

Educational LOAN KITS

The **Anita Purves Nature Center** has the following loan kits available. Kits may be reserved in advance and borrowed for two weeks. There is a \$25 fee including \$10 for use of the kit and a refundable \$15 damage deposit. Call 384-4062 to check on availability or to reserve a kit. Each kit contains a comprehensive, standards-based activity guide and accompanying materials.

Animal Puppets (K-3rd)

Use these puppets with the books, pictures, and additional materials to teach about animal groups, habitats, life cycles, and more.

Birds 1 (K-2nd) & Birds 2 (3rd-5th)

Students' interests will soar as they explore the lives of birds using these kits full of hands-on activities including migration games.

Bird Nests (K-8th)

Discover how birds build nests and learn what birds need to successfully raise their broods with this loan kit.

Colors and Camouflage (K-8th)

Do all animals need camouflage? No! Learn who needs camouflage and who uses bright colors for protection with the activities in this kit.

Endangered Species (K-8th)

Study endangered species using materials actually confiscated by national authorities. Learn about the reasons that species become threatened and endangered and how you can help.

Feathers (K-8th)

Feathers are for more than flight. Explore their other roles in a bird's life with pictures, games and other activities.

Habitats (K-5th)

Explore a variety of ecosystems and what it takes to survive there.

Insects (K-6th)

Explore the fascinating world of insects and their relatives with the activities in this kit. (Insect specimens courtesy of Dr. Berenbaum and her graduate students at UIUC.)

Plants & Seeds (K-5th)

Where would we be without plants? How do they grow? How are they used? Learn the answers using the collections and activities in this kit.

Ponds and Wetlands (1st-8th)

Includes dip nets, see-boxes, basters and other supplies for a real dip and drip experience!



Prairie Discovery (3rd-5th)

Contains equipment, an activity guide, field guides and games to explore the restored prairie at Meadowbrook Park in Urbana. Two Prairie Discovery Kits are available.

Prairie as a Habitat (6th-8th)

Advanced activities for students ready to increase their knowledge of Illinois' prairies.

Rainforest (2nd-6th)

Learn about this rapidly disappearing ecosystem using a kit supported with materials from the World Wildlife Fund and National Wildlife Federation.

Reptiles and Amphibians (K-5th)

Bring a live turtle to your classroom! Supplemental activities include care and feeding instructions and reptile and amphibian activities. Two kits are available.

Rocks & Minerals (K-5th)

Explore the world of rocks and minerals with an expanded activity guide, new samples, books, pictures, and basic mineral testing equipment.

Squirmy Science (K-5th)

Perfect for lessons about recycling, composting, gardening, soil and invertebrates. Comes complete with a working worm bin for hands-on investigation.

Tracks (1st-5th)

Improve your footprint finesse with guides, rubs and rubber tracks ideal for stamping.

Trees and Forests (K-6th)

Learn about the importance of trees in our lives using the activity guide and natural items in this kit.

Wildflowers (1st-8th)

After the drab grays of winter, enjoy the bright colors found in wildflowers and explore why wildflowers grow in spring.

Woodlands (6th-10th)

Use these hands-on activities to explore the wonders of woodland habitats in every season.

