature.



### **Wisconsin Wild Plants: Edible, Medicinal, Deadly (summer)**

Learn to identify which common Wisconsin plants are safe, beneficial, or harmful.



### **River Creatures (summer)**

Discover a river ecosystem and investigate aquatic life using scientific tools. Explore macroinvertebrates and what they reveal about water health.



### **Wisconsin Glacial Landscapes (fall)**

Travel back 10,000 years to uncover how glaciers shaped Wisconsin's landforms, including kettles, moraines, kames, and eskers.



### **River/Pond Quality (fall)**

Engage in hands-on water testing and ecological investigation while learning about watersheds and environmental stewardship.



### **Squirreling Over Oaks (winter)**

Explore the ecology of oak trees in Wisconsin and their relationships with wildlife. Learn practical strategies for supporting oak regeneration.



### **Art in Nature (winter)**

Unique and fantastical patterns in nature often have a lot to do with survival! Create a unique art piece from natural materials reflecting your chilly experience in nature.