

Iowa Educator Resources – Sustainable Driftless, Inc.

The following are resources specific to NE Iowa Driftless Region and identified here to spark ideas for guest speakers, field trips, family adventures, and research projects.

1) Effigy Mounds National Monument <https://www.nps.gov/efmo/index.htm>

Mailing Address:

151 Hwy 76
Harpers Ferry, IA 52146

Phone:

(563) 873-3491 x123
Visitor Center front desk



Plan a field trip or museum tour: For more information on reserving a ranger conducted program - contact the Monument at 563.873.3491. Entrance to the Monument is free for all groups.
<https://www.nps.gov/efmo/learn/education/planafieldtrip.htm>

Junior Ranger and Archaeology Day <https://www.nps.gov/efmo/learn/kidsyouth/index.htm>

More info found at Trip Advisor's Effigy Mounds link <https://bit.ly/3pprobW>

2) Driftless Area Wetlands Centre - <https://www.driftlessareawetlandcentre.com/> 509 US 18 PO Box 7 Marquette, IA 52158 Phone: (563) 873-3537

Nature center located near Marquette, Iowa providing interactive educational experiences for a diverse audience from families to students. Come explore and discover.

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3) Iowa Environmental Focus Blog (official blog of the University of Iowa Center for Global and Regional Environmental Research) is a non-profit source for Iowa-specific news, analysis, research, and commentary on the environment. It covers a range of topics including air and water quality, climate change, extreme weather, sustainable communities and green energy.

Driftless Areas specific info: <https://iowaenvironmentalfocus.org/tag/driftless-area/>

EnvIowa Podcast: <https://iowaenvironmentalfocus.org/multimedia/enviowa-podcast/> Excellent series of podcasts on topics such as science education, climate change, Iowa science standards, insect ecology, rechargeable batteries, flood mitigation, etc.

On the Radio: new radio segment called **Iowa Environmental Focus** with great topics such as bug invasion, drinking water, microplastics are everywhere, etc.

4) **Iowa Driftless Trout Unlimited** – links to fishing resources, hot topics, events, fly tying, etc.

Driftless Trout
Decorah, IA 52101
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Trout Unlimited has an education outreach mission and can be contacted toll free: 1-800-834-2419
<https://www.tu.org/get-involved/volunteer-tacklebox/diversity-initiative-youth-education-and-service-partnership-resources/youth-education-resources/>

5) **Northeast Iowa Collaboration Recognized Nationally for Environmental Education**
<https://bit.ly/3ikfWNT>

Recently recognized northeast Iowa for outstanding work in environmental education. The Nurturing Nature Explorers in Northeast Iowa Project received first place nationally for environmental education during NEAFCS's recent annual session, noted Cindy Thompson, human sciences specialist with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach and team coordinator for the project. "Nature Explore promotes research-based principles through hands-on workshops and outdoor classroom guiding principles," said Thompson, a certified Nature Explore trainer.

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6) **The Nature Conservancy** Iowa related <https://www.nature.org/en-us/get-involved/how-to-help/places-we-protect/the-driftless-area-region/>

Be sure to check out the web pages on various Iowa specific environmental topics including The Power of Wetlands <https://www.nature.org/en-us/about-us/where-we-work/united-states/iowa/stories-in-iowa/power-of-wetlands/>

7) **Algific Talus Slopes Iowa** - <https://www.iloveinspired.com/places/terrific-algific-talus-slopes-secret-ecosystems-in-the-driftless-region/> and **Algific Talus Slopes** | Iowa Land and Sky
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oGPDEA9Ea44>

8) **Caves and Caving** – Iowa <https://www.luther.edu/recservices/outdoor-recreation/activities/caves/>

Coldwater Cave: <https://caves.org/project/coldwater/index.html>

Exploring Iowa's Coldwater Cave by Iowa PBS: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LroJXsW9jAI>

9) **Decorah Fish Hatchery** <https://decorahfishhatchery.org/>

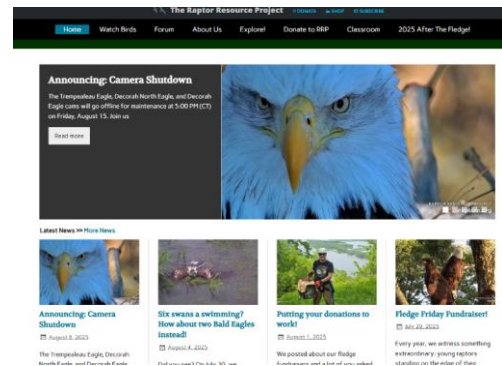
A visit to the Chuck Gipp Decorah Fish Hatchery can include seeing (and feeding!) trout, enjoying Iowa's second largest natural spring, fishing for trout, biking or walking on the [Trout Run Trail](#), or catching a glimpse of the area's most famous residents - the Decorah eagles.

10) **The Raptor Resource Project Decorah Eagles**
<https://www.raptorresource.org/birdcams/decorah-eagles/>

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John Howe

For media inquiries, please contact either Amy Ries (amy@raptorresource.org) or John Howe (john@raptorresource.org).



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Bird Cams 14 bird cams available: <https://www.raptorresource.org/birdcams/>

Online Learning

We annually engage several million people through our streaming and social media sites, including Explore.org, Facebook, Twitter, and our own website. Our moderators provide information to classrooms at no cost and our students range in age from preschool through seniors enrolled in life-long learning programs. Through the Decorah Eagle Cam and its other websites, the Raptor Resource Project provides the largest free wildlife education program in the world.

Are you an educator, a homeschooler, or a tutor? **We invite you to sign up for a classroom account here:** <https://www.raptorresource.org/classroom/>

Account holders must be at least 18 years of age to have an account, and the room is COPA-compliant. We look forward to chatting with you!