



# URBAN ADVENTURES

## NATURE BASED

### Play in the Park

Explore a Milwaukee treasure by hiking through Riverside Park, Washington Park, or Three Bridges Park. Afterwards, we'll loosen up with some field games and playful team building exercises. Enjoy an easy day to connect with others and with the natural world around you.

Location: All Branches	Age: Any
Pricing: \$80/hour (13 people)	Program Length: 1-1.5 hours
Capacity: Flexible	Price: \$80-\$120

### Guided Hike & Fire Building

Take on a new adventure with a guided hike through different ecosystems as you learn more about what makes each unique and special. Celebrate your exploration and learn how to build a fire while making the perfect s'more right here in the city. Guided nature hikes available at all locations.

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## PADDLING

*Note: Our safety policy states that temperature of the water must be 60 degrees for all water-related programs. The combined temperature of water and air must be 110 degrees. Wind speed and other weather factors will also affect our decision to paddle.*

### Paddling Adventure

Experience the Milwaukee River or the Washington Park Lagoon with a paddle in your hand! This is the perfect introduction into paddling as participants learn basic canoe skills while exploring an ecosystem from a whole new angle. We will cover paddling techniques and waterfront safety, and then get out on the water for some fun. Canoeing or kayaking available.

Location: Washington Park & Riverside Park/Rowing Club	Age: 5th grade & up
Pricing: \$200/hour	Program Length: 2 hours
Capacity: Canoe, 18-24 & Kayak, 10 (including chaperones)	Price: \$400

### Ecology on the River!

Hop in a canoe and float south with us for a unique view of downtown from the river. Here we'll learn about the dramatic and fascinating history of the Milwaukee River and how it helped shape who we are as a city today! Hold on to your oars because this history will rock your boat!

Location: Riverside Park/Rowing Club	Age: 5th grade & up
Pricing: \$200/hour	Program Length: 2 hours
Capacity: Canoe, 18-24 & Kayak, 10 (including chaperones)	Price: \$400

### Birding by Boat!

Bring your binoculars and borrow a bird book, because there's many birds flying about this lagoon! Learn basic paddling skills and keep your balance as we search for birds high and low.

Location: Washington Park	Age: 4th grade & up
Pricing: \$200/hour	Program Length: 2 hours
Capacity: Canoe, 18-24 & Kayak, 10 (including chaperones)	Price: \$400

## WINTER SPORTS

### Snowday

Gear up for the weather and get ready to have fun in the snow as we build forts, go sledding, snowshoeing or cross country skiing- Not sure what to choose? No worries, leave it up to us! We'll take care of the equipment and activities based on snow conditions. We'll end our time with a warm cup of hot cocoa!

Location: All Branches	Age: 2nd grade & up
Pricing: \$100/hour (13 people)	Program Length: 2 hours
Capacity: Up to 13 people/educator	Price: \$200

### Cross Country Skiing, Snowshoeing or Ice Skating

Choose an adventure to learn the basics of the activity as we enjoy Wisconsin winters in a whole new way! We'll take care of the equipment. Snow and ice conditions permitting. Ice skating at Washington Park Lagoon only.

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Capacity: Up to 13 people/educator	Price: \$200

## BIKING

### Nature by Bike

Using the Center's fleet of bicycles, we'll explore areas along the trail as we search for wildlife and enjoy the breeze in the air. Learn basic bicycle and safety skills to take with you on your next group ride. All participants must be able to ride a bike, including chaperones.

Location: All Branches	Age: 5th grade & up
Pricing: \$100/hour (13 people)	Program Length: 2-2.5 hours
Capacity: Up to 13 people/educator	Price: \$200-250

### Bike to the Beach

Enjoy a bike ride along Oak Leaf trail to Lake Michigan where you can enjoy the city from a new angle, and get an up close view of the lake and Milwaukee Art Museum. All participants must be able to ride a bike, including chaperones.

Location: Riverside Park	Age: 5th grade & up
Pricing: \$100/hour (13 people)	Program Length: 2.5-3 hours
Capacity: Up to 13 people/educator	Price: \$250-300

### Pedal and Picnic

Round up your crew, pack a lunch, and pedal with us on a journey through beautiful green spaces. Start at Riverside Park and pedal north on the Oakleaf Trail towards the beautiful Estabrook Park. Take a minute to check out the playground and view of the river. This program can be adjusted to our other locations as well. All participants must be able to ride a bike, including chaperones.

Location: Riverside Park	Age: 5th grade & up
Pricing: \$100/hour (13 people)	Program Length: 2-2.5 hours
Capacity: Up to 13 people/educator	Price: \$200-250

### Milwaukee's Murals Bike Tour

Come cruise with us through the vibrant Menomonee Valley, home of many brilliant works highlighting Milwaukee's history and the lively art community. Join us in this gallery of a city to take time with prominent works. All participants must be able to ride a bike, including chaperones.

Location: Menomonee Valley	Age: Adults & teens
Pricing: \$100/hour (13 people)	Program Length: 2.5 hours
Capacity: Up to 13 people/educator	Price: \$250

## CLIMBING

### Rock Climbing

Breathe in the fresh air and get a view of Riverside Park from the top of our outdoor rock wall! Learn climbing techniques and safety from our team of trained belayers as we cheer you on.

Location: Riverside Park	Age: 2nd grade & up
Pricing: \$100/hour (13 people)	Program Length: 2 hours
Capacity: Up to 13 people/educator	Price: \$200

## FISHING

### Fishing

Learn how to fish in a fun and interactive new way. Our educators will guide you through the basics and provide the equipment.

Location: Washington Park	Age: 2nd grade & up
Pricing: \$80/hour (10 people)	Program Length: 1-2 hours
Capacity: Up to 10 people/educator	Price: \$80-160

## READY TO REGISTER?

Register by emailing [programs@urbancecologycenter.org](mailto:programs@urbancecologycenter.org) or contacting our Community Programs Department at least three weeks in advance. Tell us about your group and what program you are interested in!

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## BOOKING & LOGISTICS

*Explore the outdoors like never before as you paddle down the Milwaukee River, bike through the Hank Aaron State Trail, or challenge your team to survive in the wilderness. Our Urban Adventures are designed to foster team-building while learning a new outdoor skill to take with you. These programs are great for students, colleagues, scouts, friend groups, family members and more!*

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### Program Length & Location

Our programs are 1.5-2.5 hours in length, including transportation time (if transportation is needed and available).

### Optimal Season

Most of the programs are suitable for any season. However, some programs are best taught during a specific time of year.

### Transportation

Transportation can be provided for programs happening at the Urban Ecology Center, if available. Our buses can accommodate up to 14 passengers. We are unable to transport children without an additional adult on each bus. Unfortunately, our buses do not accommodate students in wheelchairs. Please contact us if your group needs an accessible bus and we'll work with you to arrange transportation.

### Chaperones

For childrens' programming, we require one adult chaperone for every 13 children. Chaperones help with discipline and assist the educator as needed (passing out supplies, taking a child to the bathroom, etc.) to ensure we can provide a quality experience for all students.

### Bathroom

While facilities are available, we strongly encourage groups to use their site facilities prior to the trip to allow optimum use of the time we have together.

### Dress

All our programs have an outdoor component. **Participants, group leaders, and chaperones should dress according to the weather.** In inclement weather, outdoor activities may be shortened, but unless the weather is severe we will still go outside. Please have participants wear hats, gloves, boots and jackets in the winter and rain gear when needed. We strongly recommend that participants wear closed shoes (or other footwear appropriate for hiking) as well as clothes and shoes that can get dirty.

### Special Needs

Many of our programs can be modified for participants with special needs. Please communicate any special needs with UEC educators so that we can be prepared for your group. The Urban Ecology Center buildings and many trails are accessible for students who use wheelchairs.

### Cancellation Policy

In the case of questionable weather, the UEC will determine if the program should be cancelled. We honor your site's snow cancellation policy. If this should happen, you will receive a full refund. If for any other reason a trip needs to be canceled, our cancellation policy is as follows:

Days before trip	Refund amount
31 days or more	Full refund
8-30 days	50% refund
0-7 days	No refund

### Cold Weather Policy

Part of the program will take place outdoors, unless the temperature is below 0°F or there is a Wind Chill Advisory or Warning in effect. For the outdoor portion, we will provide cold-weather clothing to students who need it and adjust outdoor time depending on the temperature and wind chill to ensure all participants are safe.

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