



## Boots of a Biologist Itinerary

**Dates:** June 25—27

**Time:** 9 am—12 pm

**Location:** Ryerson Conservation Area & Daniel Wright Woods

**What to wear:** Sturdy closed toe shoes, clothing that is appropriate for the weather, movement, and exploration. Wear or bring long, lightweight pants for field explorations; optional- hat and sunglasses.

**What to bring:** snack, water bottle, sunscreen, and insect repellent.

**Tuesday, June 25:** *Meet at Ryerson Education Center*

*Special Species Day*

Walk in the boots of a biologist today and learn about Endangered Species and 17-year Cicadas in Lake County. Have fun learning how biologists study animals and netting insects in the field.

**Wednesday, June 26:** *Meet at Ryerson Education Center*

*Bird Monitoring Day*

Study our feathered friends and how scientists are helping avian species in Lake County. Learn about migration and our new Motus Wildlife Tracking System that tracks movements of birds, bats and large insects. Have fun hiking the trails and collecting data along the way.

**Thursday, June 27:** *Meet at Daniel Wright Woods Parking Lot*

*Pond Study Day*

Use nets to catch tadpoles, snails, and dragonfly nymphs. Budding scientists will work with microscopes and dichotomous keys to examine their catch and observe the interactions among organisms as well as use species diversity to assess the pond's health.

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*\*Be sure to complete and return all forms at least one week prior to the start of the program.*

*\*Please note that some activities may be substituted or modified due to time constraints, site resources, participant interests, or inclement weather. In the event of prolonged inclement weather (excessive heat or thunderstorms and lightning) the day's session will be canceled.*

