

Nature Center General Field Trips



Our skilled naturalists love to share information with community groups, senior centers, scout groups, libraries, homeschool co-ops, families and others at either Red Oaks or Wint nature centers. Programs are available by appointment Tuesday-Sunday year-round.

Most field trips are 90 minutes and include an interactive talk, hike and time in the exhibit room. Select from our list of popular programs or ask a naturalist about a topic of your choice.

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- Each field trip includes an interactive talk, hike and time in the exhibit room
- Fee is \$3/person. Some programs may require an additional \$1-\$3 material fee
- For most programs, Red Oaks Nature Center, located in Madison Heights, can accommodate group sizes of up to 50 individuals
- Wint Nature Center, located within Independence Oaks County Park in Clarkston, can accommodate group sizes up to 90 individuals. Larger groups may be accommodated when staffing levels allow



Our naturalists also work with Michigan classroom teachers to design school field trip offerings that reinforce grade-level curriculum. Please visit our website or call the nature centers and let us help your learners grow this school year! For a list of curriculum topics, please visit our website.

Ready to book or have questions? Contact your nearest nature center to speak to one of our friendly team members.



Wint Nature Center
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Red Oaks Nature Center
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See reverse side for program offerings

Topic	Location	Description	Season
Maple Sugar Then and Today	Both	Learn about the regionally significant process of maple sugaring. Investigate the science of sap, taste a sweet treat and talk about the different tools and processes used through time. There is an additional fee of \$2/person for tasting and materials.	February-March
Letterboxing Adventure	Both	Learn about this international scavenger hunt pastime. Solve clues to unravel the riddle on the trail. Craft a stamp to leave in the logbook and start your nature journal with a stamp at the end of the adventure. There is an additional fee of \$2/person for stamp and journal.	Spring-Fall
Taking Flight	RONC	Explore why some feathered friends are just passing through, while others reside in the park year-round. Dive into bird anatomy and learn the basics of birding while you enjoy the sights and songs of the trail.	Spring and Fall
Pond Study 101	Wint	See real macroinvertebrates that live in our waterways up close and personal. Learn how biologists use their presence to determine water quality. If your group chooses, dip net your own sample from Crooked Lake for an additional fee of \$2/person. Participants must be ages 8+ for this optional dip net activity.	May-September
Insect Investigation	Both	Insects make up 80% of the world's known animal species. Become an Entomologist as you take a close-up look at specimens and discover what makes an insect a bug. Take a hike to find and identify local insects.	Summer
Apples, Trees and Cider, Please!	Both	Michigan is the #3 apple producer in the U.S. Discover how beautiful blossoms develop into apples, try your hand at our cider press and hike to see what trees are doing in the fall. Enjoy a tart taste of Michigan cider for \$1/cider taster.	Fall
Tracks on Tees	Both	Learn about our winter friends and investigate how to find them. Look for the clues they leave us on the trail. For \$1/printer, participants can stamp animal tracks on a T-shirt that they provide.	All, but best in winter
Seasonal Talk and Hike	Both	Discover the wonders of the season. Learn what animals are doing and take a hike to see the seasonal sights.	All
Animal Homes and Habitats	Both	Discover the places animals call home and what makes them the perfect fit.	All
Michigan Wildlife	Both	Michigan is home to an amazing array of animals. "Meet" our locals during a nature talk, enjoy our nature center residents and exhibits, and take a seasonal hike to spot wildlife in the park.	All
Michigan State Symbols	Both	Discover the signs and symbols of the great state of Michigan! Learn the scuttlebutt on the state bird debate, see our state gemstone and take a hike to see what state symbols you can spot along the trail.	All
Portable Planetarium	Both	Enjoy a tour of the current night sky inside our portable, indoor, inflatable planetarium. A naturalist will teach you how to starhop through the constellations so you can go home and try it yourself tonight! Portable planetarium programs are designed for ages 6+.	All