

Educational Programming

<p>Water Safety</p> <p>Safety should be your number one priority when you are on or near the water. Learn about the importance of water safety and how to practice safe boating and swimming techniques through games and hands on experience with life jackets.</p>	<p>Symbols of Freedom</p> <p>The Bald Eagle became our national symbol over 200 years ago. This once almost extinct bird has made an incredible come back in Iowa. This presentation takes a closer look at the life cycle, habits and characteristics of these majestic birds. January–March is a great time to view eagles at the lake.</p>
<p>Mammals</p> <p>Participants will get a hands on experience with animal skins, skulls and tracks. Learn more about the mammals found in Iowa. This program focuses on characteristics of mammals as well as the habitat and behaviors of local wildlife.</p>	<p>Who lives there hike?</p> <p>Where does wildlife eat, sleep and drink? Find out about wildlife habitats and why it is important to maintain them. What looks like a dead log to you is actually a home and a food source for many creatures. You will be lead on a short hike looking at the critical parts of an animal’s habitat.</p>
<p>Forestry</p> <p>Take a hike on a trail through the timber and learn about Iowa’s trees. This program takes place at the Visitor Center Trail and will help participants identify tree species and their importance to the ecosystem.</p>	<p>Butterflies</p> <p>One of Saylorville’s best kept secrets is the Butterfly Garden. Take a short journey to the garden and discuss the important parts of a butterflies’ habitat. Learn about the different plants that attract butterflies and how you can start one in your yard. The best time to see the butterflies is July and August.</p>
<p>Prairie Life</p> <p>Do you know what Iowa looked like 200 years ago? The program is presented on Red Feather Prairie, and will cover the creatures, plants and management tools of the prairie. You will learn about the remaining 1/10 of a percent of the prairie left in Iowa. August, September is the best time for this program.</p>	<p>Iowa Birds</p> <p>Learn about Iowa’s birds. Many birds migrate through Iowa and some stay year round. A power point program in the Visitor Center theater will let participant see colorful pictures, hear bird calls and learn interesting facts about the many birds common to Iowa.</p>

<p style="text-align: center;">Woodland Wildflowers</p> <p>Spring time brings the woodland wildflowers to life. Learn about the many flowers that bloom in the spring under the forest canopy along the nature trail located next to the Visitor Center. Mid April – mid May is the best time for this program.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Wet.....Land</p> <p>Ever wonder why we have those smelly, mosquito infested areas? This power point program reveals the benefits of wetlands and introduces some of the unique plants and animals that make their homes there.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Saylorville Lake Video</p> <p>Learn about Saylorville Lake and why the lake was built. Who manages the lake and the land surrounding the reservoir? What do Park Rangers and their partners do to make Saylorville lake a beautiful place to recreate.</p>	