



## MSUE Michigan Naturalist: North Country

Become a Michigan Naturalist and help protect Michigan's natural heritage.

Second Saturday each  
month, May 9th  
through October 10th.

Cost is \$200.00  
Includes all six sessions.

Required books must be  
obtained on your own

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### Who should attend?

This program is open to adults interested in gaining a greater understanding of Michigan's natural environment and ecological communities, including native flora and fauna.

### What will you learn?

Through this program you will discover the interconnectedness of Michigan's natural ecosystems and how everyone can contribute to wildlife conservation in their own backyard and community. You will also learn about interpretive techniques that will help you share what you have learned in meaningful and creative ways. Sign up today for this exciting course and start your journey to become a Michigan Naturalist!

### Register at:

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/michigannaturalist/>

### Please contact us with questions:

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## About the Michigan Naturalist North Country Program



The live portion will be held at the Pigeon River County Discovery Center, 9984 Twin Lakes Rd. Vanderbilt, from 10am to 4:00pm. The first two hours are indoors; field activities occur from 12:30 to 4PM. Students bring their own lunch, snacks, and containers for water. The class consists of a combination of online reading, assignments and discussions, live lectures and naturalist guided field experiences.

Internet access is a must for this blended online training. Participants need to be prepared for a moderate amount of walking and a variety of outdoor conditions. Some locations may contain variable steep or rough terrain. Please contact us to request special accommodations. Automobile transportation is necessary; carpooling is encouraged. A Michigan DNR recreation passport is required for the North Country class as it convenes on state owned land.

Participants are responsible for purchasing their own required books:

Bringing Nature Home by Douglas Tallamy

the Kaufman Field Guide to Nature of the Midwest by Ken Kaufman, Jeff Sayre, and Kimberly Kaufman

Managing Michigan's Wildlife: A Landowner's Guide, Sargent, M.S and Carter, K.S., ed. 1999. (*Available as a free PDF*). Recommended optional field guides may be listed in the course syllabus.



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Session 1	May 9	Michigan Geology, Interpretive Techniques, and the History of the Pigeon River Country State Forest
Session 2	June 13	Wetland Habitats and Vernal Pools
Session 3	July 11	Beneficial Insects and Benefits of Native Plants
Session 4	August 8	River and Lake Ecology and Habitats
Session 5	September 21	Upland Grassland Habitats, Prescribed Fire
Session 6	October 19	Tree Identification, Forest Wildlife Habitat, Forest Forensics

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