

Fall 2022 Indiana Master Naturalist FAQ

Hosted by Ball State University and Red-tail land Conservancy

How big is the class?

26 students

Do I need to bring anything to class?

At the start of class, you will be given a folder with general program materials and a notebook. Please bring water and you have the option to bring snacks. Though most of the classes will be held indoors, we recommend you bring outerwear appropriate for weather conditions.

Will I need to print anything?

Most classes will have a powerpoint presentation to supplement activities. At the first class, you will be given the option to have each topic's powerpoint presentation materials printed out for you for the rest of the course. If you select that option, you'll receive the paper copies at the start of each class.

Digital copies of the presentation will go out to everyone before each class. You can print the presentation on your own, bring a laptop or tablet to view it, or follow along in class looking at the projector screen.

Materials outside of the powerpoint presentation will be printed for everyone.

Where are the meetings?

Because of the range of topics presented, the class will be hosted in three different locations. They are listed on the class calendar.

Ball State University's Christy Woods and Environmental Education Classroom: 2500 West University Avenue, Muncie, IN 47303. You can park anywhere in the parking lot so long as the spot does not say "service vehicles only", parking is not monitored after 5pm. The classroom shares an entrance with the Rinard Orchid Greenhouse. There is running water, flushing toilets, and electrical outlets.

Munsee Woods: 5701 S 475 E Muncie, Indiana 47302. This nature preserve is closed to the public, but the gate will be left open for you to enter. After the gate, there is a ½ mile drive to the parking area. There is no running water at this preserve but there is a composting toilet. Classes will be held in a primitive lodge.

Westside Park: Located on the corner of Tillotson Ave and White River Drive in Muncie. The entrance is across from S Celia Ave. The meeting location will be at a picnic pavilion adjacent to the White River. A map will be provided in a previous class.

What time does the class begin/end?

Most classes begin at 6pm with a discussion about previous topics and warm up exercises. The presentation begins at 6:30pm and ends around 8:30pm. After the presentation, students will have time for Q&A, discussion, exploration, and to complete a short quiz. There will be at least one break during class.

The first and last class begin at 5:30pm. This extra 30 minutes allows time for orientation and the final exam, respectively.

The class at Munsee Woods is from 6pm-8pm. The presentation will begin at 6pm and last until the sun sets, around 8pm.

What does the registration fee include?

The \$125 fee includes all instruction, class materials, a notebook, folder and field guide. There are scholarships available that reduce the cost of registration. You can find details on the IMN website or by emailing Kelley V. Phillips at Kelley@fortheland.org.

When will I get my field guide?

You will receive your field guide and folder of materials at the first class. Materials may be handed out throughout the program to add to your folder.

Do I need to attend all of the classes?

To graduate from the course, you must attend 80% of the classes, meaning you can only miss two classes. Please let the organizers know in advance if you need to miss a class.

Is there a final test?

Yes. At the final class, there will be a test based on previous quizzes.

Once the course ends, am I a Master Naturalist?

No. Completing the course is the first step to being an Indiana Master Naturalist. You must also complete at least 24 volunteer hours.

Do I have to complete all of my volunteer hours during the course?

The 24 hour volunteer requirement can be completed with any natural resource organization at any time during or after the course ends. You will report that you've completed the hours to one of the course organizers and be mailed a IMN pin.

How can I complete my volunteer hours?

During this class, Red-tail Land Conservancy will offer optional public and private volunteer opportunities for IMN students. They are listed on the class calendar. After the class, you are added to a special volunteer list and will receive emails about unique opportunities from Red-tail.

If you have further questions, please contact Kelley V. Phillips, Communications & Outreach Manager at Red-tail Land Conservancy: kelly@fortheland.org or (765) 288-2587.

IMN 2022 Class Calendar

Date	Time	Location	Topic
Sept 8	5:30pm-9pm	BSU Classroom	Program Orientation / Botany
Sept 15	6pm-8pm	Munsee Woods	Outdoor Skills & Survival
Sept 22	6pm-9pm	BSU Classroom	Bats
Sept 24	10am-12pm	Munsee Woods	(Optional) Red-tail's Habitat Restoration Volunteer Workday - open to the public
Sept 29	6pm-9pm	Westside Park / BSU Classroom	River ecology / Wetlands
Oct 6	6pm-9pm	BSU Classroom	Birds
Oct 13	6pm-9pm	BSU Classroom	Interpretation
Oct 20	6pm-9pm	BSU Classroom	Climate / Meteorology
Oct 22	10am-12pm	Munsee Woods	(Optional) Red-tail's "Pulling for Bats" Volunteer Workday - open to the public
Oct 27	6pm-9pm	BSU Classroom	Forestry
Nov 3	6pm-9pm	BSU Classroom	Soils & Geology
Nov 6	10am-11am	Munsee Woods	(Optional) Tree Hike & Invasive weed removal
Nov 10	5:30pm-9pm	BSU Classroom	People & Natural Resources / Final Exam

Topics subject to change. Participants will be notified in advance.