

Other Educational Opportunities

Custom Programs

If you don't see what you're looking for, give us a call! We'll do our best to design or adapt a program to meet your educational goals. Custom programs can be done at Lincoln Marsh or in your classroom. Past requested topics have included birds, bats, plants, food chains, skulls and themed nature walks.

Conservation Service Learning Projects

Stewardship is important to us! We are not only here to help you enjoy and appreciate the many wonders of nature, we're also working to preserve and restore the habitats that our native plants and animals need to thrive and survive. Get active with your students or group by enhancing the natural world and inspire them to enjoy and respect the outdoors while participating in a service learning project. There is no cost, and all of the necessary tools are provided.

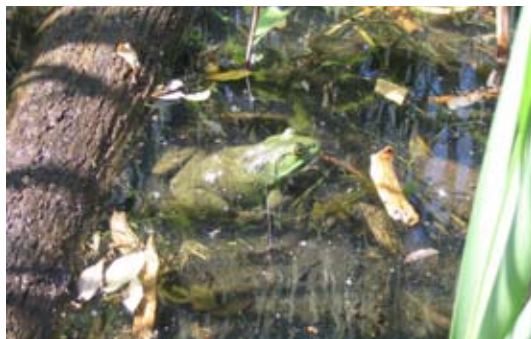
Outdoor Adventure Programs

An adventure awaits you and your students or group! We offer the following outdoor programs:

- Teams and Ropes Course
- Canoeing (Northside Park)
- Snowshoeing
- Geocaching
- Orienteering



For any of the above programs, call for more information and pricing.



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Details & Fees

Group Size: PreK & K: maximum 25 participants/program
Grades 1-5: maximum 30 participants/program

Program Length: PreK & K: 45 minutes
Grades 1-5: 1 hour

Fees

Field Trips:

In District #200: \$3/participant
Out of District #200: \$4.50/participant
Minimum fee per program: \$45

Nature in your Classroom (Outreach):

Fees are per class (maximum class size is 30) and are discounted when class visits are scheduled to run consecutively.

– In District #200:

- \$70/program
- \$60 for additional programs, when scheduled consecutively with less than 30 minutes between programs

– Out of District #200:

- \$90/program
- \$80 for additional programs, when scheduled consecutively with less than 30 minutes between programs.

There is an additional fee for travel outside of Wheaton.

The above information does not apply to Teaming with Nature or the Wetlands Education Program. Please call for details and pricing for these two programs.

Reservations

- Reservations should be made at least two weeks in advance; earlier registration is appreciated and recommended.
- We have a covered picnic shelter at the Lincoln Marsh – reservations must be made at the time the program is scheduled.

Payments

- Payment is required **two weeks prior** to your program date. Payments received any later will be subject to a **\$25 late fee**.
- Payment is not accepted onsite.

Cancellation Policy

- The last day for a group to cancel *without penalty* is two weeks prior to the program date.
- Groups canceling with less than two weeks notice **will be charged 25% of the total fee**.
- Groups canceling with less than 24 hours notice **will be charged the full amount**.
- The Wheaton Park District reserves the right to cancel a program if staff determines it is unsafe due to inclement weather. Groups may reschedule or receive a partial refund if the program was in progress.



Lincoln Marsh Natural Area

Nature Discovery PROGRAMS

Schools and Groups

Nature Interpretation and Environmental Education
FIELD TRIPS & OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES



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Nature Discovery Programs

Nature Interpretation and Environmental Education

For Preschool-Grade 5



Field Trips

Bring your class or group to discover the wonders of nature among the 146 acres of woodland, wetlands and prairie. A naturalist will lead your class on an exciting, hands-on exploration.

Preschool-Kindergarten: Mouse Walk

Students are magically transformed into field mice and quickly realize what they need to survive. Through games, role-play, and a short hike, children are delighted to use their senses and imagination.

Addresses Illinois Learning Standards: Science

- 11.A.ECa, 11.A.ECb, 12.A.ECa, 12.A.ECb, 12.B.EC, 12.E.ECa, 12.F.EC, 13.B.ECa
- 12.A.1a, 12.A.1b, 12.B.1a, 12.B.1b, 12.E.1b

Preschool-2nd Grade: Sensory Hike

Creative hands-on activities help students appreciate their senses while they discover that everything in nature has a unique smell, touch, sound and look.

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- 11.A.ECa, 11.A.ECb, 12.A.ECa, 12.A.ECb, 12.C.EC, 13.B.ECa
- 12.A.1a, 12.A.1b, 12.C.1b, 13.A.1a,

Preschool-3rd Grade: Insectmania

Join us as we set out on a six-legged adventure to actively explore the exciting lives of insects. Discover how they are similar and different and what makes them important.

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- 11.A.ECa, 11.A.ECb, 11.B.ECa, 12.A.ECa, 12.A.ECb, 12.B.EC, 12.F.EC, 13.A.EC, 13.B.ECa
- 12.A.1a, 12.A.1b, 12.A.2a, 12.B.1a, 12.B.1b, 12.B.2a, 12.B.2b

Preschool-3rd Grade: Nature's Recyclers

Join us as we head into nature's basement to meet the clean up crew of the forest floor. We'll investigate the lives and roles of millipedes, centipedes and other decomposers in the environment.

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- 12.A.1a, 12.A.1b, 12.A.2a, 12.B.1a, 12.B.1b, 12.B.2a, 12.B.2b

Preschool-5th Grade: Wetland Explorations

Explore the Lincoln Marsh first hand as students discover what a wetland is, who calls it home, and why wetlands are important.

Addresses Illinois Learning Standards: Science

- 11.A.ECa, 11.A.ECb, 11.B.ECa, 12.A.ECa, 12.A.ECb, 12.B.EC, 12.E.ECa, 12.F.EC, 13.A.EC, 13.B.ECa
- 11.A.1a, 11.A.1b, 11.A.1c, 11.A.1f, 11.A.2a, 11.A.2b, 11.A.2d, 12.A.1a, 12.A.1b, 12.A.2a, 12.B.1a, 12.B.1b, 12.B.2a, 12.B.2b, 12.E.2a

4th & 5th Grades: Teaming With Nature

Spend a day at the Lincoln Marsh discovering the wonders of nature and building team skills. This program combines environmental and experiential education activities to form a unique educational experience.

Please call for program details and pricing. This program is designed to meet educational goals of individual classes.

4th & 5th Grades: Wetlands Education Program

Bring your students to the Lincoln Marsh to participate in hands-on, experience-based lessons that demonstrate the values of wetlands. During this four-hour field trip, your students learn that wetlands improve water quality, control flooding, are an important habitat, and provide a place for recreational activities. The Wetlands Education Program can accommodate groups of up to 100 students. The best time to schedule this program is late April through early June. Space fills up quickly so book your program early. Visit our website for Illinois learning standards addressed. **Please call for program details and pricing.**



Nature in Your Classroom (Outreach)

Can't come to Lincoln Marsh? Let us bring a little nature to you. Invite a naturalist from the Wheaton Park District to visit your classroom for a fun-filled, hands-on lesson.

Preschool-Kindergarten: The Unhuggables: Nature's Super Heroes

Students learn the important roles that bats, bees and spiders play in nature. This program includes participatory activities and songs that help to dispel the fear and misunderstanding associated with these "unhuggable" critters.

Addresses Illinois Learning Standards: Science

- 11.A.ECa, 12.A.ECa, 12.A.ECb, 12.B.EC, 12.F.EC, 13.B.ECa
- 12.A.1a, 12.A.1b, 12.B.1a, 12.B.1b

Preschool-Kindergarten: Winter Adaptations

Through music and play, students come to understand the challenges faced by native animals during the winter and are introduced to the concepts of migration, hibernation, and adaptation.

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- 12.A.1a, 12.A.1b, 12.B.1a, 12.E.1b

Preschool-3rd Grade: Insect Investigations

What makes an insect an insect? Students participate in a hands-on investigation to discover insect characteristics. Program also includes a visit with a live six-legged creature.

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- 12.A.ECa, 12.B.EC, 13.B.ECa
- 12.A.1a, 12.A.1b, 12.A.2a, 12.B.1a, 12.B.1b, 12.B.2a, 12.B.2b

Preschool-3rd Grade: Marsh Mysteries

Help us build a model marsh and find out who calls this habitat home. We'll meet wetland critters and explore the mysteries of the marsh!

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- 12.A.1a, 12.A.1b, 12.A.2a, 12.B.1a, 12.B.1b, 12.B.2a, 12.B.2b

Preschool-5th Grade: Who's The Wise Bird?

Owls are birds of prey with many unique adaptations. Our naturalist brings owl biofacts to your classroom for a program that explores the mysteries of this nocturnal bird.

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- 12.A.1a, 12.A.1b, 12.B.1a, 12.B.1b, 12.B.2a, 12.B.2b

Preschool-5th Grade: Those Amazing Animals!

Students uncover the lives of "those amazing animals" during this hands-on program where they examine and touch specimens and/or live animals. Our naturalist can tailor this program to your educational goals by focusing on one of the following options.

- Option 1 Focus on animal adaptations
- Option 2 Difference between animal groups
- Option 3 Focus on a specific animal group

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