

FAQ: Should I attend the 2021 virtual Wetland Science Conference?



How will a virtual Wetland Science Conference be different from WWA's traditional conference?

We know everyone will miss the hallway conversations and networking that happen at an in-person. That's why we've selected a virtual event platform that will encourage conversations and the sharing of ideas with fellow attendees, speakers, exhibitors, and sponsors. You'll have one-click access to the virtual Wetland Science Conference, including oral sessions, a special hydrologic restoration symposium, a virtual poster session, virtual wetland field trips, workshops, working groups, and more—all in one online location.

You'll be able to search the attendee list by name, title, affiliation, and more to connect with those you want to meet via text or video chat. Join a discussion session or a roundtable conversation and go in-depth on a particular topic. We will continue to add updates throughout the fall on ways you can connect with the Wisconsin wetland community before, during, and after the Wetland Science Conference via the virtual event platform.

What are the hardware requirements to attend the Wetland Science Conference online?

You need a computer (or mobile device) that is connected to the internet and capable of playing audio. Computers should have sufficient RAM to handle streaming video. We recommend that you close other applications that use a lot of RAM during the conference.

What are the software requirements to attend the Wetland Science Conference online?

For desktop users, our virtual event platform works best with Google Chrome. The app does *not* run properly on Internet Explorer. We recommend you install all operating system updates prior to the conference.

What are the network (internet) requirements to attend the Wetland Science Conference online?

A stable and high-speed internet connection will improve your conference experience. If your wifi is spotty, you may want to use a hard-wired internet connection during the conference. We recommend that you close any other apps on your computer or mobile device so they are not using your internet bandwidth when you are trying to participate in the conference.

Do I need to select my conference session selections in advance?

No, you will be able to pick and choose which conference sessions you would like to join, and all sessions will be available as on-demand recordings after the conference until August 31, 2021. No need to worry about how you can be in two (or three) places at once! You do need to sign up for workshops (which have limited capacity and a small fee) when you register for the conference. The virtual event platform lets you select sessions for your personal schedule and sends you reminders when it's time for you to tune in.

Which sessions will I have access to if I attend the conference virtually?

The Wetland Science Conference will offer sessions over four days. The platform also features plenary sessions, virtual field trips, roundtable conversations, discussion boards, exhibits, and more. You will be able to select the session of your choice and switch between them if desired. If you want to attend more than one session happening at the same time, no problem! We will record and post all presentations. All-Access Pass registrants will also be able to attend live Q&A sessions with presenters.

If you register for on-demand-only content, you will have access to recorded conference content after March 1, 2021. We will not post recordings of the live Q&A with presenters and other live content. See the table at conference.wisconsinwetlands.org/registration to compare the All-Access Pass with the On-Demand Only Pass.