



PROTECTING NEW HAMPSHIRE'S NATURAL ENVIRONMENT FOR WILDLIFE AND FOR PEOPLE

Find Science in Nature

Looking for exciting programs that meet your science standards?

Our naturalists are ready to engage your students with programs aligned with NGSS, Common Core, and NH State Science Frameworks. We can come to your school or you can plan a field trip to our center. In addition to science, our programs can connect to your language arts, math, and social studies curricula.

Whether you are studying the seasons, NH wildlife, forest, field, or pond habitats, insects, reptiles, mammals, birds, or amphibians, we've got a program for you! Our programs include hands-on, experiential education activities which will leave your students feeling like field biologists!



Just minutes from downtown Manchester, NH Audubon's Massabesic center is located on a wildlife sanctuary that offers beautiful views, wildlife viewing opportunities, and a great backdrop for programs. Our dedicated team of educators and volunteers provide year-round nature, recreation, and environmental education programs, including school, youth group, summer and vacation camp, family, community, and adult education opportunities. The Center offers live animal and educational exhibits in classroom, reception area, and auditorium spaces.

Don't see what you are looking for? We can customize programs to meet your needs!

Pricing

All programs are limited to a maximum group size of 25.

1 hr: \$145
1.5 hrs: \$175
2 hrs: \$200

Book 5 or more programs and receive 10% off your total price!



Our Place or Yours?

Come to our center or let us come to you. We can customize programs to fit your age group or school topics.

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Programs with Live Animals

Fabulous Frogs: Learn all about our native amphibians! Your class will discover which frog species live in New Hampshire as well as learning about their anatomy, life cycle, and listening to their calls. Then we'll take a close up look at several native frogs and try to guess who's who!

World of Reptiles: What makes a reptile a reptile? We'll talk about turtles and snakes, New Hampshire's only native reptiles. We'll learn which ones live in NH, how to identify them, and look at some live examples.

Food Chain Connection: What is a food chain? We'll learn how energy flows in nature, discuss examples of food chains and then meet a number of live animals who might be part of a New Hampshire food chain.

Incredible Invertebrates: Discover the difference between vertebrates and invertebrates, and meet several examples! We'll do a scientific observation of live crickets, as well as meet our live hermit crab and Madagascar hissing cockroaches.

Pricing

All live animal programs are one hour and are \$145.

Age Level

Suited for ages Pre K through Grade 8.



*The animals at Massabesic love to have visitors!
Many also like going on field trips to your school.*

Experiences You Can Only Get at NHA's Massabesic Center



Animal Habitats (NH's Threatened and Endangered Species)

Age Level: Gr 2-8

From food to water to shelter to space, all animals have specific requirements for survival. Discover how problems with habitats can lead to species becoming threatened or endangered. Your students will explore three basic habitats, and learn about some unique habitats in the area.

BioSafari Discovery Walk

Age Level: Gr 2 - 6

Take your students on a BioSafari to discover the diverse plant and animal species that make the Center their home! Stop at a frog-friendly vernal pool, investigate a turtle pond, wander through insect-filled fields, and look for birds and mammals in the woods as we travel the trails and learn why biodiversity is important!

Bird Survey

Age Level: PreK- Gr 8

Our center is home to a very wide variety of birds. Discover what makes birds unique among other animals; learn about their anatomy, habitats, and calls. Then we'll go on a bird walk and look and listen to see who's inhabiting our fields and woods.

Pond Survey

Age Level: PreK - Gr 8

Go for a walk to Massabesic's very own pond and scoop to see what kinds of critters live there. Through scientific discovery we'll learn about wetlands in NH, run a child-powered pond food chain, and find out how to identify a variety of aquatic insects, reptiles, amphibians, birds, and mammals.

Autumn Adventures Discovery Walk

Age Level: PreK - Gr 2

As nature prepares to slow down for the upcoming cold months, your students can discover the beauty of autumn. From examining brightly colored leaves, to investigating the fall habits of squirrels, to enacting migration of birds, to seeing first-hand the effect of years of fallen leaves on a forest ecosystem - this walk will encourage critical thinking and creativity.

Insect Survey

Age Level: PreK - Gr 8

Your students will delight in discovering the insects living in the Center's habitats. Students will learn what makes an insect an insect and will discover some of the many ecological roles they play, their habitats, and their adaptations. Using nets and bug boxes and insect observation data sheets, we will venture into insect habitats to capture different species for close-up viewing.

Signs of Spring Discovery Walk

Age Level: PreK - Gr 2

Frogs are singing, buds are bursting, flowers are blooming, and birds are busily building nests for their young. Why do these things happen? Your students will go for a walk and discover the magic of spring and see how nature gets ready for a busy summer.

Pricing

All discovery walks are 1 ½ hours and are \$175.



Seasonal Programs

These programs can be done at Massabesic or your site.

Nature's Canvas: Tracking Wildlife

Footprints in the snow tell us stories about the secretive lives of wild animals. Your class will learn how to identify common New Hampshire mammal tracks and patterns through games, activities, visual aids, and finding real tracks in the snow. An outdoor area is necessary for the 2 hr program.

Time: Choose 1 hr, 1.5 hrs, or 2 hrs

Age level: PreK – Gr 8

Season: Winter

Winter Sleepers

Winter Sleepers helps students discover which mammals remain active, which hibernate and which go dormant during the winter. Cold-blooded animals' response to winter will be discussed before the class is introduced to a live gray tree frog.

Age level: PreK – Gr 2

Time: 1 hour

Season: Winter



Rocks and Minerals

Students will observe and explore the difference between rocks and minerals and learn what makes NH the Granite State. Touch and hold examples of igneous, sedimentary, and metamorphic rocks, and investigate what makes rocks and minerals so important!

This program can be done at your school or at our center.

Time: 1 hr

Age level: PreK- Gr 4

Season: Any

The Sweet Science of Sap

Have you ever had real maple syrup and wondered how it was made? What tools and processes are used to get sap from the tree? Your students will use scientific methods to conduct experiments with four non-toxic mystery liquids that will introduce them to the concepts of cohesion and density and will relate what they learn to the making of maple syrup. Finish with a taste test of some local NH syrup.

Age level: Gr 3 - 8

Time: 1.5 hrs

Season: Spring



The Magic of Migration

Take an eye-opening journey with our naturalist to uncover the challenges and mysteries of migration. Each program will include group activities and critical thinking to understand which birds must migrate and the obstacles they face. **Access to a large open area for group activities is necessary.**

Age Level: PreK – Gr 2

Time: 1 hr

Season: Spring and Fall

Fall Frights of Folklore!

Do bats really get stuck in your hair? Can owls turn their heads all the way around? If you touch a toad, will you really get warts? In this program, we'll meet some live critters, dispel some common misconceptions, and discover why they might not be as scary as you think!

Age Level: PreK – Gr 2

Time: 1 hr

Season: Fall