

## Spring DNR Magazine Now Available

### *Latest Issue Celebrates State Natural Areas*



*Hogback Prairie State Natural Area / Photo credit: Jason Garstka*

The latest issue of [Wisconsin Natural Resources magazine](#) is now available, welcoming spring with engaging content about the state's great outdoors.



This issue celebrates the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the [Wisconsin State Natural Areas Program](#), which plays a vital role in maintaining important landscapes that help protect some of our most vulnerable plant and animal species. And you'll learn about

two other programs that play big roles in the work of the DNR: the [Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program](#) and the [Upper Mississippi River Restoration Program](#).

Also in the spring issue, find out about wildlife, including [efforts to protect wood turtles](#) and [highlights of lek life](#) featuring greater prairie-chickens. And get set for a visit to the [Wisconsin State Park System](#) with our checklist that will have you [primed for park adventures](#).

Fishing, shooting ranges, recycling and wildfire safety — with a [DNR mascot named Torch](#) — also are covered in the spring issue. Plus, read about an [amazing organism known as slime mold](#), which is most common in spring and serves as nature's cleanup crew! And there's plenty more in the latest issue, too. [Find the spring digital edition online](#) or sign up to receive the print issue. Call 1-800-678-9472 or check the website to [subscribe, renew or give a gift subscription](#) today.

*Cover photo of Parfrey's Glen State Natural Area by Molly Meister*



## Keep Wildlife Wild

With spring bringing increased wildlife activity, it's a good time for an important reminder about young wild animals. It's natural for mothers in most species to leave their offspring alone for long periods, when these young animals will remain still to avoid attracting predators. The DNR urges everyone to help keep wildlife wild by maintaining a safe distance. Young animals might seem helpless or alone, but they are

adapted to survive without human intervention.

Keeping wildlife wild helps animals avoid unnecessary stress, properly meet their dietary and habitat needs and learn normal social behaviors. Check the DNR's [Keep Wildlife Wild](#) webpage for more on how you can help young wildlife this spring.

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## Field Trips Open Soon

Registration opens April 8 for field trips from the [Natural Resources Foundation of Wisconsin](#), with 280 trips this year led by DNR professionals and expert naturalists. Adventures suit a wide range of interests, experience levels and age groups. It's also a special year, as the Natural Resources Foundation [celebrates its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary!](#)

[Foundation membership](#) is required to participate in field trips, with membership levels beginning at \$35. Cost for individual trips varies. Check the foundation's [field trips website](#) for all the details, including registration information and the [full list of 2026 field trips](#).

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## Support Conservation With Tax Form Donation

If you're still working on filing taxes before the April 15 deadline, don't forget the

Wisconsin state income tax form makes it easy to [give to the Endangered Resources Fund](#). Donations are tax-deductible, matched by the state and fund a wide variety of conservation efforts. Just find the “donations” area on your Wisconsin tax form and click to support the [Endangered Resources Fund](#).

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