



DNR Education Programs Catalog & Poster

NATURE NATURAL

mndnr.gov/education

Outdoor Classrooms

School Forest Program www.mndnr.gov/schoolforest

A partnership program that helps schools establish and support outdoor classrooms so students can learn daily about ecosystems through hands-on experiences.
Pre K–12 Educators. No Fee

State Park Activities, Programs, and Events

www.mndnr.gov/stateparks

Guided hikes and walks, naturalist led canoeing and biking programs, snowshoe workshops, are just a few of the great offerings at state parks. Check out the DNR Calendar of Events for individual program offerings.
Ages Pre K–Adult. Most programs are free.

Ecosystem Education

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www.mndnr.gov/eco/ecosystemed

Videos, interactive CD-ROMs, printed materials, and information on sustainable management of Minnesota’s natural resources.
Ages 12–Adult Fees Vary

Junior Park Naturalist Program

www.mndnr.gov/state_parks/kids.html

Learn about the plants and animals around you as you explore Minnesota State Parks. Earn patches and certificates as you complete activity booklets on prairies, pinelands, and hardwoods. Available at any state park office or visitor center.
Ages 8–12. No Fee

Minnesota Conservation Volunteer

www.mndnr.gov/volunteer

Bimonthly magazine about Minnesota’s natural resources includes Young Naturalists articles for readers age 10 and up, plus corresponding online resources for teachers.
All Ages. Funded by reader donations.

State Park Explorer Program

www.mndnr.gov/state_parks/kids.html

Expand on the Junior Park Naturalist program by choosing from the *Nature Explorer*, *History Explorer*, or *Earth Explorer* activity books. Earn an official Explorer patch by participating in naturalist presentations and completing activities. Available at state park nature stores and selected park offices.
Ages 8–12. Fee



Forest Education

Arbor Month www.mndnr.gov/arbormonth

Educational posters, activity guide, and tree seedlings available to schools, communities, and nonprofit civic organizations for Arbor Month celebrations.
Grades Pre K–9 No Fee

Project Learning Tree

www.mndnr.gov/plt
Hands-on, inquiry-based activity guides focused on trees and forestry. Program delivered through an elementary guide, series of high school modules, an early-childhood module, and a Minnesota specific forestry primer. Available through workshops.
Pre K–12 Educators. Fee

Wildfire Prevention

www.mndnr.gov/education/wildfire

A variety of wildfire prevention items are available including posters, curriculum, coloring books, and Smokey Bear materials.
Grades Pre K–6 No Fee

Helping the Environment

Adopt-a-River www.mndnr.gov/adoptriver

Program to help volunteer organizations keep Minnesota waters clean by removing trash from “adopted” rivers, lakes, wetlands, ditches, and ravines. One cleanup per year required, free bags/gloves.
Grades 4–Adult No fee

Master Naturalist Program www.minnesotamasternaturalist.org

Joint volunteer program between DNR and U of M Extension. Hands-on, 40-hour course provides curriculum guide and training on Minnesota’s natural resources. Volunteer service required annually to maintain status.
Adult. Fee

Natural Resource Stewardship www.mndnr.gov/backyard

Tips and programs for providing stewardship on your land, no matter what the size.
Adults Fees Vary

Student Internships www.mndnr.gov/jobs/internships.html

Educational training in natural resource careers.
College Students No DNR Fee

Volunteer Programs www.mndnr.gov/volunteering

Opportunities for you to participate in DNR activities as campground hosts, safety instructors for youth firearms, all-terrain vehicle programs, fisheries volunteers, wildlife surveyors, invasive plant controllers, lake-level data collectors, conservation stewards, and more.
All Ages. No Fee

Outdoor Skills & Safety Training

Archery in the Schools www.mndnr.gov/grants/epr/archery
Introduces Minnesota students to archery by providing schools with the best equipment, training, and curriculum available at the lowest possible price. Grants available.
Grades 4–12 Educators Fee

Becoming an Outdoors Family www.mndnr.gov/bow
Families of all types are welcome to attend a weekend workshop to learn basic outdoor skills together. Bring your 6- to 14-year-old child, grandchild, niece, nephew, or even scout troop.
Ages 6–Adult Fee

Becoming an Outdoors Woman www.mndnr.gov/bow
Workshops for women of all skill levels interested in learning a wide range of outdoor activities including fishing, hunting, snowmobiling, canoeing, backpacking, and more.
Ages 14–Adult and women/children classes Fee

Boat & Water Safety www.mndnr.gov/boatingsafety
An independent study course on boat and water safety to earn a Minnesota Watercraft Operator’s Permit, or adult boating safety certificate.
Ages 12–Adult Fees Vary

Discover Your Outdoors www.mndnr.gov/discover
Take advantage of year-round unique youth outdoor activities that feature special hunts, seasons, weekends, skill-building sessions and fishing activities. Outdoors experts design and conduct each activity to involve and inform you while kids get engaged and interested.
Ages Vary Fees Vary

Firearm Safety, Bow Hunter Education, Advanced Hunter Education
www.mndnr.gov/safety
Courses that offer instruction in hunting techniques, safety, responsibility, and other skills. Instructor clinics also available.
Ages Vary Fee

Fishing Clinics and Safety www.mndnr.gov/minnaqua
Minnaqua Program (see listing under Water Education)

Snowmobiles, ATV’s, Off-Highway Motorcycles, Off-Road Vehicles
www.mndnr.gov/safety/vehicle
Safety courses that stress responsibility, safety, and environmental protection. Instructor clinics also available.
Ages Vary Fee

Wildlife Species Clinics www.mndnr.gov/safety
Courses on biology and techniques for hunting a variety of species including turkey, black bear, waterfowl, and white-tailed deer.
Ages Vary Fee

Wildlife Education

Digital Photography Bridge to Nature
www.mndnr.gov/digitalbridge
Free teacher workshops focus on how to use digital cameras, basic photo tips, and leading successful photo activities outdoors with students in grades 3-8. Teachers who complete the 4-hour workshop have access to free camera kits to use with their students.
Grades 3–8 Educators No Fee





Invasive Species Education www.mndnr.gov/invasives
A variety of information and resources including traveling trunks, videos, posters, brochures, and lesson plans on invasive plants and animals.
Ages 12–Adult Fees Vary

Project WILD  www.mndnr.gov/projectwild
Hands-on interdisciplinary conservation and environmental education guides emphasizing terrestrial and aquatic wildlife. Available through workshops. Also, landscaping and woodworking for wildlife demonstration site and activity kits on bats, loons, black bears, animal tracks, and rattlesnakes.
Pre K–12 Educators Fee

Roadsides for Wildlife www.mndnr.gov/roadsidesforwildlife
Learning activities related to water quality, land use, grassland and roadside ecology. Posters and handouts available on prairie plants, animals, and other topics.
Grades K–8 Educators No Fee

Water Education

Minnaqua  www.mndnr.gov/minnaqua
Programs on Minnesota fishes, aquatic habitats, water stewardship, fisheries management, fishing, and fishing safety. Learn fishing skills and go fishing. Programs for organized groups, community sponsored education and events. Curriculum training for educators in formal and non-formal programs 3rd–5th grade (K–2 options). Activity kits on fishing, aquatic invasive species, aquatic macroinvertebrates, and watersheds.
Ages 5–Adult Fees Vary

Project WET  www.mndnr.gov/projectwet
Hands-on, interdisciplinary, and easy to use activity guides focused on all aspects of water. Includes K–12 Project WET guide and additional guides focused on wetlands, water conservation, and water quality. Available through workshops.
K–12 Educators Fee

Get Outside

Scientific and Natural Areas (SNAs) www.mndnr.gov/snas

Over 140 sites are open to the public for nature observation and to provide opportunities for scientific research. Most SNAs are undeveloped areas managed to protect rare plants, animals, natural communities, and geological formations.
All Ages. No Fee

State Fair www.mndnr.gov/events/statefair

Visit our building and grounds during the Minnesota State Fair. See live native fish, tour the wildlife wing, get your natural resource questions answered, and enjoy programs on our outdoor stage.
All Ages. No Fee

State Forests www.mndnr.gov/state_forests

Fifty-eight state forests, open year round, provide sites for field trips and thousands of miles of multiple-use trails. State forest lands and waters are generally open to hunting and fishing.
All Ages. No Fee

State Parks www.mndnr.gov/state_parks


Over 70 state parks and recreation areas provide a window to original Minnesota, with outstanding natural and cultural resources to explore. Some parks have naturalists to help you plan your visit, offer suggestions on activities, and conduct tours and guided field trips. Passport and Hiking Club available.
All Ages. Fee

State Trails www.mndnr.gov/state_trails

State trails combine recreation with outdoor learning. Conveniently located near cities and rural settings.
All Ages. No Fee

Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) www.mndnr.gov/wmas

More than 1,400 WMAs totaling almost 1.3 million acres are managed for wildlife production and are open to the public for hunting and wildlife watching.
All Ages. No Fee

 Listings marked with this symbol have been correlated to the Minnesota Academic Standards in science, social studies, mathematics and language arts.



Other Useful Stuff

All DNR Educational Resources

www.seek.state.mn.us/sb_partner.cfm?seekid=MDNR
See a comprehensive list of over 70 DNR educational resources and programs for educators and others.
Pre K–Adult. Fees Vary

DNR For Kids! www.mndnr.gov/dnrkids

A variety of things to do with kids.
All Ages. No Fee

Financial Assistance Directory www.mndnr.gov/grants

Summarizes all DNR financial assistance programs.
Adult No Fee

GovDelivery www.mndnr.gov/emailupdates

Sign up for email or text updates on a variety of DNR topics.
Adult No Fee

Publications www.mndnr.gov/publications

We have a lot, take a look!
All Ages Fees Vary

Speakers & Special Events www.mndnr.gov/contact

Contact your local DNR office for limited speaker availability and event participation.

For more information on the offerings in this brochure:

DNR Information Center	TTY 651-296-5484
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