

Grade 5-8 guided Programs



1 hour programs– \$ 2.00

Marsh Walkabout

All ages

A pleasant walk along one of the marsh trails will introduce you to the history and management of the marsh, as well as to its seasonal inhabitants. Seasonal themes.

Explorer

All ages

An interpreter-led exploration of the Centre's interactive exhibits. Add this program to a half-day for only \$1.50 per student.

All About Owls

Gr. 3 & up

Discover the fascinating world of owls! Learn about our local owls and their special adaptations. Make your own owl call to take home.

Plants and People

Gr. 3 & up

Discover some of the fascinating uses of marsh and prairie plants and their special significance to Aboriginal People.

Beaver Tales

K - Gr. 6

Using pelts, mounts and other props, discover the interesting adaptations which allow beavers to survive the Manitoba climate.

Reptiles & Amphibians

K - Gr. 6

Explore the similarities and differences between these exciting animals.

Creatures of the Night (Bats)

K - Gr. 6

Lose your fear of these fascinating and important creatures!

Stargazing

Gr. 5 & up

Learn about the planets and how to locate the most popular constellations! Discover comets, learn legends and more! *Note: a 2-hour astronomy program is available for evening bookings (\$4.00).*

Ecology Games

K - Gr. 6

High-energy, fun activities that teach ecological concepts by role-playing plants and animals! Available both indoors and out, depending on the weather.

Our Wacky Weather

All Ages

Find out how weather affects the lives of all animals, including humans. Use simple devices to measure the weather and learn about clouds, wind, precipitation, temperature and humidity. There are two programs, one for Kindergarten to Gr. 4 and a more advanced version for Gr. 5 & up.

Nature's Traditions

K - Gr. 6

Discover how the cycling seasons shape the activities of people and are at the root of many traditions. Includes seasonal game, craft or activity.

Time's Up!

Gr. 4 & up

Become a participant in this life-size board game of "Canadian Species at Risk". Avoid pitfalls and help conserve habitat to ensure the survival of your team species.

Beginning Birder

Gr. 5 & up

Indoor program designed to sharpen the skills of the observer. Learn to identify various birds using their field marks.

Explore Watersheds

All ages

Through interactive stations (appropriate to grade level), students learn to importance of wetlands and watersheds.

Animal Detective

K - Gr. 6

Use all of your senses to uncover the clues left by marsh animals.

Where Are We?

Gr. 5 & up

Learn how to use a map and compass to discover exciting clues about marsh wildlife.

Project WET Activities

All Ages

Join us for lots of fun, interactive and hands-on waterbased activities and experiments! Topics can include pollution, water management and conservation, aquatic wildlife, properties of water and more.

Birding Walkabout

Gr. 5 & up

Learn simple techniques to identify local birds. Binoculars and field guides are provided.

Climate on the Move

Gr 4 & up

Learn about climate change, how it affects us and our environment and the role of wetlands.

Radio Telemetry

Gr. 5 & up

Learn how research in waterfowl biology answers some important questions. Track a model mallard with real radio-tracking equipment (year-round).

Fall Changes

K - Gr. 6

Through games, videos and activities, learn how plants and animals prepare for the cold months ahead.

Owl Prowl

Gr. 5 & up

Prowl the trails searching for owls, their pellets and prey. Learn about habitat selection, survival and food chains. Great for evenings and winter days.

Critter Dipping

All ages

Grab a bucket, dip net, "bug-sucker" and a magnifier as you head out to the boardwalk to discover the diverse life of the marsh (May - October)! "Look What I Found" is the longer version of this program.

What's for Dinner?

Gr. 5 & up

Owls and other predators cough up pellets of undigested fur and bones. Dissect a sterilized pellet to discover what a barn owl had for dinner! Extra charge of \$2.50/pellet. One pellet per two students is recommended.

Migration Mysteries

All ages

Learn where and when birds migrate and how they find their way. Discover the dangers that these amazing athletes face on their marathon journeys each year.

Settlers' Traditions

All ages

Learn about traditions brought to Canada from other countries. Hand-craft a gift, play old-time games and more.

Aboriginal Games

Gr. 2 & up

From tidluktoq to hoop and pole, Aboriginal games were & still are a fun way to learn important skills & lessons.

Animal Teachers

Gr. 1-6

Animals can be great teachers! Students will learn from turtle, owl and other animals through various activities.

Winter Options



1 hour programs– \$ 2.00

Snow Ecology

Gr. 4 & up

Snow - more than just white stuff! Take a closer look at the physical characteristics of snow such as depth, density and temperature.

Surviving the Freeze

All ages

Discover the behavioral and physiological adaptations that help wetland plants and animals face the challenges of winter.

Animal Tracking

All ages

Hike through the marsh in search of the many clues left by wildlife.

Compass (Survival) Hike

Gr. 5 & up

Learn to use a compass to find your way.

Bannock Bake

Gr. 3 & up

Learn the history behind bannock and discover the fun of preparing your own and cooking it over an open fire.

Firestarters

Gr. 4 & up

Learn how to prepare a survival kit as you create a firestarter to use with it.

Outdoor Cooking

All ages

Find out what components of your food are important during outdoor activities. Bring and learn to cook your own foil lunch while learning about fire safety.

Snowshoe Walkabout

Gr. 2 & up

Unforgettable adventure awaits as your group travels our winter trails by snowshoe.

Specialty Programs



Wetland Badge – \$3.00

Youth Groups

Participate in activities that help you learn more about wetlands and wildlife as you earn your wetland badge through our wetland challenge quiz (all seasons).

Snapshot of Aboriginal Cultures–\$3.00

1.5 hour - Gr. 4 and up

An introduction to Manitoba's aboriginal groups, culture and history with interactive games and activities.

Soils..More Than Just Dirt! – \$4.00

1.5 - 2 hours – Gr. 3 - 6

Through experiments, games and an outdoor excursion, find out more about the properties of soil and the wildlife that call it home (indoor 1 hour version also available for \$2.00).

Voyageur Canoe – \$4.00

30 - 45 minutes (depending on group size)

Gr. 5 & up

Explore the marsh in an interpreter-led, 26-foot ten-passenger, voyageur-style canoe (group size limited & weather permitting).

Look What I Found – \$4.00

Half-day – Gr. 5 & up

Explore life under the marsh. Examine life cycles, adaptations and food chains of aquatic invertebrates using a video-microscope (May - October).

Bird Quest – \$4.00

1.5 - 2 hour – Beginner to Advanced

Gr. 5 & up

Learn about the fascinating diversity of bird life found in our area. An introduction to bird observation and identification the program consists of both indoor & outdoor components (all seasons).

Marsh Biodiversity – \$4.00

1.5-2 hours – All ages

Experience the biodiversity of the marsh by combining the Critter Dipping program with either Marsh Bingo or Marsh Walkabout (May - October).

Window on the Marsh Tours – \$4.00

1.5-2 hours – All ages

A guide will climb aboard your bus for a tour of Oak Hammock Marsh. Ports of call include the lure crops, tall-grass prairie, artesian spring and the north observation mound. Dependent on weather and road conditions (May - November).

Narcisse Snake Den Tours – \$8.00

All ages

Experience spring in the Interlake first-hand as thousands of red-sided garter snakes emerge from their winter hibernation. Join an experienced interpreter as they climb aboard your bus to share their knowledge and shed the myths of the snakes of Narcisse (May).

Bird Banding - \$4.00

1.5 hour – all ages

Thousands of songbirds are banded yearly in Manitoba, find out how and why with this program which includes both a live banding demonstration (weather permitting) as well as an age-appropriate interactive station for students (an indoor 1-hour power point and activity station option is also available for \$2). (May - October)

