



## Winter 2026

Dear Nature Bound Students and Parents:

We are excited to welcome you to the upcoming Nature Bound semester at the Kickapoo Valley Reserve. We know that you will enjoy the fun day and many hands-on activities we have planned for you! To make your visit here a success, please review the following guidelines and let us know if you have any questions.

**Directions to the KVR Visitor Center:** If you need directions to the Kickapoo Valley Reserve Visitor Center, we recommend you use the link, “How to Find Us”, found on our website: [Directions](#). GPS and other mapping programs may not be accurate for travel in the Kickapoo Valley area.

**Adult Responsibilities:** To help our instructors give full attention to their students (and to conserve space in classrooms), we ask that parents with infants, toddlers and small children plan to either drop their older children off or wait in the lobby/exhibit space while class is in session. Adults without small children are welcome to sign up to be a volunteer chaperone but are otherwise asked to not stay. If you are interested in being a volunteer chaperone, please contact the KVR Education Coordinator Amber Burch at 608-625-2965 or [amber.burch@wisconsin.gov](mailto:amber.burch@wisconsin.gov). You can also feel free to hike and explore the Reserve while your children are on their adventures with us. Free Wi-Fi and workspace can be made available in the Visitor Center upon request.

**Arrival/Departure/Schedule:** In order to help us get started with classes in a timely manner, we ask that you arrive *at least* 15 minutes prior to the start of the class. Please check in at the front desk each day upon arrival. Our staff will direct you to the classroom where your child’s program will begin. Children can be picked up from their class location at the end of each session.

**Snacks:** The KVR will provide healthy, balanced snacks each day. We are able to accommodate some dietary restrictions. Please include that information in the registration so we may plan accordingly. If you prefer to bring your own snacks, they can be packed in your child’s backpack.

**Refunds and Cancellations:** Wednesday classes will be canceled by the KVR only in the event of poor travel conditions; if La Farge Schools are delayed two hours or are closed due to inclement weather, Nature Bound is cancelled for that day. The KVR will try to re-schedule the canceled workshop for another day; refunds will be issued if participants are unable to attend the re-scheduled date. If you choose to cancel registration after you have paid, refund requests must be made with more than 14 days notice prior to the start of the program, less a 25% administrative fee. Cancellations of less than 14 days notice will not be refunded.

**Appropriate Dress:** Dressing appropriately is extremely important for trips to the Kickapoo Valley Reserve. All of our classes will have an outdoor component, and students will be walking on and off trails. Please make sure that students dress for the weather. Warm boots, hats and mittens are a must; wool or waterproof materials are recommended. Layers are always appropriate. Don’t wear your favorite shoes!

**A Few Words about Ticks:** They are present here at the Kickapoo Valley Reserve! While ticks are not something to be overly concerned about at this time of year, when temps rise above 40 degrees, ticks can become active. Remember to check your children if it's been a warm winter day. The CDC has more information available here: [Where Ticks Live](#) | [Ticks](#) | [CDC](#).

**Facility and Grounds:** The Visitor Center is equipped with public restrooms, classrooms, and meeting spaces. The Visitor Center is open to the public, and other guests may utilize the Visitor Center and grounds during our programs. We ask that everyone treats the facility and grounds with respect and follow Leave No Trace ethics. The KVR is a Travel Green certified facility. No Styrofoam is allowed, and we recycle and compost whenever we can.

**Gift Kiosk:** The Friends of Kickapoo Valley Reserve maintain a small gift shop that has several items for sale including books about the Kickapoo Valley Reserve, post cards, several kid-friendly nature items, and more. Students and adults are welcome to purchase items either before or after programs. There are no snacks or drinks for sale at the Kickapoo Valley Reserve.

**Additional Programs:** If you would like to book additional programming for any group, you can find more information on our website, <http://kvr.state.wi.us/education>, or by calling the Education Coordinator to discuss details. In addition, we offer week-long, nature-centered summer camps for youth of all ages. Registration for those camps will be opening in February, so keep an eye on our website!

Looking forward to seeing you soon!

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