



# Education Programs



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*Preserving natural areas for public appreciation,  
education, and recreational use.*

## Field Trips

Get your students outside and learning during a full-day experience. Field trips typically begin at 10:00am and end at 1:30pm. When planning your field trip keep these things in mind:

- ✎ Group size is limited to 75 students or 3 classes per visit. This may vary dependent upon staff availability.
- ✎ Our primary locations for field trips are Creek Bend Farm and White Star Park.
- ✎ Programs can also be done at Countryside Park, Wolf Creek, Blue Heron Reserve, and the North Coast Inland Trail. Restrooms and/or shelters may not be available at these locations.
- ✎ Select three (3) programs that meet your needs. Each program is approximately 50 minutes in length.
- ✎ Field trips are held in the rain or snow. We only cancel in the event of extreme weather or conditions. If a program is cancelled, it can be rescheduled but is subject to availability.

## Programs at Your Site

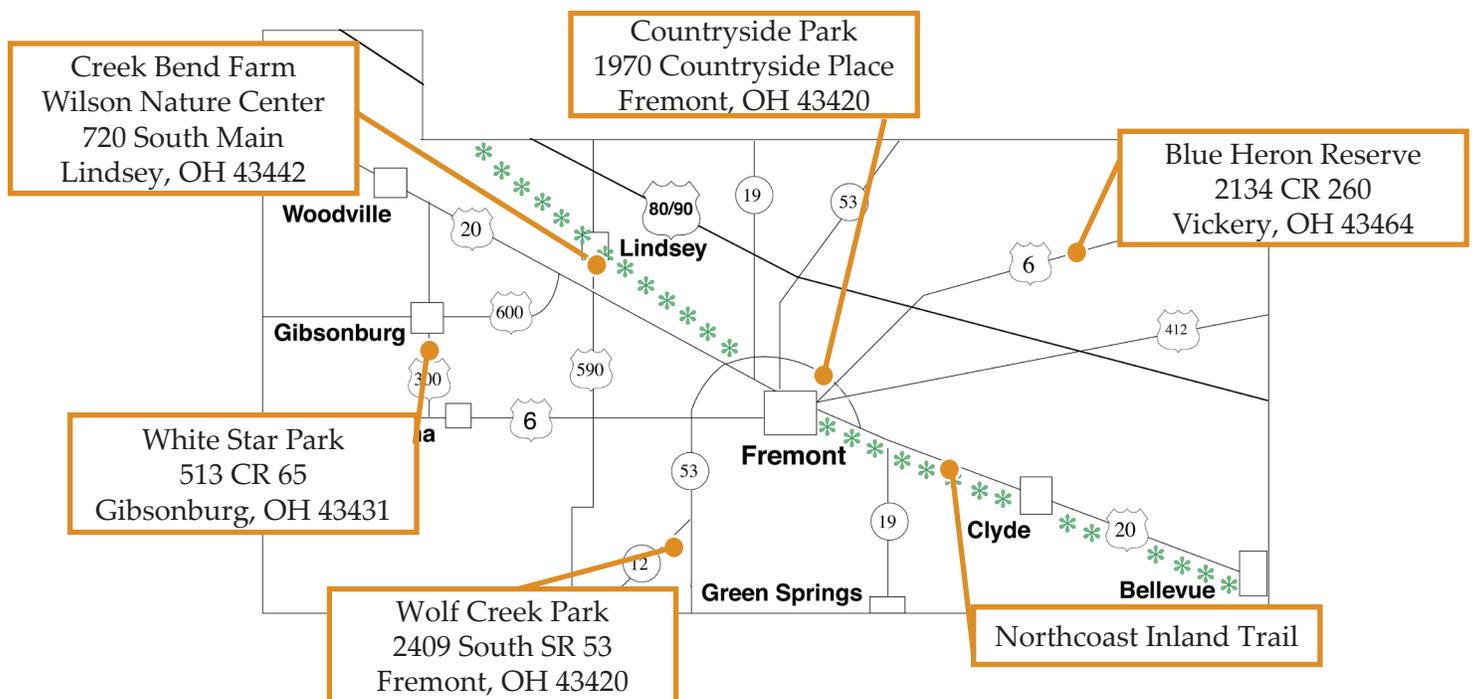
- ✎ If you are unable to schedule a trip to a park, many programs can also be done at your site. Programs are typically 50 minutes in length.

## Programs Fees

- ✎ There are no fees, for Sandusky County schools or groups. Out of county schools or groups should call to inquire about fees.

## Scheduling

- ✎ To schedule a program or for questions contact :  
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# Programs

 SCIENCE standards  SOCIAL STUDIES standards  LIVE ANIMALS  Field Trip  At Your Site

## All About Bats!

**Grade:** preK, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

**When:** September-May

Students will discover where bats live, what makes them unique and why they are so important to the environment. Students will also discuss mammalian characteristics during this investigation into the wonderful world of bats.



## Animals of Your Backyard

**Grade:** preK, K, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

**When:** September-May

Students will get to meet our LIVE animal ambassadors as well as explore furs and other animal artifacts to learn more about the common animals of their neighborhood.



## Apples

**Grade:** preK, K, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

**When:** September, October

What do apples have to do with the history of Ohio? Learn about Johnny Appleseed as well as pollination. Students will get to make their own fresh cider. Classes need to provide their own apples; two per student. (Creek Bend Farm Only)



## Cabin Fever

**Grade:** 3, 4, 5

**When:** September, October, April, May

Visit an authentic log cabin and experience what life was like as a Black Swamp settler. Students will make butter, grind corn and use old-time tools. (White Star Park Only)



## Chore Time

**Grade:** 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

**When:** September-May

Ever wondered what it was like to be a settler? Here's your chance to find out! Students will discuss what life was like for the early settlers of Sandusky County and try their hand at making butter, grinding corn, collecting eggs and using old-time tools. Students will also get to meet our farm chickens and goats.



## Creek Critters

**Grade:** 3, 4, 5

**When:** September-mid October; mid April -May

Explore Muddy Creek as we search for and identify macroinvertebrates and other signs of life. We will discuss food chains and how these creatures tell us more about the health of the creek. Students will be IN the creek and WILL get wet. A change of clothes is required (Creek Bend Farm Only)



## Eagles

**Grade:** preK, K, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

**When:** September-May

Was the bald eagle the first choice for our nation's symbol? We will find out as students learn about the bald eagle's life history, food chains and how toxins in the environment affected their populations.



## Finding Our Way

**Grade:** 3, 4, 5

**When:** September, October, April, May

No GPS? We're going old school with a compass! Students will how a compass works and how to use one to find your cardinal points. Students skills will be tested with fun outdoor activities.



## Fossils

**Grade:** 2, 3, 4, 5

**When:** September-May

What types of creatures lived here millions of years ago? Examine fossils to discover how they were formed and what they can tell you about Ohio's past.



## Herp Happenings

**Grade:** preK, K, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

**When:** September-May

Students will learn the differences between amphibians and reptiles and discover what makes them unique. We will discuss characteristics, lifecycles, habitat requirements and why they are important environmental indicators.



### It's a Bee Thing

**Grade:** 3, 4, 5

**When:** September-May

Learn about the lifecycles of bees and plants and how they are connected. Discover how bees benefit humans thru pollination and honey making. Students will also get to see bee-keeping equipment. Programs at Creek Bend Farm will visit a working hive (spring & fall)



### Mammal Mania

**Grade:** K, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

**When:** September-May

Students discuss mammalian characteristics and explore furs, tracks, skulls and scat to learn more about the common mammals of Ohio. Students will get to meet Nibbles, the Nature Center rabbit.



### Discover Nature Hike

**Grade:** preK, K, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

**When:** September-May

Get your kids outside and moving with a hike! Students will discuss the plants, animals and habitats they see along the way. Students will get to use our Adventure Backpacks, which contain identification guides, binoculars, etc., during the hike.



### Nibbles pre-K-1st grade

**Grade:** preK, K, 1

**When:** September-May

Meet Nibbles, the nature center rabbit! Learn what group of animals she belongs to, what she needs to survive and what makes her different from wild animals.



### Ohio's First People

**Grade:** 3, 4, 5

**When:** September-May

Discover how the Native Americans of Ohio lived prior to European settlement with hands-on exploration of animal skins, tools and games. We will discuss both Algonquian and Iroquoisian tribes.



### Rock Investigators

**Grade:** 3,

**When:** September-May

Students will conduct hands-on experiments to discover the differences between several rock specimens. Students will learn how they were formed and there modern day uses.



### Swamp Story

**Grade:** 4, 5

**When:** September-May

How did the Great Black Swamp get here and where did it go? Discuss how glaciers helped to form the swamp as well as Lake Erie. Students will also examine animal furs and discuss how the animals were impacted by the settlement of the swamp.



### What's For Lunch?

**Grade:** 5

**When:** September-May

Through hands-on investigation students will examine animal skulls and use a dichotomous key to classify them as herbivores, carnivores or omnivores. We will discuss how these different animals fill important roles in an ecosystem.



*Can't find a topic you need? Call us!  
We will create a program just for you!*



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