

2025 Master Naturalist Volunteer Training at Richard Bong State Recreation Area – Registration Now Open!!

Bong Naturalist Association (BNA) is proud to once again be a host site/training center for the Wisconsin Master Naturalist Volunteer Training Program! The program is under the authority of the UW Extension System and training will be held at Richard Bong State Recreation Area (RBSRA.)

Classes will be held on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, beginning Monday, July 14th and ending Thursday, July 24th ("Last Day Celebration".) Presenters are top tier and experts in their respective fields. The course involves 40 hours of training and is focused on learning about nature education, nature restoration, and connecting natural communities.

The training includes mostly hands-on outdoor experiences and interactions with expert guest speakers, with some indoor instruction.

We will cover geology, water and plant communities, wildlife, ecology, climate and weather, natural history, human connections, and how Master Naturalists can use their new knowledge in our community.

Once trained, a Wisconsin Master Naturalist provides volunteer service in one of three areas: education/interpretation, stewardship or citizen science. To maintain certification, volunteers must complete 40 hours of service each year and eight hours of additional training.

For more information about the Master Naturalist program, please visit <u>https://wimasternaturalist.org/</u>



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Go to the following to sign up for the BNA program: <u>https://wimasternaturalist.org/training/volunteer-training/bongnaturalistassociation2025/</u>

Registration is now open. If you are unable to register online then please contact: info@wimasternaturalist.org

For other questions, contact us at <u>bongnaturalistassociaton@gmail.com</u>