



WILD ROSE FISH HATCHERY EDUCATION CENTER
Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
N5871 State Road 22, Wild Rose WI 54984
(920) 622-3527, Ext. 209

2022 VISITOR GUIDELINES

SUMMER VISITOR HOURS: 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday, and Summer holidays, Memorial Day, July 4, and Labor Day. The Education Center is closed Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday, EXCEPT open summer holidays or by special appointment. Please call two weeks ahead to schedule group tours for up to 20 people.

LOCATION: ¼ mile north of the Village of Wild Rose on the west side of Hwy 22, (between Co. Rd. P to the North, and Co. Rd. A to the South.) Tours begin in the Education Center (N5871, west side of Hwy 22). Follow the driveway up hill to the parking area. *Please park boats, canoes, and trailers at the first lower lot by the large visitor sign.* (NOTE: Most GPS units do not find our location.)

GROUP LEADER'S GUIDE FOR HATCHERY TOURS

**PLEASE DO NOT COME TO THE HATCHERY IF YOU ARE FEELING SICK OR HAVE BEEN EXPOSED TO COVID-19.
MASKS ARE RECOMMENDED IF YOU HAVE NOT BEEN VACCINATED.**

TOUR INCLUDES:

1. **HATCHERY PRODUCTION:** A 10-minute video of hatchery facilities showing what we do at the hatchery (spawn fish, hatch, raise and stock in Wisconsin waters).
2. **TOUR OF NEW COLDWATER HATCHERY:** Guided by DNR staff only. DNR hatchery staff will guide visitors to a viewing room to look inside hatchery. We have the capacity to raise over 200,000 fingerlings in 40 circular tanks and incubate 5.2 million salmon and 7.2 million trout eggs.
3. **EXPLORE MUSEUM EXHIBITS AND DISPLAYS:** including two 300-gallon aquariums in Education Center, simulated fish exploratory lab, fish identification, aquatic invasive species, and the Lake Michigan story.
4. **VIEW BROWN TROUT IN HISTORIC PONDS:** You will see the oldest and biggest brown trout in our historic raceways. You may feed fish with food in our feed dispenser located under the picnic shelter. (Note: If you wish to feed them, please bring quarters as the machine only takes quarters). **PLEASE DO NOT THROW STONES, DEBRIS OR HUMAN FOOD IN PONDS AND RACEWAYS.** We feed fish a special diet of fish pellets. PLEASE DO NOT FEED FISH ANY HUMAN FOOD. The feed is composed of ground up fish, and other nutrients, so hands will smell fishy. Plan to bring hand wipes or hand sanitizer. Do not rub eyes or put fingers in mouth after feeding fish. Wash hands before and after handling fish feed.

To allow adequate social distancing among group pods, the conference room and visitor viewing room in the new Coldwater hatchery can accommodate up to 20 people. Due to hatchery bio-security practices and to avoid risk of contamination, visitors do not go inside hatchery work areas. Tours are held "rain or shine" as we can do most activities indoors, except viewing the oldest "retired" brown trout in the historic ponds outside. Plan to bring weather appropriate clothing. **GROUPS SHOULD TAKE CARE OF RESTROOM NEEDS BEFORE ARRIVING FOR THEIR TOUR SINCE WE ONLY HAVE ONE RESTROOM.**

~ FISHING IS NOT ALLOWED ON HATCHERY PROPERTY ~

~ DO NOT BRING BOATS, CANOES, NETS, FISHING POLES OR PETS TO THE HATCHERY ~

Please complete the Group Tour Reservation form on the next page and return to me as a Word document. **There is no fee for group tours.** If you have any other questions, please email me. I look forward to showing you and your group the new Wild Rose Hatchery facilities.

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GROUP TOUR RESERVATION FORM

DATE SUBMITTED: _____

Please complete this form to schedule a group tour of the facility for up to 20 people. This will help us prevent overlap and ensure that the hatchery naturalist can give your group their full attention. You can email, fax, or mail this form to the hatchery naturalist at the Wild Rose Hatchery Education Center up until two weeks prior to your tour date.

Visitor hours are from **8 a.m. to 3 p.m.** The building is open from **9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Wednesday through Saturday** and during summer holidays. The property is closed to visitors from November through March, but virtual tours are available upon request.

DATE OF TOUR:			ALTERNATE DATE:	
ARRIVAL TIME / TOUR TIME	/		DEPARTURE TIME:	
Length of time you can spend at the hatchery:	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 hour	<input type="checkbox"/> 1-1/2 hours	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 hours	
GROUP/SCHOOL:				
CONTACT PERSON:				
EMAIL:				
PHONE CONTACT:	Work/Home:	Cell:	Cell for contact day of tour:	
ADDRESS				
CITY, STATE, ZIP				
NUMBER IN GROUP:	# Adults:	# Youth:	Age/Grade:	
<i>NOTE: Groups over 30 will be divided to accommodate facility space and require adults to supervise children.</i>				
ACTIVITIES: 10-Minute Tour Video included for all groups	<input type="checkbox"/> Hands on activities, view exhibits in visitor center	<input type="checkbox"/> View New Coldwater Nursery facility	<input type="checkbox"/> View adult brown trout in old hatchery	
DOES YOUR GROUP HAVE ANY SPECIAL NEEDS? Please specify:	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO			
CHOOSE AN ACTIVITY FOR: Pre-school <input type="checkbox"/> Elementary <input type="checkbox"/> Middle School <input type="checkbox"/> Jr./Sr. High <input type="checkbox"/> College <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Fish Migration Story	<input type="checkbox"/> Egg Development/Habitat	<input type="checkbox"/> Fish Migration activity	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Lake Sturgeon	<input type="checkbox"/> Lake Michigan Spawning	<input type="checkbox"/> Fish casting	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Food Web	<input type="checkbox"/> Fish ID	<input type="checkbox"/> Invasive Species	

To schedule your group tour, please call or email Joan Voigt, Naturalist Educator, two weeks in advance at (920) 622-3527 Ext. 209 or email: joan.voigt@wisconsin.gov. If you would like to enjoy a picnic lunch at the hatchery, we have picnic tables around the visitor center. **Plan ahead to take your picnic waste home with you, as we do not have waste pick up services at the hatchery.** Thank you!

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_____ Group tour confirmed
 _____ E-Calendar
 _____ Desk Calendar
 _____ Special Requests _____