



NEBRASKA MASTER NATURALIST

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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:

- **500+** Trained individuals
- **80,000+** Volunteer Hours = **\$2,000,000** in savings to the conservation community by using volunteers
- Connected with over **700,000** people
- Impacted nearly **80,000** acres through resource Management projects

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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
- Outdoor skills: Such as Fishing, Shotgun, Archery, Kayaking



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Applying Knowledge, Learning Skills

- Developing and mastering **Interpretive and Outreach** Skills and Ability
- Carrying out **Resource Management**, Habitat Restoration, and Conservation Stewardship
- **Conducting Citizen** 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**

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Dedicated Partners

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

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- **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
- 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 Science*: Gather Data & Support Professional Researchers in the field
 - ✦ *Interpretation*: Develop & Present Conservation Encounters for families
- **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, monthly newsletter, online calendar, Facebook group, and area chapters





2019 Training Opportunities



Facility	Location	Date	Training Type	Program Fee
Glacier Creek Preserve & Heron Haven	Omaha, NE	April 26th-27 th & May 3rd-4 th	Core 24	\$150
The Nature Conservancy's Niobrara Valley Preserve	Valentine Area	June 2 nd -8 th	Complete Training	\$400
Cedar Point Biological Station	Ogallala, NE	July 7-13	Complete Training	\$400
Crane Trust Nature and Visitor Center	Alda, NE	September 7th-8th & 14th-15th	Core 24	\$150



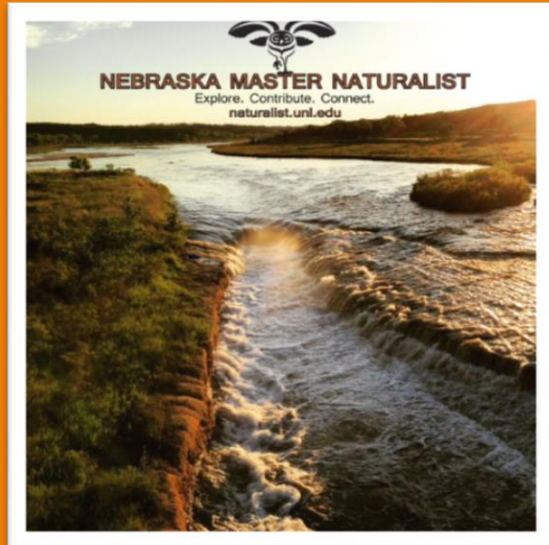
Training Formats Explained

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:
 - Flora of Nebraska
 - Fauna of Nebraska
 - Natural Resource Interpretation
 - Naturalist History & Ethics
 - Conservation Biology & Ecology
 - Outdoor Skills





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A group of about ten people are fishing in a wide river. Some are standing on the grassy bank in the foreground, while others are wading in the water. The background shows a riverbank with green grass and a line of trees under a blue sky with a few clouds.

5000+

Certified Nebraska Master
Naturalists across the state



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Volunteers hours have saved
\$2,000,000+ for the
Conservation Community

(\$25.43/ hour estimated value of volunteer time)



Master Naturalists have connected
with over **695,000** people
since 2010



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The Nebraska Master Naturalist Experience

2019 Outreach Video

