



Educational field Trips

at Oregon Ridge Nature Center



Animals and their Habitats

Meet some of the animals that call Maryland home. Students will identify their living spaces in the park as they explore the trails, wildlife and habitat needs of the forest, stream and meadow communities.

Appropriate for all ages.

Creek to Stream to Bay

Delve into a tributary of the Chesapeake Bay watershed. Students will uncover the creatures that inhabit the stream and determine the quality of the water by analyzing what they find.

Recommended for grades 3+, April through mid-October

Native Americans

This program provides a hands-on exploration into the lives of some of Maryland's first residents. Students will investigate the everyday lives of the woodland Algonquian Natives and their use of natural resources.

Insects and their kin

Investigate the diverse realm of insects and pollinators. Students will hike to the meadow to observing hoppers, crawlers, stingers and fliers while learning why they are so important to our ecosystem.

Maple Sugaring

Experience the making of maple syrup and maple sugar. Student will learn the history of maple sugaring, tree identification, along with tapping and collecting methods from the past to current day.

Mid-February through mid-March

Rocks Rock!

Practice identification techniques for rocks and minerals and learn how they affect our daily lives at hands-on stations. Students will go outside to explore the lasting effects of the mining history at Oregon Ridge. *Only groups of 12 or less at this time.*

Predator and Prey

Students will study the interrelationships between predator and prey through close-up observation. We'll head outdoors to search for predators and their prey and observe special wildlife survival adaptations.

Reptiles and Amphibians

Meet and differentiate reptiles and amphibians along with other animals that inhabit the park. Students will spend time on the trails discovering where they live, what they eat, and how they protect themselves. *Late March through early October.*

Registration Procedures

Registration for the 2021/2022 school year is now open.

- Educational Programs are offered on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.
- Groups size is a maximum of 40 and a minimum of 15.
- A limited number of Fridays are available for groups of 10 - 15 students.
- Programs are 2-hours long and start at 10 a.m. with advance notice a later start time can be arranged. (Pre-school programs are 1-hour long.)
- Trips are rain or shine and take place outside in one of our Pavilions.
- Teachers must participate in the program and maintain a 10 student / 1 adult ratio. Adults beyond a 10 student / 2 adult ratio must be approved by the Nature Center.
- Teachers and chaperones are responsible for the behavior of the students during the program and on the hike.
- No open toed shoes. Depending on the program selected, be prepared to get wet and/or muddy.
- Water shoes or shoes that can get wet and an extra set of clothes and shoes are recommended for aquatic related programs.
- If you would like to stay to eat lunch, please inquire about complimentary pavilion availability.
- Groups are welcome to tour the Nature Center's exhibit hall in small groups of 10 - 15 after the program, please let us know in advance if you wish to do this.
- Groups are welcome to visit the Nature Center for a self-led program, but must apply for a Group Gathering Permit. Please call for details.

fees

\$125 for a 2-hour program. \$75 for a one-hour preschool program.

- Fees are waived for Baltimore County Public Schools, only one waived fee program per school, per school year. (A second waived fee may be granted when necessary to accommodate all students at a particular grade level).
- Payment is due within 30 days of confirmation. Checks should be made payable to ORNCC and mailed to:
Oregon Ridge Nature Center
13555 Beaver Dam Road
Cockeysville, MD 21030

**To schedule a program please call the nature center during regular business hours.
Tuesday through Friday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.**

Please Note: A Baltimore County COVID Waiver will be required for each participant. The waiver can be downloaded from our website.

<https://www.oregonridgenaturecenter.org/pdf/COVIDWaiver.pdf>

Families can list several family members on one waiver. All COVID Waivers are due no later than 7 days prior to your scheduled date.

We prefer to receive the waiver electronically at info@OregonRidgeNatureCenter.org.



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Should you require special accommodations (i.e. language interpreter, large print, etc.) please give as much notice as possible by calling the Nature Center at the number above or the Therapeutic Office at 410-887-5370 / TDD: 410-887-5319.