

WISCONSIN Master Naturalist



2013-2019 IN REVIEW

Volunteer Hours Reported

33,393 Stewardship

32,341 Citizen science

+ 57,311 Education

123,045 Total volunteer hours

for a value* of **\$3.1 million**



11 Instructor trainings

152 Instructors

53 Partner organizations

69 Volunteer training courses completed

417,910

People reached through volunteer-led programs



1,015 Trained Master Naturalists residing in

65 of Wisconsin's 72 counties



22,895

Hours of advanced training completed by Master Naturalists

*The dollar value of service hours is calculated by using figures from the Bureau of Labor Statistics data, indexed by the Independent Sector.

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

IN 2019

Master Naturalists recorded:

38,187 hours of volunteer service

\$971,095* of value to the state of Wisconsin

164 Master Naturalists gave more than the required **40 hours** of service

26% reported more than **100 hours** of service in 2019

166 new Master Naturalists

188,485 people reached through volunteer-led programs

After taking the training:

98% of the respondents said their knowledge about Wisconsin's natural resources **increased**, with **71%** reporting that their knowledge **"increased substantially."**

The percentage who feel they have the knowledge to **volunteer** for natural resource-related activities **increased from 58% to 89%**.

National Award Recipient:

The Wisconsin Master Naturalist program received the Alliance of Natural Resource Outreach and Service Programs

Program of the Year Award



39 scholarships

11 volunteer trainings



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