

Rob Carmichael

Curator

Rob founded the WDC in 1996, realizing a life-long goal of running a living natural history museum that's centered around community involvement, wildlife and conservation. He received his bachelor's degree at Elmhurst College where he studied Biology and Education and was also inducted into the college's Sports Hall of Fame for his baseball accomplishments. He then earned a M.S. degree (Environmental Science/Education/Parks and Rec.) from George Williams College of Aurora University and hopes to complete his PhD in the future.

Rob has spoken at many conferences, workshops and symposia on crocodile conservation and biology, venomous reptiles and captive breeding of endangered species. He has written chapters in several books and is actively engaged in field research of native reptiles, in addition to special projects such as the conservation of the Siamese Crocodile.

When not running the WDC, Rob is an adjunct faculty member at the College of Lake County, Division of Biological and Health Sciences. Rob is married, with two daughters, and resides in Lake Forest.

