



Audubon Nature Explorations

Interactive nature programs for school and community

Exploring the Secrets of the Forest September 22-October 29

In the fall, would your students enjoy learning about the kinds of animals that live in the Maine forest? They might find their tracks and signs, and study mounts of the real thing. They will learn the kinds of trees of the Maine forest by experience—shake hands with the fir tree. Smell its sweet fragrance. Shake hands with the spruce—ouch! It's spikey. For older students, we go into concepts of ecology, but we always teach through experience.



Exploration Details

Ages:

Groups ages 5 and up

Start Times Between:

8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Cost:

2-hour program

\$4.50/person

\$45 group minimum

Reservations Necessary:

Please call Fields Pond Audubon at (207) 989-2591
or email





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Payment:

Payment is due in full on the day of your program. School purchase orders are accepted.



Exploring Animal Tracks in Winter January - February

    Students love the mystery and excitement of following animal tracks in winter. What animal is it? Is it a predator, or a prey species? Some animals are both! Our naturalists will help students learn how to identify tracks, and how to interpret its behavior. For older students, we teach how to measure tracks and estimate how many animals are in the fields and woods.

Exploring the Signs of Spring

March - April

Many people complain, "Maine has NO Spring. We go from winter right into summer." We have a wonderful Spring! But you have to look for it: insects on the snow; the melting of the snow; finding secret mice tunnels under the grass or snow; finding mole tunnels; finding tiny flowers blooming, buds swelling, green grass under the snow, the sap running in maples and in other trees; the arrival of new spring birds; and much more. Come learn the subtle signs of spring—it will cheer you up, as well as your students.



Exploring the Wonderful Wetlands

May - June

Wetlands teem with animals that will fascinate your students. Students especially love frogs, salamanders and snakes—and will love learning about them. Older students love to learn that Maine has nine species, and how to identify some of them and the sounds they make. Also, many people know that wetlands are important for animals—but how do wetlands help people? We demonstrate how they help people, too.

Program Features

An emphasis on using all senses to explore and experience nature outdoors.

Small-group, age appropriate discovery activities that introduce students to key ecological concepts.

Opportunities to learn about connections between the environment and human history.

Flexibility to adapt program content to include special interests or specific Maine State Learning Results Content Standards.

Teacher packets containing hands-on activities, ecological information, and resource list.

Opportunities to custom design a program.