

Jackson County Conservation

Environmental Education Guide Preschool

Nature Tales



Naturalist-led classroom programs are designed to be an introduction to the natural world and to get young children interested in nature. Programs include a story, discussion, and activity about the topic

Salamander Room: salamanders, habitat & pet needs

Animal Tails: how and why animals use their tails

Moms on the Go: baby animals, how parents help

Eggs, Eggs, Eggs: animals that lay eggs

Nocturnal Animals: animals that are awake at night

Owl Moon: owls, owl calls, adaptations

The Mitten: how animals survive the winter

Leafy Leaves: leaves change colors, tree ID

Marvelous Mushrooms: mushrooms and other fungi

Bobcats in the Snow: bobcats and habitat needs

Terrific Turtles: turtles; wildlife vs. pet. *Live animals!*

This is a list of 'ready-to-go' programs. We are able to create programs that match up with what the students are learning. Just ask!

Special Projects & Events

We'd love to help with any project or events that involve the environment and our natural resources. Recycling events, Earth Day projects, planting a garden, citizen science participation (bird counts, monarch tagging), etc.. Contact us for more information about projects/events or to ask how we can help!

Field Trips

What better way to learn about the wonders of nature than the out-of-doors! We can stick close to the school by utilizing the schoolyard or



a local park. Or jump on a bus and head out to any park in Jackson County! The **Hurstville Interpretive Center** is a popular choice, with

interactive exhibits indoors, including a live bee hive! Then head outdoors for a walk through the prairie and along the marsh looking for signs of life. And don't forget about our pair of captive trumpeter swans! Other popular locations include:



Maquoketa Caves and Bellevue State Parks, Millrock School, Eden Valley Refuge, and Green Island.

Nature-Themed Park Packs

We have backpacks full of nature activities available for a FREE 2-week check out to any school, family, or organization! Each backpack is themed and has nature related activities that will get you out investigating—perfect for the schoolyard. Each pack comes with field guides, a variety of activities and fun facts to assist in the discovery of the specific nature topic.



Here are the 5 nature-themed backpacks available



for check-out:

Wetland Wonders

Terrific Trees

Insect Safari

Mammals of Iowa

For the Birds

To schedule a program, field trip, or for more information please contact:

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