

The ODNR Division of Wildlife is the state agency responsible for managing Ohio's fish and wildlife resources. The primary source of funding for the division comes from the sale of hunting and fishing licenses, federal excise taxes on hunting, fishing, and shooting equipment, and donations from the public. We care about all wildlife and maintaining stable, healthy wildlife populations. Our challenge is to balance the needs of wildlife, habitat, and people.

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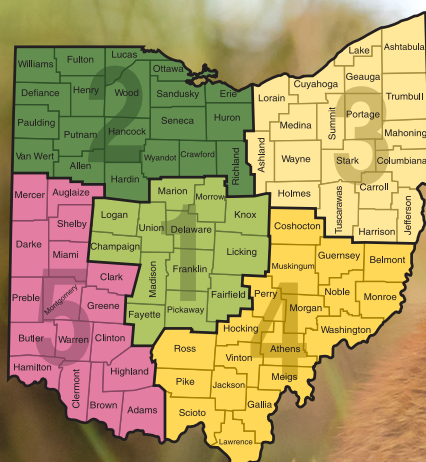
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EASTERN TIGER SALAMANDER
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A number of programs and resources are available to educators, volunteers, organizations, and the general public from the Division of Wildlife. These programs help meet our mission: To conserve and improve fish and wildlife resources and their habitats for sustainable use and appreciation by all.

Ohio Project WILD/Growing Up WILD

Project WILD is a supplementary education program emphasizing awareness, appreciation, and understanding of wildlife and natural resources. It meets state standards for science in pre-K through 12th-grade. It is available to all educators following attendance of a workshop.

Hunter and Trapper Education

Hunter Education is required for all first-time hunting license buyers in Ohio and is for people with little to no knowledge of hunting or firearms. The course is free and can be completed almost entirely from home if desired. A final in-person instruction session and certification test is required to complete the course. Days, times, and locations of courses vary by county.

WILD School Sites

A WILD School Site is any school property used by students, teachers, and the community as a place to learn about and benefit from wildlife and the environment. Eligible organizations and schools can receive a \$500 grant. Professional development is also available. Certification is available to sites that demonstrate program development and site enhancement.

Aquatic Education

Opportunities exist for interested adults to become a volunteer instructor for the Passport to Fishing program. Passport to Fishing is an aquatic education program that provides skills to any beginning angler to fish in their own community and also instills a strong conservation message. It is also a great supporting program to curriculum and activities in the new Aquatic WILD guide. Grants are available for programs with an aquatic learning session and hands-on fishing opportunity.

Shooting Sports Opportunities: NASP

The National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP) promotes student education and participation in the life-long sport of archery. The program's focus is to provide international-style target archery training in physical education classes for 4th through 12th-grade students in both individual and group settings, while teaching life lessons like self-respect, self-improvement, pride, social interaction, and discipline. Further, it meets national standards for physical activity and range of motion and allows everyone the ability to participate.