



## Animal Investigators Itinerary

**Dates:** July 21-25

**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.

**Monday, July 21:** *Meet at Ryerson Education Center*

*Biodiversity & Mammals*

Learn about the different animal groups that make Lake County home and how they are all connected through hands-on activities and explorations. Search for camouflaged animals along a nature discovery trail and investigate the special features of mammals.

**Tuesday, July 22:** *Meet at Ryerson Education Center*

*Reptiles & Amphibians*

Explore the scaly and slimy world of reptiles and amphibians through interactive experiences and live animal encounters. Discover how specialized adaptations help these local cold-blooded critters grow and survive.

**Wednesday, July 23:** *Meet at Ryerson Education Center*

*Insects & Spiders*

Look at the world through an insect's eye and discover the similarities and differences between insects and spiders. Explore with nets and bug boxes to study the wide variety of invertebrates that make our prairies and fields home.

**Thursday, July 24:** *Meet at Daniel Wright Woods Parking Lot*

*Fish & Friends*

Use nets to catch and discover small fish, tadpoles and dragonfly nymphs. Budding scientists will work with microscopes to examine these critters and investigate the different features and diversity of animal life found in local wetlands.

**Friday, July 25:** *Meet at Ryerson Education Center*

*Birds of a Feather*

Study our feathered friends through hands-on learning stations to discover different bird adaptations and characteristics. Look and listen for birds and explore their behaviors using binoculars on a hike along a nature trail.

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Please email [AskAnEducator@LCFPD.org](mailto:AskAnEducator@LCFPD.org) for general questions.

*\*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.*



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