



Indian Rock Field Trips General Descriptions

First American Experiences

Foods of the Earth (1 Hour)

Observe firsthand the various foods, gathered and cultivated, by the Native Americans. Students will sample a variety of native foods.

Fee: \$80.00 per class up to 20 students
\$4.00 for each additional student

Max. Classes: 1

Grades: K-6th

Native American Tools (1 Hour)

Investigate the uses of Native American tools through viewing relics and using reproductions. Learn what materials are used to create tools, observe and participate in the making of a tool that you will bring back to the classroom.

Fee: \$80.00 per class up to 20 students
\$4.00 for each additional student

Max. Classes: 1

Grades: K-6th

Tunxis Indians (1 Hour)

Visit Indian Rock and learn about its legend. Take a tractor drawn hayride to the Wigwam and unearth the history of the first inhabitants of our Preserve.

Fee: \$80.00 per class up to 20 students
\$4.00 for each additional student

Max. Classes: 2

Grades: K-6th

Wigwam Adventure (1 Hour)

Travel back in time during your visit to our authentic Native American Wigwam. Nestled deep within the forest preserve, you will rediscover how the Native Americans lived in harmony with the natural world.

Fee: \$80.00 per class up to 20 students
\$4.00 for each additional student

Max. Classes: 2

Grades: K-6th

Early American Experiences

Colonial Cooking (1 Hour)

This is a demonstration of various cooking methods and equipment used to prepare a meal over a fireplace. Boiling, baking, frying, and toasting methods are covered. Students will be able to participate in the cooking and will have an opportunity to taste some foods.

Fee: \$125.00 per class up to 20 students

\$6.25 for each additional student (Max of 5 Additional Students)

Max. Classes: 4

Grades: K-5th

Add on Programs For Colonial Cooking

Corn Husk Dolls (1 Hour)

Each student will be able to make their very own corn husk doll that they will be able to bring home. A corn husk doll is a Native American toy, the doll made out of the dried corn husks.

Fee: \$80.00 per class up to 20 students

\$4.00 for each additional student

Colonial Farm (1 Hour)

Students take a hayride down to the farm where they will collect eggs, milk and make butter. Students will also be told how each animal contributes something and why a farm was important to the colonial people.

Fee: \$80.00 per class up to 20 students

\$4.00 for each additional student

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\$4.00 for each additional student

The Sampler (1 Hour)

The food prepared will be sampled at the end when all classes will gather together for a sit down for a one hour mini meal. Chicken, pie, soup and biscuits will be served. Students need to bring a bag lunch and two drinks.

Fee: \$80.00 per class up to 20 students

\$4.00 for each additional student

Farm Life Experiences

Apples & Cider (1.5 Hours)

Visit and learn about the orchard and get to pick your own apple to take back to the classroom with you. Sample varieties of apples while you learn their tastes and uses; press and sample your very own fresh apple cider. (Available: September and October)

Fee: \$120.00 per class up to 20 students

\$6.00 for each additional student

Max. Classes: 6

Grades: K-4th

Bees and Honey (1.5 Hours)

Investigate the life of a honey bee and the inner workings of a hive; see how honey is made and taste different types of honey. This is a three part program that involves: visiting the hive, a slide presentation on the inner workings of a hive, and tasting different types of honey.

Fee: \$120.00 per class up to 20 students

\$6.00 for each additional student

Max. Classes: 3

Grades: K-4th

Farm Tour (1.5 hours)

Our guides will lead groups on a tour of the farm and spend 15 minutes with each animal including; chickens, cow, sheep, pig, turkey or rabbit. Students will use the farm as a fun way to learn about living things, understand the different ways animals get food and water and observe the appearance and behavior of different animals and how they move around.

Fee: \$120.00 per class up to 20 students

\$6.00 for each additional student

Max. Classes: 5

Grades: K-4th

Add On Hayride (30 minutes)

Have you ever been on a hayride? Well, there's something about the smell of dry grass, crisp autumn air and bright fall colors that instills that old time feeling of days gone by. You can get back in touch with yesterday on an engine pulled hayride through the woodlands and around the waters of the Preserve. The hayride is a great addition to one of our other programs.

Fee: \$40.00 per class up to 20 students

\$2.00 for each additional student

Nature Experiences

Discovery Ride (1.5 Hours)

Students will enjoy a fun way to discover the different environments that make up the woodlands and waters of the Preserve on an engine pulled hay wagon. The ride will stop at places of interest to touch, smell and observe life on the Preserve.

Fee: \$120.00 per class up to 20 students

\$6.00 for each additional student

Max. Classes: 2

Grades: K-3rd

Forest Community (2 Hours)

Students will learn the concept of ground cover, under story and canopy to determine the health and history of the forest. The relationship between plant and animal life of the forest will also be examined.

Fee: \$160.00 per class up to 20 students

\$8.00 for each additional student

Max. Classes: 3

Grades: 3rd – 5th

Fall Foliage Walk (1.5 Hours)

Experience the forest at its colorful best. Unravel the reasons for the changes in the woodland colors, begin a leaf collection for the classroom, and learn how plants and animals have adapted various strategies to survive winter. **(Available: October – November)**

Fee: \$120.00 per class up to 20 students

\$6.00 for each additional student

Max classes: 4

Grades: 1st – 5th

Life Cycles of Plants (1.5 hours)

Students will visit our wildflower patch, apple orchard and forest for a hands-on exploration of flowering plants and trees. We will review the parts of a flower and see examples of annuals, perennials and biennials. In the orchard, students will learn about buds, leaves, fruit formation and terminal end bud scars which show yearly branch growth. In the forest, we will study an Oak tree's life cycle, age a living tree to see the growth rings and how water, sunlight affect the tree's health. We will also examine the decomposition of a log and leaf litter to complete the life cycle. **(Available: September – October & May – June)**

Fee: \$120.00 per class up to 20 students

\$6.00 for each additional student

Max. Classes: 3

Grades: 2nd – 5th

Pond Study (3 Hours)

This program will lead students into an investigation of the ecology of the pond and its watershed, focusing on the plant and animal relationships in this watery environment. Includes aquatic boat tour and shoreline sampling. **(Available: May – June)**

Fee: \$240.00 per class up to 20 students
\$12.00 for each additional student

Max. Classes: 4
Grades: 3rd – 5th

Pond Ecosystem (4 Hours)

During this in-depth study students will learn the producer, consumer and decomposer organisms of the pond ecosystem. Students will investigate the watershed, conduct water tests, collect and examine organisms. The day will focus on the relationships between plants and animals and their environment. **(Available: May – June)**

Fee: \$320.00 per class up to 20 students
\$16.00 for each additional student

Max. Classes: 4
Grades: 3rd – 5th

Woodland Walk (1.5 Hours)

Using the outdoors as the classroom, students will be led along the trails of the Preserve. Utilizing planned and spontaneous stops, students will be shown examples of animal activity. Exploration on and off the trail will reveal footprints, droppings, food sources, fur, feathers and other indications, which all tell a story of presence and activity. Rotten logs, stones and ground debris will be examined for signs of smaller mammals, reptiles and amphibians. The instructor will point out the not so easily seen signs of the forest, which also include the songs and rustlings of animal's unseen but more often readily heard. Students will explore the preserve looking for animal tracks. Students will learn where to find, and how to interpret the various signs of the forest; discover some of the resident animals on the preserve and learn to recognize the signs of animal activity.

Fee: \$120.00 per class up to 20 students
\$6.00 for each additional student

Max. Classes: 4
Grades: 3rd – 5th

Water life (1.5 Hours)

As hatchery, nursery or grocery the pond is a community that fulfills many needs for the plants and animals that live in and around it. We will take a close-up look at this water habitat during a walk around the pond locating the inlet and outlet, shoreline sampling, and examination of pond inhabitants at the Water life Center.

Fee: \$120.00 per class up to 20 students
\$6.00 for each additional student

Max. Classes: 3
Grades: 1st – 3rd

Presentations Brought to Your Classroom

All Programs have a \$60 per hour round trip travel fee and a \$35 setup fee. All programs are also available to be done on our preserve.

Apples & Cider (1 Hour)

Learn some apple lore while sampling varieties of apples to discover their varying tastes and characteristics. Press and drink your own fresh apple cider. Learn how the harvest is preserved while sampling apple butter and dried apples. **(September and October Only)**

Fee: \$80.00 per class up to 20 students

\$4.00 for each additional student

Set Up Fee: \$70.00

PK – 3rd

Birds of Prey (1 Hour)

In this investigation, students will learn what raptors are, how they feed, fly and hunt, and the adaptations that make them successful. With mounted specimens and other study material, students will observe firsthand the differences that separate the raptors, and those adaptations that make them successful nocturnal hunters. Students will understand what a raptor is, based on certain physiological characteristics and traits shared by all raptors. Students will also learn which raptors are found in, which ones breed in, and which ones are occasional visitors to, Connecticut.

Fee: \$80 per class up to 20 students

\$4.00 for each additional student

Grades: K – 5th

Exploring the Animal Kingdom (1 Hour)

Using preserved specimens, props and particularly live animals, students will explore the different classes that make up the animal kingdom. What makes a bird a bird? Do mammals lay eggs? Do frogs have hair? During this hands-on and interactive program, students will see a variety of reptiles, amphibians, mammals and birds and learn about their similarities and differences and about their adaptations that help them survive. This program, suited for a diverse age group, gives children the unique opportunity to view live animals up close.

Fee: \$80.00 Per class up to 20 students

\$4.00 for each additional student

Grades: PK - 3rd

Fabulous Frogs (1 Hour)

Students will discover the diversity of frogs and toads in Connecticut by meeting and touching live frogs. Students will also learn how they grow from an egg to a full size frog.

Fee: \$80.00 Per class up to 20 students

\$4.00 for each additional student

Grades: PK – 3rd

First American Experience (1.5 Hours)

Experience a Native American visit in the classroom. Students will discover the tools, the foods, and the culture of Connecticut's early Native Americans. Hands-on examination of reproduction artifacts, storytelling and samples of native foods will bring to life the ways of our first native inhabitants. Presentation is adapted to the grade level for which it is scheduled.

Fee: \$120.00 per class up to 20 students

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Grades: K – 5th

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\$4.00 for each additional student

Grades: K – 5th

Hibernation & Migration (1 Hour)

How animals survive the winter is the focus of this program. Find out why some animals hibernate, while others migrate and others go on with life as usual. Mounted and live animals will help students learn the secrets of winter survival.

Fee: \$80.00 Per class up to 20 students

\$4.00 for each additional student

Grades: PK – 3rd

Reptiles & Amphibians (1 Hour)

In this combination program students will learn about the similarities and differences between reptiles and amphibians. The students will also get to see a variety of different live animals.

Fee: \$80.00 Per class up to 20 students

\$4.00 for each additional student

Grades: PK – 3rd

Terrific Turtles (1 Hour)

Young students will enjoy visiting with a variety of Connecticut's turtles as they discover their habits and habitats. Students will have a chance to meet and touch live turtles.

Fee: \$80.00 Per class up to 20 students

\$4.00 for each additional student

Grades: PK – 3rd

Turkey Time (30 Minutes)

Learn about the history of turkeys in America and visit with a Tom and a Hen Turkey in your classroom. Observe a Tom's display posture; hear the many different sounds that turkeys make; and learn about snoods, beards and drumming.

Fee: \$40 per class up to 20 students

\$2.00 for each additional student

Grades: PK – 3rd