Devil’s Lake State Park

School Field Trips

Devil’s Lake offers the following naturalist-guided programs correlated to Wisconsin Model Academic Standards.

Cultural Heritage and the Arts Programs

Effigy Mounds of Devil's Lake

Travel back in time as you visit the Indian mounds at Devil's Lake. Who built them? Why were they built? How were they built? How did the mound builder’s culture differ from ours? Gain insights into the resourcefulness needed to survive 1,000 years ago at Spirit Lake.

- Grades: 4-8
- Time of Year: Fall, winter, spring
- Length of Program: 1 ½ hours
- Maximum Number of Students: 30
- Preferred Adult/Student Ratio: 1/10

This program addresses the following Wisconsin Model Academic Standards:
- Social Studies: B.4.1, B.4.10, B.8.1, B.8.11

Earth Science Programs

Geology of Devil’s Lake

Students will take a journey up the East Bluff. They’ll hike through the park’s geologic time line, learning about how oceans and glaciers helped to form Devil's Lake. The hike is about 2.5 miles for the 2 hour program.

- Grades: 5 - High School
- Time of Year: Fall, winter, spring
- Length of Program: 2 - 3 hours
- Maximum Number of Students: 25
- Preferred Adult/Student Ratio: 1/10

This program addresses the following Wisconsin Model Academic Standards:
- Science: E.8.2, E.8.5, E.12.5
Wildlife Programs
Snakes, Turtles, Toad
Students will learn about native Wisconsin reptiles and amphibians. They’ll get up close and personal with several of our live animals at the Nature Center.

Grades: K-8
Time of Year: Fall, winter, spring
Length of Program: 1 - hour
Maximum Number of Students: 25
Preferred Adult/Student Ratio: 1/10

This program addresses the following Wisconsin Model Academic Standards:
- Science: F.4.1, F.4.3, F.8.2, F.8.7

Discover Wildlife
Students will learn about the wildlife at the Park. Using data from the park’s trail cameras, students will use a variety of digital and non-digital tools to investigate a woodland habitat and to observe what animals would live in this particular habitat. The students’ observations will be recorded in a digital journal to be used back in the classroom.

Grades: 3 – High School
Time of Year: Fall, winter, spring
Length of Program: 1 ½ - 2 hours
Maximum Number of Students: 25
Preferred Adult/Student Ratio: 1/10

This program addresses the following Wisconsin Model Academic Standards:
- Environmental Education: A.4.1, A.8.3, A.8.5, A.12.4
Wildlife and Plant Programs

Discovery Walk
Go on a hike of wonder and discovery! Armed with magnifying lenses and digital microscopes students will discover the outdoors. Their observations will be recorded in a digital journal to be used back in the classroom.

Grades: K - 3
Time of Year: Fall, spring
Length of Program: 1 – 1 ½ hours
Maximum Number of Students: 25
Preferred Adult/Student Ratio: 1/5

This program addresses the following Wisconsin Model Academic Standards:
- Environmental Education: B.4.1
- Science: C.4.4, F.4.1, F.4.2, F.4.4

It's All Connected
Using a variety of digital tools, students will investigate multiple layers of a habitat. They will record their findings to discover how living and non-living components interact together in a specific habitat.

Grades: 3 - 8
Time of Year: Fall, spring
Length of Program: 1 - 1 ½ hours
Maximum Number of Students: 25
Preferred Adult/Student Ratio: 1/10

This program addresses the following Wisconsin Model Academic Standards:
- Environmental Education: A.4.2, B.4.1, B.8.3
- Science: F.4.1, F.4.2, F.4.4
Ecosystem Programs
Plant Communities
Students will learn about the importance of plant and animal diversity in habitats. Using digital microscopes and other digital tools, they’ll survey different habitats to find out more about which plants grow in these communities. The students’ observations will be recorded in a digital journal to be used back in the classroom.

Grades 5 - 8
Time of Year Fall, spring
Length of Program 1 - 1 ½ hours
Maximum Number of Students 25
Preferred Adult/Student Ratio 1/10

This program addresses the following Wisconsin Model Academic Standards:
- Environmental Education: A.8.2, A.8.5
- Science: B.8.4, C.8.1, C.8.3, C.8.6, C.8.8

More Information
To register for a program, reserve dates, or find out about the fee policy, contact:

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