



Wildlife WHEP Wisconsin 4-H Wisconsin 4-H Forestry

Website <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/projects/outdoor-education/>
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“TRACKS” – May 2024

*Participation in wildlife & forestry activities is open to all Wisconsin 4-H club members.
You can be enrolled in any 4-H project and participate in the activities.*

DATES TO REMEMBER

March 28 & 29, 2025

4-H Wildlife & Forestry Art Contest
West Bend, WI

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Wildlife WHEP WI 4-H Contest (NQE - WHEP)
West Bend, WI

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Wisconsin 4-H Forestry Contest (NQE - Forestry)
West Bend, WI

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4-H Wildlife Contest & Tri-County Archery & Air Rifle Tournament
West Bend, WI

Wildlife WHEP & Forestry 4-H Friends,

Spring has sprung! The trillium and lilacs are blooming, and the spring peepers are calling. Were you lucky enough to find some morels?

I am enjoying the extra time outdoors with a new puppy, but one unfortunate critter I've been battling is ticks! I have been picking them off almost daily. Ticks are commonly found in many areas throughout Wisconsin and can spread diseases to people and animals by biting them. They feed on blood by attaching their mouth parts into the skin of a human or animal. During feeding, ticks release saliva that may contain germs. Ticks are arachnids, related to spiders, mites, and scorpions. In Wisconsin, there are three types of ticks that can spread disease to people:

- The deer (black-legged) tick
- The wood (American dog) tick
- The lone star tick.

Nearly all illnesses spread by ticks in Wisconsin are caused by the deer tick. **May is Lyme Disease Awareness Month** so below are some guidelines for identifying ticks and preventing tick bites:

- Cover as much of your body as possible; ideally, wear long sleeves and pants, and tuck shirts into pants and pants into your socks.
- Walk in the center of trails where grass and vegetation are mowed.
- Wear light-colored clothing so ticks are easier to spot and remove quickly.
- Use an EPA-registered insect repellent when you head outdoors. You can also treat your clothes in advance with permethrin.
- Throw your clothes in the dryer for 10 minutes on high heat when you arrive home after being outside.
- Always check yourself, children and pets for ticks, especially behind the knees, under armpits, around the hairline and ears and at the waist.



Sources: [DNR Parks And Recreation News | Searching For Spring Ephemerals \(govdelivery.com\)](#) and [Ticks in Wisconsin: What You Need to Know | Wisconsin Department of Health Services](#)

Backyard & Back 40 “Kits-To-Go” Activity Boxes: There are 15 different Backyard & Back 40 wildlife & forestry related programs. Each program offers many different hands-on educational opportunities for kids of all ages & adults, too. Programs are presented by your own 4-H youth & adult leaders. We'll provide instructions for you to build your own hands-on activity boxes.

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Wildlife & Woods Explorations - Virtual Sessions: Designed for K-5 and elementary grade youth.

Wildlife & Woods Careers & Competition - Virtual Sessions: Designed for middle and high school youth.

Let us know if you are interested in viewing recorded sessions from January – May. Email: wi4hwildlifeforestry@gmail.com

Wildlife & Forestry 4-H Art Contest: Thanks for displaying your entries in the 2024 Art Contest. Your items make great county fair projects. Take your art items to a 4-H Club meeting and show them to your friends.

4-H Wildlife WHEP & Forestry Contests: Thanks for participating and we'll see you next year. Information for 2025 will be available at: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/projects/outdoor-education/> or email us anytime for more study tips.

Kerri, “TRACKS” Editor

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