



Become An Indiana Master Naturalist - 2020

Interested and intrigued by nature and the environment? Want to learn more about Indiana's natural resources and share this information with others?

The Indiana Master Naturalist Program is an educational/volunteer program developed by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources to provide citizens with hands-on opportunities to learn about our state's natural features and resources.

Date	Topic	Instructor(s)	Time	Location
2/18	Orientation / Inside Trail Guiding Ticks	Get Acquainted / Meet the Naturalists Natalie Haley / Russ Voorhees	6:00 pm – 9:30 pm	Fox Island
2/22	Geology	Tony Fleming	8:30 am – 12:30pm	Fox Island
2/25	Forest Ecology	Dr. Jordan Marshall	6:00 pm – 9:30 pm	ERC @ Purdue
3/03	Reptiles/ & Amphibians	Dr. Bruce Kingsbury	6:00 pm –9:30 pm	ERC @ Purdue
3/10	Arthropods / Monarch Butterflies	Nathan Arata, Karie Harding	6:00 pm – 9:30 pm	Metea Park
3/14	Wetlands	Kate Sanders	8:30 am-12:30 pm	Fox Island
3/24	Mammals	Dr. Scott Bergeson	6:00 pm – 9:30 pm	ERC
4/07	Bats / Native American Heritage	Bob Walton / Dani Tippmann	6:00 pm – 9:30 pm	Metea Park
4/14	Hands-On Nature	Jody Heaston	6:00 pm – 9:30 pm	Fox Island
4/18	Birds / Jane Hine	Ed & Cynthia Powers / Terri Gorney	8:30 am-12:30 pm	Fox Island
5/02	Wildflowers	Ben Hess	8:30 am – 12:30 pm	Fox Island
5/09	Native Trees	Ron Divelbiss	8:30 am – 12:30 pm	Metea
5/16	Fort Wayne Trails – Historic Walk	Angie Quinn	2:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Ft. Wayne

The purpose of the program is to:

- ❖ Bring together natural resource specialists with adult learners (18 years and older) to foster an understanding of Indiana's plants, water, soils, and wildlife, and promote natural resource volunteer service within the State of Indiana.
- ❖ Provide an educational opportunity for course participants by volunteering with a local agency or organization involved in natural resource management.
- ❖ In Allen County Indiana, this program is sponsored by Fox Island Alliance and Allen County Parks.

Program Information:

The sessions will be held on Tuesday evenings from 6 to 9:30 pm and on Saturday mornings from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm either at Metea County Park or Fox Island County Park or the ERC @ Purdue (Environmental Resources Center @ 2101 E. Coliseum Blvd, Fort Wayne, IN 46805 on the Purdue Fort Wayne Campus - with one exception - Fort Wayne Historic Hike on Saturday afternoon.

The sessions begin on Tuesday, February 18th and end on May 16th with the downtown hike.

The **Orientation Meeting** on Tuesday evening, February 18th at Fox Island Park is a required part of the program.

Participants **must** attend at least 8 of the 12 class sessions plus the Orientation, complete weekly exams, and accumulate 24 volunteer hours to obtain Indiana Master Naturalist Certification and a pin.



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Class size is limited to 25 applicants. Space is reserved on a **first-come first-served basis.**

Advance registration is due by Friday, February 7th. ** Some sessions will require moderate walking.

Questions? Contact Pam George @260-466-3605 / pamgeorgeph@comcast.net or
Jeff Ormiston @ 260- 432-2915

Indiana Master Naturalist -Allen County Program - Registration- 2020

Name _____ E-Mail _____

Address _____

_____ zip _____

Phone-Day _____ Evening _____ Cell _____

2020 - Registration Fee = \$120.00 Check * or Cash Included in the fee are several field guides &
other valuable nature resource materials.

*Payable to: **Fox Island Alliance, Inc.**

Mail completed registration to: Pam George
6316 Tree Top Trail
Fort Wayne, In 46845

Important: Deadline for Registration is February 7th. Class size is limited to 25 participants.
Your registration fee will be returned if we are unable to reserve a space for you, or if you drop the class
before the Orientation.

Participants accepted into the class must attend the orientation session on February 18th. To receive IMN
Certification, you must also attend and complete the test for at least eight sessions plus the Orientation that
cover at least one session from each category: botany, zoology, geology/soils, water, people and natural
resources.

Money may not be returned after orientation unless there are extenuating circumstances. These non-refundable
fees can be applied to future IMN either in Allen County or at other IMN sites.

If you have special needs, please indicate on the registration form, or call us at 260-**466-3605**
prior to the orientation session.

Fox Island Alliance is a volunteer not- for- profit organization.