



Wildlife WHEP Wisconsin 4-H Wisconsin 4-H Forestry

Website <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/projects/outdoor-education/>
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“TRACKS” – September 2023

*Participation in wildlife & forestry activities is open to all Wisconsin 4-H club members.
You can be enrolled in any 4-H project and participate in the activities.*

Wildlife WHEP & Forestry 4-H Friends,

Wisconsin has a vast and diverse geography formed over millions of years. Some of the notable features are:
Volcanic cliffs: water from melting glaciers exposed rock from ancient volcanoes.

Bluffs, mesas, or pinnacles: the waters of glacial lakes eroded sandstone into strange landforms

Erratics: rocks moved great distances by glaciers

Escarpments: hard rocks that resist erosion formed steep cliffs

Drumlins: glaciers created long smooth round hills shaped like teardrops

Moraines: where glaciers stopped or rested, they left behind ridges of rocks and sediments

Kettles: when glacial ice trapped under the ground melted, it formed kettle holes and lakes

Kames: glaciers formed cone-shaped hills

How many of these can you find on your outdoor walks and park visits, on a scenic drive or even on signage along the highways? Maybe you will want to keep a log of all the different land formations you observe.

Source: [Wisconsin DNR](#)

Did you know that Wisconsin was once covered by a large sea? Because of this the state fossil is the trilobite - an ancient sea bug that lived in the seas and coral reefs that covered Wisconsin 250 to 500 million years ago. Have you ever found any fossils? Corals, Brachiopods, Trilobites, and different types of mollusks are commonly found across the state. For more information and photos, you can visit: [Fossils of Wisconsin – WGNHS – UW–Madison](#)

Backyard & Back 40 “Kit-To-Go” Activity Boxes: There are 15 different Backyard & Back 40 wildlife & forestry related programs. Each program offers many different hands-on educational opportunities for kids and adults of all ages. Programs can be presented by your own 4-H youth & adult leaders. We’ll provide the instructions for you to build your own 4-H Club “Kit-To-Go” hands-on activity boxes. Email: wi4hwildlife forestry@gmail.com and request the “Kit-To-Go” boxes featured this month.

Wildlife & Woods Virtual Sessions: These sessions are suggested for grades K-5 through elementary school youth and their families. The interactive sessions will begin in January 2024. Free registration is available for your family 4-H Online account under the “Events” section. The Zoom link will be emailed after the registration is complete. Questions? Email: wi4hwildlife forestry@gmail.com

Wildlife & Woods Careers & Competition Virtual Sessions: These sessions are suggested for middle school through high school youth and their families. The interactive sessions will begin in November 2023. Free registration is available for your family 4-H Online account under the “Events” section. The Zoom link will be emailed after the registration is complete. Questions? Email: wi4hwildlife forestry@gmail.com

4-H Fall Forum: Plan to visit the wildlife, forestry, and shooting sports hands-on activities area at the 4-H Fall Form. We’ll see you on November 4th, 2023, in Green Lake, Wisconsin.

Do you need wildlife & forestry activities to do in your county? Wildlife WHEP WI 4-H & Wisconsin 4-H Forestry committee has age specific hands-on activities for your county programs. We’ll help train your 4-H youth and adult leaders. Contact us anytime. Digital copies of the Wildlife & Forestry Skill Level Booklets are available.

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