

# WISCONSIN Master Naturalist



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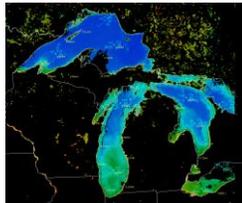
## *Education, training, and service for volunteers and communities*

### **GREAT LAKES CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT**

Curriculum development for the WIMN Great Lakes Advanced Training Course began in August. This development project is made possible with funding from the Wisconsin Coastal Management Program and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. The *Expanding Great Lakes Literacy and Volunteer Service Project* advisory committee includes science and education experts from the UW Sea Grant Institute, EPA, NOAA Great Lakes Environmental Research Lab, Lake Superior National Estuarine Research Reserve, UW Extension, and Wehr Nature Center.

The project will provide:

- A new Great Lakes curriculum targeted for underserved adult audiences, developed and reviewed by Great Lakes educators and scientists, and evaluated through pilot training.
- Increased earth science, natural history, and Great Lakes literacy in coastal communities and throughout the state.
- Increased volunteer service in coastal communities in natural resources education, stewardship and citizen science.
- New instructors trained to teach both the WIMN volunteer training curriculum and a Great Lakes Advanced Training Course.
- A framework for building Great Lakes literacy and service now and in the future.



### **PROGRAM SUPPORT**

Program support is provided by a large group of organizations and agencies from across the state dedicated to natural resources education.

We are very grateful to the Wisconsin Section of the American Institute of Professional Geologists for a recent gift to the WI Master Naturalist Program of \$500. Thanks, too, to Jack Travis, Advisory Committee Member, for making that request on behalf of WIMN.

### **WI MASTER GARDENER CONFERENCE**

On Saturday, August 17, Kate Reilly introduced the WI Master Naturalist Program (WIMN) to WI Master Gardener Volunteers at their annual conference in Janesville. Attendees were very enthusiastic about the new program. Mike Maddox, Director of the WI Master Gardener Program, and Kate are exploring opportunities for reciprocity between the two programs.

### **WIMN ON FACEBOOK**

You may have noticed the new Facebook icon on the [wimasternaturalist.org](http://wimasternaturalist.org) home page. Volunteers and Instructors are encouraged to share their challenges, success stories, photos, and other resources. Keep in touch with WIMN classmates and find others with shared interests or who are working on similar projects.

<https://www.facebook.com/wimasternaturalist>

WI Master Naturalist is a program of the University of WI-Extension with support from the WI Department of Natural Resources and the Natural Resources Foundation of WI.

## REMINDER: RECORD YOUR SERVICE HOURS

WI Master Naturalist Volunteers and Instructors should be recording their service hours on their dashboards. Please let us know if you need assistance. Contact us at [info@wimasternaturalist.org](mailto:info@wimasternaturalist.org).

## UPCOMING COURSES

### ◆ Instructor Training in Madison

SAVE THE DATE: The WI Master Naturalist Instructor Training Course is scheduled for December 9-10, on the UW Campus in Madison. This is a two-day workshop, which provides step-by-step instructions on how to organize, teach, and administer the Volunteer Training Course. It also provides a tutorial on how to access and use the WIMN website tools to help manage your course.

The fee to attend the Instructor Course is \$75. Your host organization must agree to provide your course fee, lodging, and travel expenses for you to attend.

Learn more about the training course in general and find details about the upcoming Madison course at [www.wimasternaturalist.org/courses](http://www.wimasternaturalist.org/courses) or contact us at [info@wimasternaturalist.org](mailto:info@wimasternaturalist.org).



### Volunteer Dashboard

**Records »**

- Add Project Hours
- Educ./Interp.
- Stewardship
- Citizen Science
- Add Advanced Training Hours
- Current Year
- Cumulative
- Personal Achievements
- See All Records

**Service »**

- Find Volunteer Opportunities

**Resources »**

- Curriculum and Other Resources

**Profile »**

- Edit My Interest

**Welcome!**

This is your personal dashboard - designed to help you keep track of your volunteer hours, project work, and courses. Use the links at the left to record and review service hours, and to find volunteer opportunities. Your current and cumulative activity records are displayed below. Use the navigation bar at the top of this page to find and sign up for courses.

Please note the Personal Profile section to the left, which has two sections: Interest Survey and Webpage Profile. The purpose of the Interest Survey is to let the program office know where your interests, expertise, and talents lie so we can provide engaging courses, content, connections, and volunteer opportunities. Your Webpage Profile allows personalization of your dashboard and dashboard access. For instance, this is where you would reset your password.

**Comments & Suggestions Please**

This dashboard is for you. Please [contact us](#) if you have comments or suggestions to make the dashboard more useful. Thanks!

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**Totals: Education/Interpretation Project**

Service Hours	Prep Hours	Travel Hours	Miles Traveled
4.00	1.00	0.50	20.00

### ◆ Volunteer Trainings

**North Lakeland Discovery Center, Manitowish Waters,** will offer a Volunteer Training Course on Mondays and Wednesdays, Oct. 21-Nov. 20, 2013, from 9 a.m.-noon. Mandatory full-day field trips will be held on Friday, Oct. 25 and Saturday, Nov. 16.

The Volunteer Training Course fee is \$250 and includes manuals and supplies. [General details about the Volunteer Training Course](#) are posted on the website.

This winter, **The Clearing in Ellison Bay** will co-host a Volunteer Training Course with staff from **Peninsula State Park** and **The Ridges Sanctuary**. Course details are still being planned so check the [upcoming courses](#) on the WIMN website or [The Clearing winter course list](#) in November.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Contact [info@wimasternaturalist.org](mailto:info@wimasternaturalist.org)

