



Spiders, Slugs & Really Cool Bugs 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*

Forest Invertebrates

Learn about what characteristics make an animal an invertebrate. Next, explore the forest looking for some of Lake County's fascinating invertebrates.

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

Field Invertebrates

Hike to a field habitat and collect invertebrates for group observation. Then, play a pollination game and plant milkweed.

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

Spiders are Invertebrates, Too

Investigate adaptations that make spiders so unique. Study spider behavior and discover their amazing building skills. Practice building your own web and go on a hike to explore spider habitats.

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

Pond Invertebrates

Under the surface of a pond lies a diverse group of invertebrates. Learn about metamorphosis and the challenges invertebrates face living in the pond. Then go pond netting and observe aquatic invertebrates. ***Wear or bring shoes that can get wet and muddy!***

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

Invertebrate Superpowers

Discover Lake County invertebrates with super abilities. Head out on the super invertebrate scavenger hunt while examining the superpowers that help each invertebrate survive.

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Please email 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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