Annual Summary 2019

The Wisconsin Master Naturalist program supports a network of well-informed volunteers and instructors dedicated to conservation service, leadership and lifelong learning. Partner organizations across the state deliver expert-led trainings out in nature and in the classroom where Master Naturalists are equipped to address environmental challenges facing the state. Master Naturalists perform at least 40 hours of volunteer service each year and receive 8 additional hours of training annually to maintain certification.

“I have been a part-time resident of northern Wisconsin for 30 years and learned more this week about the local natural and geologic environment than in the prior 30 years combined.” – Roger N., 2019 Master Naturalist

“As a former science teacher and current environmental educator at a nature center, this class was a wonderful addition to my knowledge base. Instructors were outstanding and extremely knowledgeable in their fields.” – 2019 Master Naturalist

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