



"We abuse land because we see it as a commodity belonging to us. When we see land as a community to which we belong, we may begin to use it with love and respect."

ALDO LEOPOLD



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# GET INTO THE WILD

BECOME A MISSISSIPPI MASTER NATURALIST!





From the serene seashores and sea creatures along the Mississippi Coast to the towering trees and wildlife in state forests to the plants and wildlife in your own backyard, you can learn more about the natural treasures of Mississippi!

As a Mississippi Master Naturalist participant, you will receive scientific, research-based instruction that will teach you about all of Mississippi's natural wonders and how you can share your knowledge with others to benefit your community and our state.



#### LEARN ABOUT MAINTAINING, MANAGING, AND PRESERVING WILDLIFE AND HABITATS:

birds  
fish

insects  
mammals  
estuaries

forests  
coastlines  
soils

#### INCREASE COMMUNITY UNDERSTANDING OF

- ecology
- environmental stewardship
- human impacts
- natural resources

Anyone 18 or older can become a Master Naturalist!

You don't need a degree or years of experience—all you need is a love of the natural world and a passion for sharing what you learn!

#### GET CERTIFIED AS A MISSISSIPPI MASTER NATURALIST, AND JOIN THE NATURALIST COMMUNITY!

Participate in our basic training course. You'll go on several field trips as you complete 40 hours of training with wildlife and natural resource experts from around Mississippi.

Then, as part of your annual service commitment, you will better your community by sharing what you've learned with schoolchildren, organizations, and other stakeholders.

#### AS A MASTER NATURALIST, YOU WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO

- create educational materials and resources.
- teach adults and children about natural areas.
- give demonstrations and presentations to local groups.
- assist in the management of local natural areas.
- provide technical assistance to natural resource organizations.
- help people better understand and appreciate their natural environment and encourage environmental stewardship.
- build friendships and working relationships with others who love Mississippi's natural world as much as you do!

The possibilities are endless, limited only by your imagination!

