



WILD ROSE FISH HATCHERY EDUCATION CENTER
Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
N5871 State Road 22, Wild Rose WI 54984
(920) 622-3527

2025 VISITOR GUIDELINES

Visitor Hours are April through October from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. **Spring & Fall School Group Tours:** available upon request with minimum 3 weeks' notice. **SUMMER VISITOR HOURS:** **Wednesday through Sunday and summer holidays; Memorial Day, July 4, and Labor Day.** The Education Center is closed Monday, and Tuesday, EXCEPT open summer holidays. Please call at least three weeks ahead to schedule group tours for up to 30 people. **There is no fee for group tours.**

LOCATION: ¼ mile north of the Village of Wild Rose on the west side of Hwy 22, (between Co. Rd. P to the North, and Co. Rd. A to the South.) *NOTE: Some GPS units do not find our address.* Tours begin in the Education Center (N5871, west side of Hwy 22). Follow the driveway past large Visitor sign to park next to the building. *Park boats, canoes, and trailers at the lower lot by the large visitor sign.*

GROUP LEADER'S GUIDE FOR HATCHERY TOURS

PLEASE DO NOT COME TO THE HATCHERY IF YOU ARE FEELING SICK OR HAVE BEEN EXPOSED TO COVID-19.

TOUR INCLUDES:

1. **HATCHERY PRODUCTION:** A 10-minute video of hatchery facilities showing what we do at the hatchery (spawn fish, hatch, raise, and stock in Wisconsin waters).
2. **TOUR OF NEW COLDWATER HATCHERY:** Guided by DNR staff only. DNR hatchery staff will guide visitors to a viewing room to look inside hatchery. We have the capacity to raise over 200,000 fingerlings in 40 circular tanks and incubate 5.2 million salmon eggs and 7.2 million trout eggs.
3. **EXPLORE MUSEUM EXHIBITS AND DISPLAYS:** including two 300-gallon aquariums in Education Center, simulated fish exploratory lab, fish identification, record wall of 26 Wisconsin fish species, aquatic invasive species, lake sturgeon exhibit, mock fishing pond and Lake Michigan story.

To allow adequate social distancing among groups, the conference room and visitor viewing room in the Coldwater hatchery can accommodate up to 30 people.

Due to hatchery bio-security practices and to avoid risk of contamination, visitors do not go inside certain hatchery work areas. Plan to bring weather appropriate clothing. Tours are held "rain or shine" as we can do most activities indoors. The old hatchery historic ponds are outside and self-guided. You may see fingerling and some yearling brown trout. **PLEASE DO NOT THROW STONES, DEBRIS OR HUMAN FOOD IN PONDS.**

THERE IS ONLY ONE RESTROOM FOR MEN and ONE FOR WOMEN. GROUPS SHOULD TAKE CARE OF RESTROOM NEEDS BEFORE ARRIVING FOR THEIR TOUR.

**~ FISHING IS NOT ALLOWED ON HATCHERY PROPERTY ~
~ DO NOT BRING BOATS, CANOES, NETS, FISHING POLES OR PETS TO THE HATCHERY ~**

Please complete Group Tour Reservation form on the next page and return as a Word document or pdf. If you have any other questions, please email Jesse.Landwehr@wisconsin.gov or Samuel.Stafslein@wisconsin.gov.
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2025 GROUP TOUR RESERVATION FORM

DATE SUBMITTED: _____

Please complete this form to schedule a group tour of the facility **for up to 30 people**. This will help us prevent overlap and ensure that the hatchery staff can give your group full attention. You can email, fax, or mail this form to the Wild Rose Hatchery Education Center a minimum of three weeks prior to your tour date. Tours are scheduled on a first come basis and pending staff availability.

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DATE OF TOUR:		ALTERNATE DATE:	
ARRIVAL TIME / TOUR TIME	/	DEPARTURE TIME:	
GROUP/SCHOOL:			
CONTACT PERSON:			
EMAIL:			
PHONE CONTACT:	Work/Home:	Cell:	Cell for contact day of tour:
ADDRESS			
CITY, STATE, ZIP			
NUMBER IN GROUP:	# Adults:	#Youth:	Age/Grade:
<i>NOTE: Groups over 30 will be divided to accommodate facility space and require adults to supervise children.</i>			
ACTIVITIES: <i>10-Minute Tour Video included for all groups</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Hands on activities, view exhibits in visitor center	<input type="checkbox"/> View New Coldwater Nursery facility	<input type="checkbox"/> View old hatchery on your own
DOES YOUR GROUP HAVE ANY SPECIAL NEEDS? Please specify:			<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
IF YOU PLAN TO SPEND A HALF DAY YOU MAY CHOOSE FROM THESE ACTIVITIES AFTER THE TOUR.	<input type="checkbox"/> Fish ID <input type="checkbox"/> Egg Development <input type="checkbox"/> Fish Life Cycle	<input type="checkbox"/> Aquatic food chain <input type="checkbox"/> Aquatic invasive species <input type="checkbox"/> Water quality	<input type="checkbox"/> Fish Migration activity <input type="checkbox"/> Fish casting <input type="checkbox"/> Egg Sorting

To schedule a date for your group tour, please call or email Jesse Landwehr or Samuel Stafslie, three weeks in advance at (920) 622-3527. If you would like to enjoy a picnic lunch at the hatchery, we have picnic tables around the visitor center. **We practice carry-in carry-out waste. Please plan to take your picnic waste home with you, as we do not have waste pick up services.** Thank you! *Rev. 11/2024*

_____ Group tour confirmed.
_____ E-Calendar
_____ Desk Calendar