

## NOAA B-WET Project: Posen Schools

## STATE PARK STEWARDSHIP



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Field visits to Thompson Harbor State Park helped high schoolers fall in love with a unique state park and resource very close to them. They were able to explore the diverse ecosystem in the park, learn about the plants and wildlife as well as pick up several pounds of trash from the Lake Huron shoreline. They learned about the many ways marine debris comes to be, and how trash on land often works it way into the Great Lakes. They brainstormed prevention ideas and how they can spread the word to positively influence their friends, family and community to help limit marine debris.

Posen middle schoolers were able to focus on a Great Lakes curriculum and end the session with a trip to the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary. They toured the museum, set sail on the Lady Michigan to view shipwrecks and picked up trash along the river. Through BWET connections, securing a National Park Trust grant Kids to Parks Day made this field visit possible.



- 16 seniors involved at **Thompson Harbor State** Park
- 26 8th & 9th graders learning Great Lakes curriculum and ending their chapter with a trip on the Lady Michigan and to the Maritime Museum

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