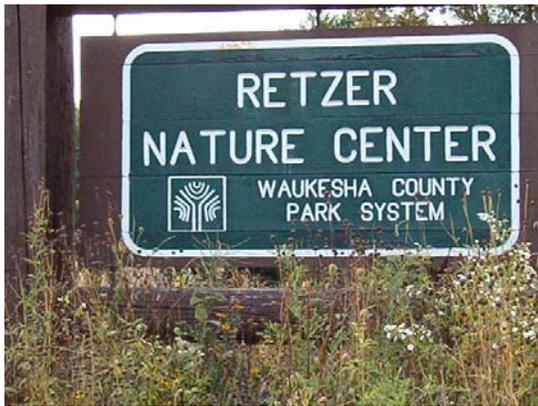


Retzer Nature Center Is Bringing Back the Traveling Program List!

Is your school feeling the budget crunch and field trips money is tight; we have a schoolyard program just for you! Let us come to you for a nominal fee and we will explore your school's natural area with students.



Yours Naturally!



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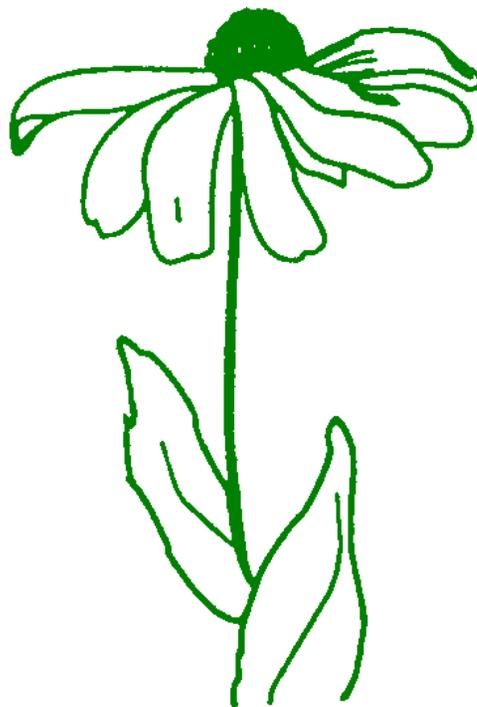
Questions? Please call us at (262) 896-8007.
For reservations calls (262) 548-7801.

Retzer Nature Center Fees

Traveling Programs:
(30 students maximum per program.)

Flat rate of \$75.00 per hour
***For additional 1 hour: \$60/hr.**

You can also arrange a follow-up visit to the Nature Center and we will complement your Traveling Program with an Outdoor Hike!



**Retzer
Environmental
Learning
Center's**

Bringing Nature to School Programs

Our philosophy:

At Retzer Nature Center, our goal is to teach students the workings of the local land system while they strive to make personal connections to nature. Such an approach is the best way to foster an early understanding and appreciation for the land, one that will last a lifetime.

Our approach:

We use a two-layer teaching approach in all of our programs. First we use a hands-on activity that encourages students to touch, smell, listen to, and observe the natural world around them. Naturalists then take this opportunity to interpret and expand on specific ecological concepts.

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System Division

Retzer Traveling Programs:

In-School:

In the Classroom & Outdoors Programs:

Schoolyard Discovery

Grades K-3 (30 student maximum)

Discover the unique features your schoolyard hold as we search for natural treasures. This sensory exploration will amaze your students as they learn about the world hidden in the schoolyard.

1 hour



Animal Survival

Grades 1-3 (30 student maximum)

Explore wildlife habitats from the view point of the animals. You'll need to consider issues of water, cover, food, and space and decide just who could survive in a given habitat.

2 hours

Green and Growing

Grades 3-5 (30 student maximum)

Explore how plants grow, make food, spread seeds and interact within their habitat.

Equipment Provided: Soil core tools, seed samples, hand lens, and more!

2 hours

Reading the Landscape

Grades 6-12 (30 student maximum)

Learn to read the land around you. Students work in teams to investigate different study areas, using field equipment and observation to uncover the fascinating relationships within our local ecology.

2 hours

Creep and Crawl

Grades 2-5 (30 student maximum)

Look for insects that live around the schoolyard. Learn about their unique designs and how they are able to live in this habitat. Equipment Provided: Sweep nets, hand lens, bug jars, and a special insect finders sheet.

2 hours

In the Classroom Programs:

Create-a-Critter

Grades K-5 (30 student maximum)

Create a make-believe critter using the components of habitat: water, food, shelter, and space. Let your imagination run wild!

1 hour

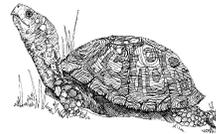
Animal Adaptations

(Live Animal Talk)

Grades 2-8 (30 student maximum)

Enjoy a visit from the Retzer teaching animals! See how an animal's physical and behavioral traits can help it to survive, as we explore the concepts of habitat and adaptation.

1 hour



The Ins and Outs of Animals:

Animal Adaptations Deluxe

Grades 2-8 (30 student maximum)

This live animal program explores animal body parts, both inside and out: Look at egg and scat replicas, examine skulls and owl pellets, and meet our teaching animals.

1.5 hours

Nature Storytime

Nature Storytime

Grades Pre K - 1

(30 students max per session)

Have one of our naturalists visit your school, bringing a variety of hands-on nature objects for your students to explore. All Storytime programs include a children's book and craft centered around a theme from nature.

(See Nature Tales topic below)

1 hour

Year-Round:

Turtle Time*

Learn about the life of the Box Turtle. See where and how they spend their days. What do they eat? Where do they hide?

Trees, Seeds, Nuts and Leaves

Autumn— a wonderful time to experience the leaves changing their colors, and the bountiful seeds and nuts found from our majestic trees.

Time to Sleep*

Learn about hibernation as the animals settle in for a long winter nap. Where will they sleep? What goes on outside as they slumber away the days?

Spring has Sprung

This program is a celebration of spring! Learn about signs of life in the spring as we read stories and make a craft based off of what spring looks like.

Hip Hop 'N Frogs*

Discover what life is like for our aquatic friends the frogs. Learn about their unique way of life; how does a frog eat, sleep and breathe in its wet world? Meet our resident bullfrog and create a project to keep!

***These programs include a live animal visitor**