

Nature Detectives—Who made that footprint?

What kind of bone could that be? Who left that scat? This trunk lets students become "sleuths" as they learn to recognize the many clues animals leave behind while foraging and moving about. Lets children put their scientific skills to work as they hypothesize an animal's actions. (Trunk made possible by a grant from the *Junior League of Evansville*.)



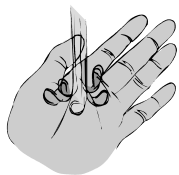
Raptors Rule!—The top spot on the food pyramid for many ecosystems may include awesome predators like hawks, owls, eagles, etc. Teachers and students learn fascinating facts and life histories of our many Birds of Prey. (Trunk made possible by a donation from the *Nussmeier Family*.)



Arachnids & Their Kin—Creepy, crawly spiders, tarantulas, scorpions, ticks and mites come to life through the information found in this Trunk's books, posters, and picture files. Teachers will also find puppets, activities and crafts to make this subject pretty cool to learn about. (Trunk made possible by a grant from the *Evansville Audubon Society*.)



Water Quality--How do you define clean water? This trunk's tools can help define, measure, and assess water "quality", and demonstrate the direct impact of land use and pollutants. Lesson plans, a groundwater model, a watershed model, CD-rom games, videos, books, monitoring equipment (nets, magnifying viewers, ID guides) and other tools are included to address concepts such as stormwater movement, watersheds, wetlands, and much more. Appropriate for 6th-12th grades. (Trunk made possible by the *Vanderburgh County Soil & Water Conservation District*.)

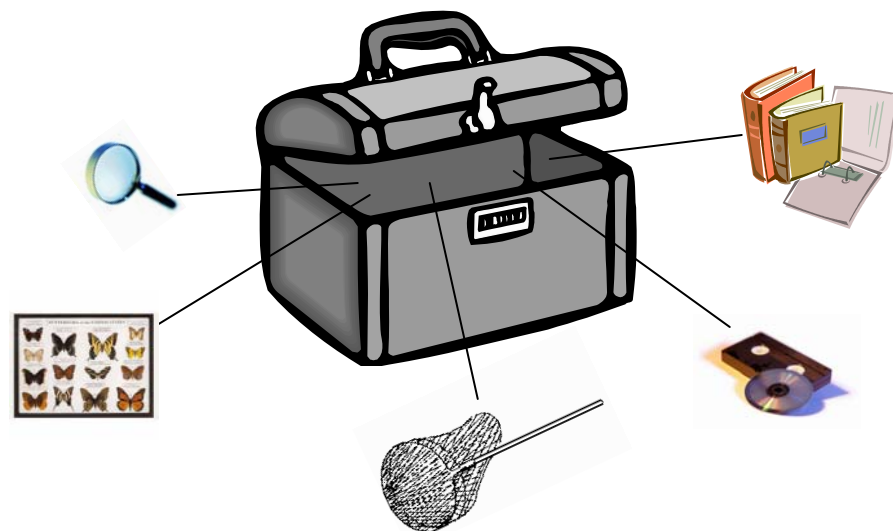


Wetlands—Discover the wonder of wetlands right in your own classroom with fun puppets, games, posters, videos, books, and much more! Packaged lesson plans will introduce students to the sights, sounds, and wildlife of wetlands, and why they are important. (Trunk made possible by a grant from the *Westside Improvement Association*.)



Proudly Presents:

Traveling Nature Trunks



What are Traveling Nature Trunks?

Nature trunks are single-topic, environmental resource kits which can be borrowed for use in the classroom. They are loaned free of charge to educators in the Tri-state region. (A returnable deposit is required to borrow a Trunk, and it may be kept on loan for up to two weeks.)

Any number of Trunk materials and activities can be used to satisfy Indiana Academic Standards. Each Trunk is designed to encompass multiple age levels, so activities can be picked to fit the needs of individual students. Trunks also make great pre or post studies for field trips taken at any of the WNS properties.

A typical Trunk might include: field guides, informational books, storybooks, posters, videos, specimens, models, puppets, craft ideas, nets, magnifying glasses, bug boxes, teacher's resource guides and reproducible worksheets, lesson plans, picture files, puzzles, games, coloring pages and **MORE...**

Contact the Nature Center today to reserve a Trunk for your classroom, home school, vacation bible school, day care or scout group.
Call 812-479-0771 today!

The following "Traveling Nature Trunks" are available:

All About Birds—From identification marks, adaptations of beaks and feet, breeding, nesting, migration information, and the mechanics of flight, to conservation and do's and don'ts of bird feeding, teachers and students learn "all about birds." (Trunk made possible by a grant from the *Evansville Audubon Society*.)



Eggs & Nests—Taking bird education a step further, real eggs and nests, accompanying literature, books, posters, and pictures provide students with an up-close look at bird reproduction. (Trunk made possible by the *Wesselman Nature Society*.)

Butterflies & Moths—Since chasing butterflies seems to be a favorite pastime of children, this trunk allows students a chance to explore these beautiful creatures in depth. Information about both butterflies and moths is included. (Trunk made possible by a grant from the *Junior League of Evansville*.)



Insects—Provides materials to help teachers and their students explore the amazing world of insects. Books, specimens, posters, and hands-on materials included. (Trunk made possible by the *Wesselman Nature Society*.)

Geology Rocks!—Fossils, rocks, gems, minerals, and land formations are all discussed in this Trunk full of guides, books, posters, and specimens. Great for sparking interest in young "Rock Hounds." (Trunk made possible by a donation from the *Nussmeier Family*.)



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