



Become An Indiana Master Naturalist - 2025

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	Instructors	Time	Location
1/21	Orientation/Hands on Nature	Jody Heaston	6:00 pm-9:00 pm	Metea
1/25	Geology	Tony Fleming	8:30 am-2 pm	Fox Island
1/28	Entomology	Kate Sanders	6:00 pm-9:30 pm	Metea
2/4	Conservation and Restoration	Ben Hess	6:00 pm-9:30 pm	Metea
2/11	Reptiles & Amphibians	Dr. Bruce Kingsbury	6:00 pm-9:30	ERC
2/18	Mammals	Dr. Scott Bergeson	6:00 pm-9:30 pm	ERC
2/25	Forest Ecology	Dr. Jordan Marshall	6:00 pm-9:30 pm	ERC
3/4	Native American/Early Naturalist	Greta Sirois/ Terri Lehman	6:00 pm-9:30 pm	Metea
3/11	BREAK			
3/18	Wetlands	Kate Sanders	6:00 pm-9:30 pm	Fox Island
3/22	Wetlands Hike	Kate Sanders	9:00 am-Noon	Fox Island
3/25	BREAK			
4/1	BREAK			
4/8	Lake and Stream Ecology	Tori Muamw	6:00 pm-9:00 pm	Metea
4/12	Historic Walk	Pam George	9:00 am- 2 pm	Downtown FW
4/22	Wildflowers	Jeff Ormiston/Bob Dispenza	6:00 pm-9:30 pm	Metea
4/26	Wildflower Hike	Jeff Ormiston/Bob Dispenza	9:00 am-Noon	Metea
4/29	Birds/Osprey	Ed and Cynthia Powers/John Meier	6:00 pm-9:30 pm	Metea



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5/3	Bird Hike	Ed and Cynthia Powers/Rachel Pyle	9:00 am-Noon	Metea
5/6	Native Trees	Tim Ormiston/Jeff Ormiston	6:00 pm-9:30 pm	Metea
5/10	Native Tree Hike	TimOrmiston/Jeff Ormiston	9:00 am-Noon	Metea

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 supported by Fox Island Alliance, Allen County Parks & PFW Environmental Resource Center.

Program Information:

The sessions begin on Tuesday, January 21st & end on Saturday, May 10th with a Native Tree Hike at Metea Park.

The **Orientation Meeting** on Tuesday evening, January 21st is an essential part of the program. Please notify me if you can't attend that night.

Participants must complete at least 8 classes of the 13 classes offered plus the Orientation, complete weekly quizzes, and accumulate 24 hours of volunteer work to obtain Indiana Master Naturalist Certification and a pin. Any session that includes an academic presentation on Tuesday and a hike on Saturday is considered ONE session.

Class size is limited to 30 applicants. Space is reserved on a **first-come, first-served basis.**

Hiking sessions will require moderate walking.

Important: Your registration form needs to be mailed or emailed to me **immediately** to secure a place in the 2025 IMN session. The registration fee is due the evening of the orientation (Tuesday, January 21st).

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

If you have special needs, please indicate on the registration form, or call us at 260-312-3069 prior to the orientation session.



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

Questions? Contact Tori Mumaw at (260) 312-3069 mumawvictoria@gmail.com or Jeff Ormiston at (260) 414-2538

Complete the following application and return to the address listed below to secure a place in the 2025 IMN Program:

Name _____ E-Mail _____

Address _____

_____ Zip _____

Phone-Day/ Work _____ Cell _____

2025 Registration Fee = \$150.00 Check * or Cash (due at the Orientation on Tuesday, January 21st).

Included in the fee are several field guides & other valuable resource materials.

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

Mail completed registration to: Tori Mumaw
3509 Rockwood Drive
Fort Wayne, IN 46815

Or email completed form to mumawvictoria@gmail.com