



MICHIGAN MAMMALS

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LOCATION	SEASON	AGE RANGE	DURATION	# OF VISITORS
VC	ALL	1 st -5th grades	1 hour	30

DESCRIPTION:

Using study skins and skulls, the discussion focuses on characteristics unique to mammals including; a comparison of herbivore, carnivore and omnivore skulls, a look at pelts and their relation to warmth and camouflage, and a hike to observe habitats of Waterloo's mammals. This program will cover food chains and webs, environmental factors affecting mammals as well as management practices used to ensure a balance of the complex relationships among wildlife, human beings and our shared environment.

GOALS:

Students extend knowledge, awareness and appreciation of mammals in Michigan.
Students learn that each wildlife species is affected differently by loss of habitat, and other threats to their existence.

OBJECTIVES:

- Become familiar with the variety of mammal species native to Michigan.
- Identify the characteristics which distinguish mammals from other wildlife.
- Understand that mammals have specific habitat requirements-some species more so than others-that dictate where they are able to live.
- Be able to define the terms herbivore, omnivore and carnivore.
- Become familiar with mammal strategies for defense, hunting for food, and finding shelter.
- Gain an understanding of the environmental and economic importance of Michigan mammals.

The following grade level content expectations will be emphasized as determined by the grade level attending: L.OL.E13; L.OL.E.1; L.OL.O3.41-42; E.ES.03.52; L.OL.4.16; L.EC.04.11; L.EC.04.21; L.EV.05.11-.12; L.EV.05.21