

# Details & Fees

## Nature Discovery Field Trips

### Group Size

Maximum 30 participants/program

### Program Length

45 minutes – 1 hour

### Fees

In Wheaton/Dist. 200: \$4/participant (min. \$60 program)

Out of Wheaton/Dist. 200: \$5/participant (min. \$75 program)

## Nature in Your Classroom

### Group Size

Maximum 30 participants/program

### Program Length

45 minutes – 1 hour

### Fees

In Wheaton/Dist. 200: \$85/program (\$75/additional program\*)

Out of Wheaton/Dist. 200: \$105/program (\$95/additional program\*) plus travel fee based on distance

\*Additional programs are those scheduled less than 30 minutes after the preceding program.

## Outdoor Adventures

### Group Size

Maximum 30 participants/program, unless otherwise noted

### Program Length

1.5 hours

### Fees

#### Geocaching/Orienteering/Snowshoeing:

In Wheaton/Dist. 200: \$7/participant (min. \$70/ program)

Out of Wheaton/Dist. 200: \$8.75/participant (min. \$87.50/program)

#### Canoeing:

In Wheaton/Dist. 200: \$9/participant (min. \$90/program)

Out of Wheaton/Dist. 200: \$11.25/participant (min. \$112.50/program)

## Nighttime Nature Programs

### Group Size

Maximum 30 participants/program

### Program Length

1.5 hours

### Fees

In Wheaton/Dist. 200: \$9/participant (min. \$90/program)

Out of Wheaton/Dist. 200: \$11.25/participant (min. \$112.50/program)

## Reservations

Reservations should be made at least two weeks in advance; earlier reservations are appreciated and recommended.

A covered picnic shelter may be available for use before/after your program. Reservations must be made at the time the program is scheduled.

Add a Campfire: \$40 for 1 hour, optional add-on of \$1/ person for hot chocolate and marshmallows.

Onsite programs are held entirely outdoors and are conducted rain or shine except when inclement weather creates unsafe conditions.

Outreach programs require an area large enough for students to sit in a half circle. If you don't have a space to meet, please contact us to make arrangements.

## Payments

Payment is due two weeks prior to program date.

Payments received any later are subject to a \$25 late fee.

## Cancellation Policy

No refunds will be given for a decrease in the number of participants with less than two weeks notice.

The last day to cancel a program without penalty is two weeks prior to the program date.

Programs canceled with less than two weeks notice will be charged 25% of the total fee.

Programs canceled 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.

## Here's What Participants Have to Say...

*"The staff was knowledgeable about the lessons they were teaching and were able to enrich our lessons in the classroom."*

*"We're always impressed with the passion that staff clearly have for the environment and marsh. Passionate staff members keep students more engaged."*

*"Everything was so organized and timed perfectly! The students enjoyed their experience at Lincoln Marsh very much!"*

*"The instructors were great! Very enthusiastic and good dealing with children."*



**Our Mission:** To increase awareness and appreciation for our connections to the earth and to each other through educational and social experiences in a healthy ecosystem.

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# Schools & Groups



# Nature Discovery Field Trips

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## Terrific Trees!

*Preschool – Kindergarten*

Discover how terrific trees really are! We'll learn the parts of a tree and how trees can be homes for animals then go on a hike to see how many different trees we can find.

## Mouse Walk

*Preschool – Kindergarten*

Come and be magically transformed into field mice! Through games, role-play, and a short hike, we'll use our senses and imagination to discover what mice need to survive.

## Insectmania

*Preschool – 3rd Grade*

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

## Nature's Recyclers

*Preschool – 3rd Grade*

Head into nature's basement to meet the cleanup crew of the forest floor. We'll investigate the lives and roles of millipedes, centipedes, and other decomposers.

## Discovery Hikes

*Preschool – 5th Grade*

Bring nature to life as we hike through the beautiful Lincoln Marsh while learning about one of the following themes: Seasons, Birds, Plants, Animals, or Senses. Interested in something not on the list? We may be able to accommodate.

## Wetland Explorations

*Preschool – 5th Grade*

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

## Wetlands Education Program

*4th – 5th Grade*

Participate in hands-on, experience-based lessons that demonstrate the values of wetlands. During this four-hour field trip, we'll 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. Please call for program details and pricing.*



# Nature in Your Classroom (Outreach)

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## The Unhuggables: Nature's Super Heroes

*Preschool – Kindergarten*

Learn the important roles that bats, bees, and spiders play in nature. We'll sing songs and share in activities that help to dispel the fear and misunderstanding associated with these unhuggable critters.

## Winter Adaptations

*Preschool – Kindergarten*

Through music and play, we'll come to understand the challenges faced by native animals during the winter and be introduced to the concepts of migration, hibernation, and adaptation.

## Insect Investigations

*Preschool – 3rd Grade*

What makes an insect an insect? Discover insect characteristics and visit with a live six-legged creature.

## Marsh Mysteries

*Preschool – 3rd Grade*

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!

## Who's The Wise Bird?

*Preschool – 5th Grade*

Explore the mysteries of owls! We'll examine owl biofacts and discover the many unique adaptations of this nocturnal predator.

## Those Amazing Animals!

*Preschool – 5th Grade*

Learn about amazing animals while examining and touching specimens and live animals. We can focus on one of the following options: animal adaptations, differences between animal groups, or a specific animal group.

# Nighttime Nature Programs

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Nighttime Nature Programs are for all ages and include a campfire and marshmallow roast.

## Owl Prowl

Discover the native owls that call Lincoln marsh home and hit the trails in search of these magnificent nocturnal predators. Available October – December.

## Night Hike

Go on a hike and discover the mysteries lurking in the dark at Lincoln Marsh.

## Campfire Magic

Enjoy songs and stories around a blazing campfire.

# Outdoor Adventures

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## Geocaching

*1st Grade – Adult*

Explore Lincoln Marsh while using GPS units to find hidden treasures. *Chaperones are needed for every 5 participants under the age of 18.*

## Orienteering

*1st Grade – Adult*

Learn how to use a compass including taking a bearing and walking paces then find your way through the orienteering course at Lincoln Marsh. *Chaperones are needed for every 5 participants under the age of 18.*

## Snowshoeing

*1st Grade – Adult*

Enjoy a guided snowshoe hike through the picturesque Lincoln Marsh finished off with a campfire. *Optional add-on of \$1/person for hot chocolate and marshmallows. Includes use of snowshoes. Must have at least 3" of snow. Maximum participants: 14 adult/youth & 5 children.*

## Canoeing

*1st Grade – Adult*

Come out and paddle around Northside Park Lagoon. Program includes basic instruction. *Maximum 16–24 participants (2–3 people per canoe). Children ages 6–8 must have one adult in each canoe.*

# Custom Programs

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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. You can also build your own program utilizing a combination of our Challenge Course, Outdoor Adventure and/or Nature Discovery options.