Become An Indiana Master Naturalist - 2026

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
3/3	Orientation	Tori Mumaw/Kate Sanders	6:00 pm - 9:30 pm	Fox Island
3/10	NativeAmerican/Early Naturalist	Greta Sirois/ Terri Lehman	6:00 pm - 9:30 pm	Fox Island
3/14	Geology	Tony Fleming	8:30 am- 12:30 pm	Fox Island
3/17	Reptiles and Amphibians	Dr. Bruce Kingsbury	6:00 pm - 9:30 pm	ERC
3/24	Forest Ecology	Dr. Jordan Marshall	6:00 pm - 9:30 pm	ERC
3/31	Mammals	Dr. Scott Bergeston	6:00 pm - 9:30 pm	ERC
4/7	Entomology	Kate Sanders	6:00 pm - 9:30 pm	Fox Island
4/11	Historic Walk	Pam George	9:00 am - 2:00 pm	Downtown
4/14	Conservation and Restoration	Ben Hess	6:00 pm - 9:30 pm	Metea
4/21	Wetlands	Kate Sanders	6:00 pm - 9:30 pm	Fox Island
4/25	Lake and Stream Ecology and Hike	Tori Mumaw/Kate Sanders	8:30 am - 12:30 pm	Metea
4/28	Wildflowers and Hike	Bob Dispenza/Jeff Ormiston	6:00 pm - 9:30 pm	Metea
5/2	Birds and Hike	Ed and Cynthia Powers	8:30 am - 12:30 pm	Metea
5/5	Trail Guide Training	Time Ormiston/ Jeff Ormiston	6:00 pm - 9:30 pm	Metea
5/9	Trees and Hike	Tim Ormiston/ Jeff Ormiston	8:30 am - 12:30 pm	Metea
5/12	Last Class- Exam	Tori Mumaw/ Kate Sanders	6:00 pm - 8:30 pm	Metea

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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, March 3rd & end on Tuesday, May 12 th with an exam.

The **Orientation Meeting** on Tuesday evening, March 3rd 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.

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 2026 IMN session. The registration fee is due the evening of the orientation (Tuesday, March 3rd).

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.

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

Questions? Contact Tori Mumaw at (260) 312-3069 mumawvictoria@gmail.com or Kate Sanders at katesanders137@gmail.com

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Complete the following application and return to the address listed below to secure a place in the 2026 IMN Program:

Name_____ E-Mail_____

Address_____

_____ Zip_____

Phone-Day/ Work _____ _Cell_____

2026 Registration Fee = $160.00 Check * or Cash (due at the Orientation on Tuesday, March 3rd).

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