

WELCOME TO ALDERFER-OENSLAGER WILDLIFE SANCTUARY...



The wildlife sanctuary was originally donated in 1975 by Mrs. Ruth Oenslager.

Alderfer-Oenslager Wildlife Sanctuary offers a diversity of habitats including meadows, a tall grass prairie, forests, ponds, and wetlands. The area is named after the family that donated the original 103 acres to begin this site. The donation was made with the stipulation that the land be used for environmental education with an emphasis on programming for children. The park district acquired an additional 145 acres in 1999 to expand the area to 248 acres. Besides two ponds, the park has several trails guiding you through the wildlife sanctuary.



Chief Naturalist Dan Bertsch points out a frog on a Discover Nature Hike.



Be sure to visit the butterfly garden located at the rear of the building.

The Wolf Creek Environmental Center, located on the grounds of the wildlife sanctuary, houses classrooms, offices, and rest rooms. This facility provides space for park district nature programs that are conducted for school groups and the general public. A wide variety of habitats offer students opportunities for nature study.

The Wolf Creek Educational Wetlands, a project that recreated over four acres of this park's marsh ecosystem, has a boardwalk that permits visitors to travel "into" the wetland for study and wildlife



You can view the beautiful lily pads gracing the top of the pond while on the boardwalk.

viewing. A deep water pond provides opportunities for pond study.

For security, the center is closed to the public when school groups are on site. Since this is a wildlife sanctuary, we want to minimize disturbance to the natural communities. For that reason, pets, fishing, and picnicking are not permitted.

AS YOU VISIT...

- Please stay on designated trails
- Do not remove plants or natural objects of any kind
- Fishing, boating, picnicking, and pets are **not permitted**
- Respect private property owners adjacent to the park by not trespassing

LOCATION AND HOURS...

The Alderfer-Oenslager Wildlife Sanctuary is located at 6100 Ridge Road, just north of Sharon Center on State Route 94.

Monday - Closed
Tuesday - Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

For additional information on classroom or nature activities at Wolf Creek Environmental Center, please call us at 330-722-9364 or visit our website at www.medinacountyparks.com.



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