

# Dragonflies & Damselflies

## Presentation and Nature Walk

Thursday, August 18, 1:30 – 4pm

Presentation: Lussier Family Heritage Center, 3101 Lake Farm Rd, Madison 53711

Walk: W. G. Lunney Lake Farm County Park shelter 2, 4330 Libby Rd, Madison, 53711

*Presenter Bob Honig, Master Naturalist and Odonata enthusiast*

*Hosted by the Friends of Capital Springs Recreation Area & Lussier Family Heritage Center*



*Dragonflies and damselflies together comprise the insect order Odonata. These raptors of the insect world are important in both terrestrial and aquatic food webs. The adults' beautiful colors and easily observable habits have made them a favorite among naturalists.*

In the presentation, you'll hear about how these insects make their livings. You'll learn details of mating and reproduction and find out answers to such questions as: Is it possible to breathe and poop via the same orifice? Can dragonflies prey on birds? What backyard pond features will attract dragonflies and damselflies? You'll get familiar with some of the common species in our area.

After the slide presentation, we'll head outdoors where you'll have an opportunity to observe and identify these insects in the field at a pond at Lunney Lake Farm County Park. You'll see adult dragonflies and damselflies exhibiting some of the behaviors addressed during the presentation. It will also provide an opportunity to look at their larvae and other aquatic critters we catch with a dip net. Please wear appropriate shoes for walking on grass trails, and bring sun protection as well as drinking water.

**Please sign up here:** <https://lussierheritagecenter.com/Event/Detail/1347>

Capacity is limited, so sign up today! This is a free event.

*Questions?* Contact Friends naturalist Clare at [carlson.clare@countyofdane.com](mailto:carlson.clare@countyofdane.com).

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