



Hunterdon County
Division of
Parks & Recreation



Group



Programs

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Nature Studies

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OUTDOOR EDUCATION

Nature Studies

Join a County Naturalist to explore the habitats and wildlife of the County Parks. Nature Study programs cost \$30 per group and run approximately 1 to 1.5 hours. Maximum group size is 25, and minimum is six. Additional topics are available by special arrangement.

Seasonal Nature Walk

All Ages

Whether crunching through fall leaves, following tracks through the snow, or spying the first spring blossoms, a seasonal nature walk is fun outdoor exploration any time of year. (\$20)

Animal Clues

Grade K & up

Animals leave behind many clues as they travel through the woods. In this program, we will look at footprints and other signs to unravel the mystery of "What happened here?"

Amazing Adaptations

Grade K & up

Explore the park while learning more about the adaptations that allow our local plants and animals to thrive. Along the way we will play games that demonstrate specific adaptations.

Incredible Insects

Grade 1 & up

What makes an insect an insect? Why are they important anyway? This hands-on program offers an up-close look at some of the park's smallest inhabitants. (April—October)

Plant Study

Grade 1 & up

We will identify different plants, and get specific about the reproductive structures, anatomy, and life cycles.

Teachers: Our nature programs are congruent with the Next Generation Science Standards, and several of our recreation programs conform to other Core Curriculum Content Standards. Visit our website for specifics!

Birding

Grade 3 & up

Find and identify local birds with a naturalist. We will discover how field marks, songs, and behavior can help us distinguish our feathered friends.

Pond or Stream Study

Grade 1 & up

Get your feet wet while finding and identifying the many freshwater organisms of the pond or stream. Learn what these creatures can tell us about the health of the water. (April—October)

Outdoor Skills

These hands-on workshops get your group ready for outdoor adventure. Skill clinics cost \$30 per group and run approximately 1.5 to 2 hours. Recommended maximum group size is 15 participants, unless otherwise noted, and minimum is six.

Emergency Preparedness

Grade 3 & up

Gain knowledge of First Aid and CPR (not a certification). We will go over what to do in an emergency: basic bandaging, bleeding, choking, other medical emergencies, and a CPR demo. Taught by an EMT. (10 maximum participants)

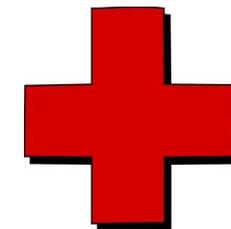
CPR Certification

Grade 7 & up

An American Heart Association instructor will teach you Adult, Child, and Infant CPR and Choking. Participants will be ready to help anyone of any age. (4 hours/ \$25 per person/ 4 - 6 participants)

First Aid Certification

Grade 7 & up



This course will cover basic first aid, and can be combined with CPR (call for price for both together). (3 hours/ \$25 per person/ 4 - 6 participants)

Outdoor Skills

Orienteering *Grade 4 & up*

Learn how to use a compass, then set out on our course through the forests and fields of Echo Hill.

Geocaching 101 *Grade 4 & up*

Use the coordinates on your GPS receiver to seek out treasure in geocaches hidden in our parks.

Hiking Knowledge *Grade 2 & up*

Prepare for a hike by learning about hiking gear, potential risks, and local trails. Then go on a short hike.

Backpacking Knowledge *Grade 5 & up*

Learn the basics of backpacking before your first trip, including gear, useful tips, and safety.

Camping Knowledge *Grade 4 & up*

Preparation is key to camping fun. Consider what your group needs to do before your trip begins. Learn how to set up a safe and functional campsite. Choose to focus on camping gear or campfire cooking.

Knife Safety *Grade 3 & up*

Participants will learn proper pen knife handling techniques, safety, and maintenance, and practice basic carving techniques. (\$30 + materials fee/ 8 max + 2 adult assistants) Carving class also available—ask for details.

Camp Tools *Grade 3 & up*

Learn safe use of a hatchet, bow saw, and camp shovel.
(10 maximum participants)

Knot Tying *Grade 2 & up*

Learn how to tie basic knots. Program will be tailored to the age group. (10 maximum participants)

Fire Building *Grade 4 & up*

Learn the fundamentals and safety of building a fire.
(10 maximum participants + 2 adult assistants)

Outdoor Survival *Grade 4 & up*

Covers basic survival skills like shelter building, lostproofing, and navigating many outdoor hazards.

Canoe Clinic *Grade 5 & up*

Clinic focuses on safety, equipment, and basic strokes. Includes plenty of practice time on the pond.

(\$175/ 16 maximum participants)

Fishing Clinic *Grade 1 & up*

Let us show you the basics of fishing, including safety, etiquette, equipment, and casting. We have a limited number of fishing rods available to borrow. Bait, hooks, bobbers, and weights are provided. (\$30 per group + \$2 per person bait & supplies fee)

Bike Safety *Grade 3 & up*

We will cover NJ bicycling laws, equipment, how to pick the right bike, and where to ride. We will demo how to check and fix your bike, and how to size it, and talk about helmets.

Initiatives & Team Building *Grade 4 & up*

Our fun challenge activities foster teamwork, communication, and problem-solving skills. A great way to get your group acquainted with one another.

CRAFTS WORKSHOPS

1.5 to 2 hours. Minimum 6 participants and maximum 10 with at least 2 adults. \$30 on-site and \$50 off-site (\$75 out-of-county). Additional materials fee may apply.

Earth-Inspired Crafts *Grade 1 & up*

Do crafts with natural or repurposed materials. Project tailored to your interest.

Creating with Clay *Grade 1 & up*

Make a sculpture or pinch pot with self-hardening clay.

Woodworking *Grade 2 & up*

Learn about basic woodworking tools and build a project.

Basketry *Grade 3 & up*

An introduction to the world of basket weaving, participants will weave a small round basket.

(\$30 per group + \$3 per person materials fee)

*For information on more advanced classes or larger groups, please ask for Liz or visit our website.



OUTREACH PROGRAMS

Park outreach brings environmental education and nature study right to you. Or let our staff host your group at the Echo Hill Lodge, the Arboretum, or Teetertown (seasonally). Programs run approximately one hour.

*On-site \$30 / Off-site \$50 / Out-of-County \$75
(limited range)*

Off-site discount: \$10 off per program for 3 or more!

Lecture Series

Slideshows provide striking visuals while our staff shares their expertise on the topic. Programs are for all ages, but we recommend third graders through adults.

Batty About Bats • Birds of Hunterdon

Butterflies & Moths • Co-Existing with Coyotes

Herptiles of Hunterdon (Reptiles & Amphibians)

Mammals of Hunterdon • Mushrooms & Molds

New Jersey Black Bears • Owls of Hunterdon

Planets of the Inner Solar System

Planets of the Outer Solar System

Raptors of Hunterdon (Hawks & Falcons)

Trees of Hunterdon • Waterfowl of Hunterdon

Wildflower Folklore • Wildlife of Hunterdon •

Woodpeckers of Hunterdon

Attracting Birds to Your Backyard (Adults)

**Hunterdon County Division of Parks & Recreation (Adults,
free)**

Indoor Explorations

Animal Strategies

All Ages

Students will learn about local animals and how they survive in their environments. Through the use of mounted specimens, the students will get a close look at the physical features of these animals.

Reptiles Alive

All Ages

Our scaly and slimy wildlife is often misunderstood. Learn all about reptiles and amphibians as we meet a few live animal friends.



Rocks and Minerals

Grade 3 & up

Discover the differences between “rocks” and “minerals.” We will learn about the rock cycle and conduct a short lab experiment to identify three mystery mineral samples.

Introduction to Birding

Grade 3 & up

Students will learn how to use field guides to identify birds and participate in a fast-paced identification game. This lesson complements our outdoor Birding Program.

Skull Workshop

Grade 2 & up

The group will answer a questionnaire about the skulls at each station. Then, we will explore as a group the key features of the skulls and what they reveal about our wildlife.

Scat & Tracks Workshop

Grade 3 & up

Using stations and a questionnaire, the group will explore the features of tracks and scats.

Wings & Feathers Workshop

Grade 3 & up

We will explore the features and structure of feathers and wings with the aid of stations and a questionnaire.

Nests & Eggs

Grade K & up

We will look at the composition of an egg, talk about different animals that lay eggs, and view some real nests & replica bird eggs.

Maple Sugar To Go

All Ages

Learn about maple trees, hear a Native American story, see the tools used to tap a tree, learn about the boiling process, and taste real maple syrup. (February—April)

Environmental Issues

Recycling

Grade 1 & up

Students will develop an understanding of the importance of recycling. They will explore how recycling and conservation go hand in hand and how they can help improve the environment. Older students will explore how cost plays a factor in recycling.

Water Issues

Grade 1 & up

Learn how important water management is to both the environment and human needs. Through physical demonstrations and visual aids, explore how the water supply is limited and how pollution affects that supply.

Composting for the Home

Grade 3 & up

Learn how you can turn organic household waste into rich, healthy compost for your home and garden. We will consider different composting techniques and the benefits of each.



TIGER

Adventure: Backyard Jungle

Take a short hike to see and hear birds and other wildlife (#1, 2, & 5). *Ask for Seasonal Nature Walk.*

Adventure: Tigers in the Wild

Prepare for a hike, or look for animals and plants on a short hike. *Hiking Knowledge or Seasonal Nature Walk.*

Elective Adventure: Floats and Boats

Learn about boats and water safety, and practice using a life jacket (#1-6). *Emergency Preparedness.*

Elective Adventure: Good Knights

Create a shield and a recycled castle and do a service project (#2, 3, & 5). *Earth-Inspired Crafts.*

Elective Adventure: Rolling Tigers

Learn all about bike gear and safety. *Bike Safety.*

Elective Adventure: Sky is the Limit

Please call for information on limited star programs.

Elective Adventure: Stories in Shapes

Make several art pieces using shapes (#1B, 2A, & 2B). *Earth-Inspired Crafts.*

Elective Adventure: Tiger: Safe and Smart

Meet an EMT who will teach you about fire safety and emergencies. *Emergency Preparedness.*

Elective Adventure: Tiger Theater

Make a puppet, perform in a Reader's Theater, and attend a story time (#3, 4, &5). *Earth-Inspired Crafts.*

WOLF

Adventure: Call of the Wild

Prepare to be outside with knots, weather changes, and Leave No Trace. *Ask for Camping Knowledge.*

Adventure: Council Fire

Meet a naturalist and complete #5 & 6, reduce, reuse, and recycle. *Recycling.*

Adventure: Paws on the Path

Prepare for a hike and then take a short hike, or go on a nature walk. *Hiking Knowledge/ Seasonal Nature Walk.*

Elective Adventure: Air of the Wolf

Make a paper airplane, musical instrument, and kite. *Earth-Inspired Crafts.*

Elective Adventure: Finding Your Way

Use a compass to go on a scavenger hunt at Echo Hill (#3 & 4). *Orienteering.*

Elective Adventure: Germs Alive

Learn how to prevent germs. *Emergency Preparedness.*

Elective Adventure: Motor Away

Build several simple vehicles! *Earth-Inspired Crafts.*

Elective Adventure: Spirit of the Water

Learning about the water cycle, water pollution and conserving.

BEAR

Adventure: Bear Claws

Learn how to safely use knives. *Ask for Knife Safety*

Adventure: Bear Necessities

Plan for a camping trip by preparing gear and setting up a tent. Or cook a meal outdoors. *Camping Knowledge.*

Adventure: Fur, Feathers, and Ferns

Visit a park and learn about wildlife, or explore composting. *Seasonal Nature Walk/ Composting for the Home.*

Adventure: Grin and Bear It

Present carnival games at our Earth Day festival in April!

Elective Adventure: Baloo the Builder Learn about tools

and make a project out of wood. *Woodworking.*

Elective Adventure: A Bear Goes Fishing

Go on a fishing adventure! (#4) *Fishing Clinic.*

Elective Adventure: Beat of the Drum

Learn about the Lenape and make a Native American Craft. *Earth-Inspired Crafts.*

Elective Adventure: Marble Madness

Play some marble games and make a marble bag. *Earth-Inspired Crafts.*

Elective Adventure: Robotics

Learn about robots and build a robot hand (#1-3). *Earth-Inspired Crafts.*

Elective Adventure: Salmon Run

Learn about safety, equipment, paddling form, and rescue for canoeing (#1-3). *Canoe Clinic.*

Elective Adventure: A World of Sound

Create instruments from around the world! *Earth-Inspired Crafts.*

BOY SCOUTS

Our staff are counselors for these merit badges: Astronomy, Basketry, Bird Study, Camping, Canoeing, Cycling, Environmental Science, First Aid, Fire Safety, Fishing, Forestry, Geocaching, Hiking, Insect Study, Mammal Study, Nature, Orienteering, Reptile & Amphibian Study, Soil & Water Conservation. Price based on time and equipment.

Please refer to the corresponding program under Outdoor Education, Craft Workshops, or Outreach Programs above for pricing information.

CUB SCOUTS & GIRL SCOUTS

WEBELOS & ARROW OF LIGHT



Webelos Adventure: Cast Iron Chef

Learn about fire building or outdoor cooking. *Ask for Fire Building/ Camping Knowledge.*

Webelos Adventure: First Responder

Our EMT will teach you first aid and how to be ready in emergencies. *Emergency Preparedness.*

Webelos Adventure: Webelos Walkabout

Prepare for a hike by learning about first aid and dangerous animals/plants. *Hiking Knowledge.*

AOL Adventure: Camper

Prepare for your campout by setting up a tent, planning for emergencies, and tying a bowline, or go geocaching. *Camping Knowledge/ Geocaching.*

AOL Adventure: Scouting Adventure

Learn knots and rope care, and demonstrate knife safety (#5 & 6). *Knot Tying/ Knife Safety.*

Elective Adventure: Aquanaut

Learn how to canoe safely and properly (#3, 4, 9, & 10). *Canoe Clinic.*

Elective Adventure: Art Explosion

Make a clay project and a project with natural or recycled materials (#3A, 3B, 3C, & 3D). *Creating with Clay/ Earth-Inspired Crafts.*

Elective Adventure: Build It

Learn about tools and build a wood project (#1-4). *Woodworking.*

Elective Adventure: Castaway

Build a shelter and learn outdoor survival skills. *Outdoor Survival.*

Elective Adventure: Earth Rocks!

Find out about rocks, minerals, and geology. *Rocks & Minerals.*

Elective Adventure: Engineer

Build a catapult and another project using engineering skills (#4). *Earth-Inspired Crafts.*

Elective Adventure: Into the Wild

Explore with a naturalist and learn about animals and ecosystems. *Seasonal Nature Walk.*

Elective Adventure: Into the Woods

Discover trees and other parts of the forest. *Seasonal Nature Walk.*

GIRL SCOUTS

DAISIES

Between Earth and Sky Journey

Seeds & Plants: Learn about seeds and plants, including invasive plants. *Ask for Seasonal Nature Walk.*

The Daisy Flower Garden Journey

Composting: Learn about different Types of composting, including worm composting. *Composting for the Home.*

Garden Party: Visit our gardens and surrounding property at the Arboretum with a naturalist. Bring your own refreshments and enjoy a picnic! *Seasonal Nature Walk*

5 Flowers, 4 Stories, 3 Cheers for Animals! Journey

Nests & Eggs: Learn which animals lay eggs and make nests, and why, and touch some real nests. *Nests & Eggs.*

BROWNIES

Wonders of Water Journey

Water Issues: Learn how important water management is to humans and the environment. *Ask for Water Issues.*

Pond/Stream Study: Explore a wetland by using nets to catch freshwater critters! *Pond/Stream Study.*

Legacy Badges

First Aid—Brownie First Aid: Meet an EMT who will teach you basic first aid. *Emergency Preparedness.*

Naturalist—Bugs: Study bugs with a Naturalist! *Incredible Insects.*

Skill Building Badges

Craft—Potter: Make a pot and an art piece. *Creating with Clay.*

Outdoors—Hiker: Learn about hiking gear and places to hike nearby. Or learn the skill of orienteering at Echo Hill. *Hiking Knowledge/ Orienteering.*



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GIRL SCOUTS CADETTES

JUNIORS

Get Moving! Journey

Natural Nestings: Take a walk to learn about natural packaging and look for examples. *Ask for Seasonal Nature Walk.*

Recycling: Learn about recycling in this PowerPoint with related activities. *Recycling.*

Recycled Paper: Learn about recycling as we make our own paper! *Recycling.*

Animal & Plant Energy: Take a walk to look for animals and plants and learn about how they move and use energy. *Seasonal Nature Walk.*

Agent of Change Journey

Teambuilding: Our fun challenge activities foster teamwork, communication, and problem-solving skills. *Initiatives & Teambuilding.*

Legacy Badges

First Aid—Junior First Aid: Meet an EMT who will show you first aid. *Emergency Preparedness.*

Naturalist—Flowers: Meet some wildflowers and learn about their importance. *Seasonal Nature Walk.*

Skill Building Badges

Outdoors—Camper: Prepare for a campout, or learn fire building/cooking, knots, or orienteering. *Camping Knowledge, Fire Building, Knot Tying, or Orienteering.*

Adventure—Geocacher: Use a GPS to find hidden treasure! *Geocaching 101.*

Animals—Animal Habitats: Explore habitats at our parks and learn about the animal residents. *Nature Walk.*

Breathe Journey

Fresh Air Walk: Take a walk in the fresh air and learn about how plants care for our air. *Ask for Nature Walk.*

Legacy Badges

First Aid—Cadette First Aid: Meet an EMT to earn this badge. *Emergency Preparedness.*

Naturalist—Trees: Learn to identify types of trees and describe the function of each tree part. Or visit us in March to see maple syrup made! *Nature Walk/Maple Sugaring.*

Skill Building Badges

Do It Yourself—Woodworker: Learn tool use by making a wood project. *Woodworking.*

Outdoors—Trailblazing: Let an expert in backpacking help you prepare for your trip, or learn the skill of orienteering. *Backpacking Knowledge/Orienteering.*

SENIORS

Sow What? Journey

BioBlitz: Identify as many plants and animals as possible to learn about biodiversity. *Ask for Seasonal Nature Walk.*

Composting: Learn how you can turn organic household waste into rich, healthy compost for your home and garden. *Composting for the Home.*

Mushrooms & Molds: Learn about the importance of fungi in a slideshow. *Mushrooms & Molds.*

Legacy Badges

First Aid—Senior First Aid: Meet an EMT to earn this badge. *Emergency Preparedness.*

Skill Building Badges

Craft—Textile Artist: Learn basketry as a unique textile art. *Basketry.*

Outdoors—Adventurer: Do teambuilding with our staff, who are experts in canoeing and backpacking. *Initiatives & Teambuilding.*

AMBASSADORS

Justice Journey

Nature Break: Take a Nature Break with a naturalist and search for signs of nature growing despite difficult circumstances! *Ask for Seasonal Nature Walk.*

Registration Information

Call (908) 782-1158 to speak with a naturalist or recreation leader to set up a program. Be prepared to provide the following information:

- the program/topic you are interested in
- potential dates for the program
- which park area you wish to visit
- the age and number of scouts (minimum six)
- name, phone number, and address of a contact person

Programs can be tailored to the age and specific needs of the group.

Visiting our Parks

Make sure your group is ready to learn and have fun during their park visit. Encourage all participants (including chaperones) to dress for the **outdoors**. Please let your group know that the program leaders expect all visitors to respect our parks and each other.

Please refer to the corresponding program under Outdoor Education, Craft Workshops, or Outreach Programs above for pricing information.