

**McHenry County Conservation District  
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## Educational Loan Materials



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CONSERVATION DISTRICT

The McHenry County Conservation District Education Services Department offers a variety of materials you can borrow for use offsite or while you visit. Materials are appropriate for teachers, parents, and scout leaders seeking curriculum supplements, family activities, or assistance with badge requirements. We are also a lending site for the resource trunks available through the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Division of Education.

You may borrow up to two kits at one time, for a maximum of two weeks.

***To reserve materials  
call 815-479-5779.***

## Illinois Trees

### *For grades PreK through 10*

The Illinois Tree Trunk includes many items to help you teach about trees, forests and forestry careers. Books, posters, forestry tools, tree “cookies,” real leaves, CD-ROMs, tree seeds, videos and DVDs, lumber samples and activities are among the tree-related contents of this trunk.



## Aquatic Illinois

### *For grades 5 through 9*

This trunk includes items to help you teach about biological, historical, chemical and other aspects of water. Books, posters, water sampling tools, CD-ROMs, videos, DVDs and activities are included.

## Illinois Wild Mammals

### *For grades PreK through 8*

Are you teaching about mammals? Then borrow the Illinois Wild Mammals Trunk! Field guides, furs, skulls, rubber tracks, rubber scat, lessons, CD-ROMs and other items are included for your use.

## People & Animals from Illinois' Past

### *For grades PreK through 6*

Learn about Native Americans in Illinois and animals that once lived in Illinois. The “People” section of the trunk includes items that Native Americans used for food, pottery replicas, books, a video, activities, daily staples of Native American life, posters and more. The “Animals” are represented by replica species, mammoth and mastodon replica teeth, activities and other items.





*The Illinois Department of Natural Resources has trunks available for loan. Each trunk is filled with supplemental items to enhance your lessons. All items are correlated to the Illinois Learning Standards and/or the Illinois Early Learning Standards.*

### **Illinois Birds**

#### ***For grades PreK through 8***

This trunk is filled with field guides, books, track and egg replicas, CD-ROMs, videos, DVDs, CDs with bird songs and calls and even bird replicas that sing!

### **Illinois Fossils**

#### ***For grades 7 through 10***

Studying fossils can be difficult if you have limited reference materials. This trunk provides you with many hands-on items to enhance your lessons. The trunk contains field guides, posters, a video, a fossil reference kit, fossil molds, and books.

### **Illinois Insects and Spiders**

#### ***For grades PreK through 6***

Want to get your students interested in the creepy crawly things? This trunk contains field guides, books, lessons, activities, CD-ROMs, videos, DVDs, insect models and equipment for "bug hunting!" The Crime Solving Insects activity shows how insects can be used in forensic science.

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## Backyard Buddies Kits

*Two-week loan*

*For grades PreK through 2*

Backyard Buddies kits contain stories, games, songs, craft ideas, and more. The following themes are available: Chipmunk, Raccoon, Cottontail Rabbit, Groundhog, Ladybug, Squirrel, and Otter.

## Naturalist in a Box Trunks

*Two-week loan*

*For grades 1 through 8*

These trunks contain books, videos, DVDs, posters, hands-on activities and more. The following themes are available:

Birds, Prairies, Endangered Species, Trees, Wetlands, Native Americans, Explore Your World, Bats, Mammals, Creepy Crawlies, Plants, and Geology.

## Out of This World Astronomy Kit

*Two-week loan*

*For grades 1 through 8*

Out of This World Astronomy contains star and constellation books, a video, solar system craft, Star Seeker Star Wheels, and more.

## Water Quality Monitoring Kits

*Loan periods vary*

*For grades 4 through 12*

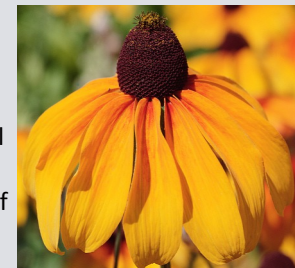
These kits contain reference materials, curriculum guides, water quality monitoring manuals, test kits, and the necessary equipment for biological monitoring. Two kits are available: the *Green* chemical analysis kit for grades 4 through 7, and the *HACH 850* chemical analysis kit for grades 8 through 12 and adults. We can also put together a collection of equipment tailored to your needs. Contact the Outreach Program Coordinator at (815) 479-5779.

## Family Exploration Packs

*Onsite use only*

*For families and youth groups*

Family Exploration Packs contain seasonal activities designed to enhance your outdoor exploration. The packs are free of charge and include games, activities, field guides, and storybooks.



A driver's license must be left with the receptionist and the pack returned one half hour before closing. Family Exploration Packs are available at two sites:

Prairieview Education Center in Crystal Lake: Call (815) 479-5779

Research Field Station/Glacial Park in Ringwood: Call: (815) 678-7644

## Map and Compass Packs

*Onsite use only*

*For families and youth groups*

We have two Map and Compass Packs that contain materials for up to 24 participants. One adult should accompany every four children. The packs include maps, compasses, and map reading activities your family or youth group can use on the outdoor map and compass trail at Prairieview Education Center. A driver's license must be left with the receptionist and the pack returned one half hour before closing.

***\*All materials are available for pick up at  
Prairieview Education Center  
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***\*Excludes Research Field Station Exploration Packs.  
These are only available at the Research Field Station.***