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Whitefish Lake Institute Unveils Kids' Discovery Guide for Living Wetlands Interpretive Nature Trail

WHITEFISH, MT, 1 May 2014 – The Whitefish Lake Institute today announced the availability of the *Living Wetlands Interpretive Nature Trail "Discovery Guide"*—an activity book created for kids and their parents or teachers visiting the trail. Developed to meet Montana's fifth grade science curriculum standards, activities in the Guide promote individual learning and discovery in the outdoors through fun and engaging projects.

"We are thrilled to provide this opportunity for kids visiting the trail to participate in scientific discovery in the wetland environment," noted Lori Curtis, Science and Education Director for the Whitefish Lake Institute. "In addition to promoting individual learning and discovery in the outdoors, the guide also provides an introduction to field journaling, guiding kids on a journey of viewing the world as young naturalists."

The guide complements the 14 interpretive signs and six benches that are placed along the trail, leading young citizens on their own adventure to enjoy and discover the wetland. There are lessons in species identification, opportunities to describe the functions of natural systems, and activities to define a wetland food web. Parents and teachers will find activities that require writing, drawing, and quiet observing.

Discovery Guide Availability

Discovery Guides are provided to Whitefish fifth grade science teachers on request. They can be downloaded from the WLI website and printed (http://www.whitefishlake.org/docs/DiscoveryGuide021014_web.pdf); and limited hard copies are available from the Whitefish Lake Institute by calling 406.862.4327.

About Whitefish Lake Institute

Founded in 2005, the Whitefish Lake Institute is a 501 (3)(c) non-profit organization committed to science, education, and community stewardship to protect and improve Whitefish Lake and Whitefish area water resources today, while providing a collective vision for tomorrow.

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