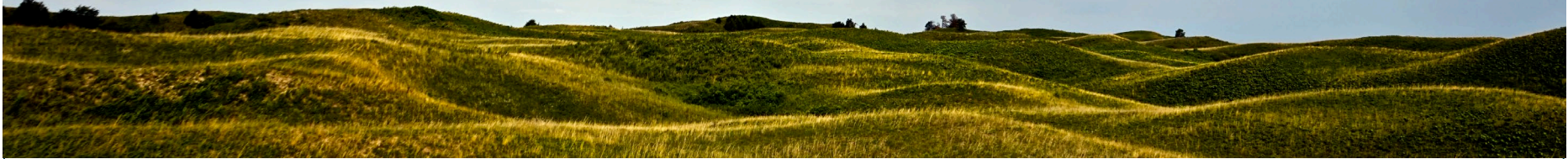




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EXPLORE

What is the Nebraska Master Naturalist Program?

The Nebraska Master Naturalist Program is an adult conservation and environmental education program that combines indoor presentations and hands-on field experiences to teach conservation volunteers about Nebraska's natural resources.

Our members are recognized across the state as dedicated natural resource conservation volunteers who provide volunteer service through a variety of skill sets.

Mission: The NMNP educates a volunteer network dedicated to promoting the conservation of Nebraska's natural resources.

Since 2010:

- **650+** Trained individuals
- **105,000+** Volunteer Hours = **\$2,958,342** in savings to the conservation community by using volunteers
- Connected with over **890,000** people
- Impacted nearly **161,000** acres through resource Management projects



EXPLORE



- 60 Hours of Nebraska Specific Training in:
- Water resources, Hydrology, Geology
 - Ecosystems of Nebraska: Woodlands, Prairie & Grasslands, and aquatic
 - Species Specific: Insects, Fish, Amphibians, Reptiles, Birds, Mammals
 - Conservation Biology
 - Resource management
 - Education and Interpretation
 - Citizen Science/Community Science
 - Outdoor skills: Such as Fishing, Archery, Kayaking



EXPLORE



Applying Knowledge, Learning Skills

- Developing and mastering **Interpretive and Outreach** Skills and Abilities
- Carrying out **Resource Management, Habitat Restoration, and Conservation Stewardship**
- **Conducting Citizen/Community** Science programs. Assisting with Field Research
- Mentoring and **leading Outdoor Skills** programs



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Education and Training

- Equip citizens with **skills and knowledge** to participate, lead, and organize conservation & education efforts
- Hands-on training **led by resource professionals** in their field

Conservation Community

- Provide **quality volunteer leaders** to benefit organizations and agencies across the state
- Engage active volunteers with service opportunities for **conservation community**

Conservation of Natural Resources

- Advancing positive and **measurable conservation impacts**
- Informing & supporting an **environmentally aware citizenry**



CONNECT



Dedicated Partners

- 40+ contributing partner organizations
 - Local, Regional, National
 - Provide: extra training resources
 - Volunteer projects
 - Facility/Property use
 - Instructors
 - Collaboration in special projects
- 40+ natural resource instructors from partner organizations and friends
 - Master Naturalists, Faculty, State Agency, Private and non-profit sector



CONNECT



- **Master Naturalists are. . .**
 - All Ages, 19 – 75 +
 - College Students
 - Parents and Retirees
 - Educators
 - Professionals and Guides
 - Landowners & Decision makers
 - Role models
- **Diverse Backgrounds and Skill Levels include those . . .**
 - With advanced degrees (84 %)
 - With new careers, or into their ‘2nd Act’
 - First-timers in the outdoors,
 - Re-energizing their early love of nature
 - Experts with a passion to learn & engage



CONNECT



Funding & Support Provided By

- Nebraska Environmental Trust
- Nebraska Game and Parks Commission
- University of Nebraska-Lincoln
- Hubbard Foundation
- Papio Missouri River NRD
- Nebraska Master Naturalist Foundation

Chadron State College

Audubon Nebraska

Rowe Sanctuary

Spring Creek Prairie

National Park Service

Nebraska Invasive Species Project

Nebraska 4-H

Riverside Discovery Center Scottsbluff

The Nature Conservancy

Nebraska Wildlife Federation

Crane Trust

Pioneers Park Nature Center

Nebraska Wildlife Rehabilitation, Inc.

Nebraska Forest Service

Bird Conservancy of the Rockies

Wildcat Hills Nature Center

Nebraska Alliance for Conservation and
Environment Education

Bader Memorial Park

Glacier Creek Preserve

Heron Haven

Hitchcock Nature Center

Hastings Museum

Prairie Loft

Prairie Pines

Fontenelle Forest



CONTRIBUTE



Certified Volunteers develop and apply their skills

- **Gaining Specialized Certifications through training...**
 - ✦ *Outdoor Skills*: Mentor & Instruct Youth
 - ✦ *Resource Management*: Lead efforts toward wildlife and habitat conservation
 - ✦ *Citizen/Community Science*: Gather Data & Support Professional Researchers in the field
 - ✦ *Interpretation*: Develop & Present Conservation Encounters for the public
- **Serving the Conservation Community**: Engaging a network of partners and natural resource organizations by staying active with sponsored outreach and conservation efforts.
- **Continuing to Educate**: Deepening and sharing the discovery and involvement with natural legacies.



CONTRIBUTE

Volunteerism: Certified Master Naturalists contribute a minimum of 20 hours of volunteer service annually, in areas they are passionate about.

Training & Volunteer Hours are tracked online.

Volunteer & Continuing Education opportunities are communicated via, Quarterly newsletter, online calendar, Facebook group, and area chapters





2023 Training Opportunities



Facility	Location	Date	Training Type	Program Fee
Schramm Education Center	Gretna, NE	March 24, 25, 31, and April 1st	Core 24	\$150
The Nature Conservancy Niobrara Valley Preserve	Near Valentine	June 19th-24th	Complete Training	\$450
Cedar Point Biological Station	Ogallala, NE	July 23rd-29th	Complete Training	\$450
Crane Trust Nature and Visitor Center	Alda, NE	October 6th-7th & 13th-14th	Core 24	\$150



Training Formats Explained

Complete Training:

- This training format provides the required 60 hours of classroom content and field activities that allows you to achieve “**Certified Nebraska Master Naturalist**” status after participating in the full week of training.

Content areas can include:

- Natural Resource Interpretation
- Conservation Biology and Ecology,
- Outdoor Skills (Archery, Kayaking, Fishing depending on location)
- Resource Management
- Citizen Science
- Reptiles Amphibians Turtles
- Mammals, Insects
- Aquatic Ecosystems
- Geology
- Grasslands Ecology
- Woodland Ecology
- Human Dimensions/Naturalist Ethics.





Training Formats Explained

Core 24 Training:

- This training format provides 24 hours of foundational classroom content and field activities that allows to achieve “**Master Naturalist In-Training**” status. Once the Core training is complete you have until January 1st of the following year to complete **36 hours** of continuing Education opportunities to earn your Certified Status.
- Continuing Education opportunities are organized and presented by the Nebraska Master Naturalist Program, Program Partners, as well as other affiliated organizations that support our mission.
- Core 24 content includes:
 - Grasslands and Woodlands of Nebraska
 - Fauna of Nebraska
 - ✦ Mammals
 - ✦ Insects
 - ✦ Amphibians, Reptiles & Turtles
 - Natural Resource Interpretation
 - Human Dimensions
 - Conservation Biology & Ecology
 - Birds of Nebraska
 - Wetland Ecology





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(\$29.95/ hour estimated value of volunteer time)



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The Nebraska Master Naturalist Experience

2019 Outreach Video

<https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/morning-out-with-nebraska-master-naturalists>

