

# EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

**2024 Catalogue**



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# Animals In Our Habitat

**Grades:** PS

## Objectives

- Come up with ways that we can provide better habitat for wildlife
- Identify characteristics of Ohio Wildlife

# Animals of Ohio

**Grades:** K

## Objectives

- Identify different animals that call Ohio home
- Understand the habitat each animal requires
- Understand each animals adaptations

# Birds

**Grades:** 3

## Objectives

- Identify different species of birds
- Identify characteristics and adaptations of birds
- Understand their growth from egg to adult
- Identify bird calls

# Bears

**Grades:** PS

## Objectives

- Identify different species of bears
- Identify characteristics of bears
- Understand how humans have an effect on populations
- Understand hibernation

# Bunnies

**Grades:** PS

## Objectives

- Meet a live Rabbit
- Identify characteristics of a rabbit
- Understand the difference between domestic and wild

# Butterflies

**Grades:** PS

## Objectives

- Learn how humans have affected Monarch populations
- Identify characteristics of butterflies
- Identify life cycle of a butterfly
- Understand pollination

# Colors In Nature

**Grades:** PS

## Objectives

- Identify different colors found in nature
- Understand camouflage
- Observe plants and animals in nature

# Dinosaurs & Fossils

**Grades:** PS

## Objectives

- Understand what is a fossil
- Identify different types of Dinosaurs

# Ecosystems

**Grades:** 5

## Objectives

- Identify what is an ecosystem
- Identify different ecosystems
- Identify plants and animals in an ecosystem

# Frogs

**Grades:** PS

## Objectives

- Identify characteristics of frogs and toads
- Identify habitats of frogs and toads
- Identify frog and toad calls
- Identify life cycle of a frog and toad

# Habitats

**Grades:** K

## Objectives

- Identify different habitats
- Identify animals that live in those habitats

# Insects

**Grades:** K

## Objectives

- Name the different parts of an insect
- Identify characteristics of an insect
- Identify usefulness of insects

# Leaf Peeping Hike (Fall)

**Grades:** PS, K

## Objectives

- Observe change in nature for the season
- Understand what animals do to prepare for winter
- Identify different types of leaves

# Living vs. Nonliving

**Grades:** K

## Objectives

- Identify the difference between living and nonliving things
- Identify traits of Ohio wildlife

# Mammals

**Grades:** PS, K, 3, 5

## Objectives

- Identify characteristics of Mammals
- Identify habitats of different Mammals
- Identify feeding habits of different Mammals
- Understand how Mammals grow up
- Debunk myths of wildlife (Opossums can't hang from their tails)

# Mealworms

**Grades:** 3

## Objectives

- Understand the life cycle of a mealworm
- Learn how to care for a mealworm farm
- Set up a classroom mealworm farm

## Owls

**Grades:** PS, K, 5

### Objectives

- Identify different Owls of Ohio
- Understand adaptations of owls
- Difference between owl calls

## Polar Bears

**Grades:** PS

### Objectives

- Identify characteristics of Polar Bears
- Understand why Polar Bear populations are decreasing

## Reptiles & Amphibians

**Grades:** PS, K, 1, 2, 4

### Objectives

- Meet live reptiles and amphibians
- Identify characteristics of Reptiles and Amphibians
- Identify how a toad or snake eats
- Identify life cycle of a toad
- Identify animal habitats
- Venomous vs. Poisonous
- Identify frog calls

## Spring

**Grades:** PS, K

### Objectives

- Observe changes in nature for the season
- Identify animals that become active in Spring time

## Symbolic Migration

**Grades:** 3

### Objectives

- Identify the life cycle of a butterfly
- Identify the characteristics of a butterfly
- Understand migration
- Create and send a classroom butterfly to Mexico

## Threats to Wildlife

**Grades:** 6

### Objectives

- Identify endangered animals in Ohio
- Identify animals that were once endangered and are now off the endangered species list
- Name what students can do to help

## Turkeys

**Grades:** PS

### Objectives

- Learn why Turkeys were extirpated from Ohio
- Identify characteristics of turkeys
- Identify habitat of a turkey
- Understand how turkeys grow up

## Winter/Hibernation

**Grades:** PS, K

### Objectives

- Observe changes in nature for the season
- Understand what hibernation is and what animals hibernate
- Understand what animals do to prepare for winter/hibernation

# White-tailed Deer

**Grades:** PS

## Objectives

- Identify characteristics of White-tailed Deer
- Identify habitat of White-tailed Deer
- Understand how humans interact with White-tailed Deer

# ADVENTURES

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The following programs are best experienced within a MetroPark and will last about 2 hours. Available MetroParks are listed for each program.

## Ecology Adventure

**Grades:** K, 1, 2, 3, 4, 7

### Objectives

- Name a variety of habitats
- Recognize that habitats change naturally and by human influence
- Give examples of how humans change habitats
- Explain how animals and plants are dependent on each other
- How can students help protect the environment

**Available at:** Osborn MetroPark, East Sandusky Bay MetroPark, Edison Woods MetroPark, Hoffman Forest MetroPark

## Invasive Species

**Grades:** 5

### Objectives

- Identify what is an invasive species
- Name different invasive species
- Understand how invasive species affect native species

**Available at:** Osborn MetroPark, East Sandusky Bay MetroPark

## Plant Adventure

**Grades:** K, 1, 2, 3, 5

### Objectives

- Name things that plants need
- Name different parts of a plant
- Identify the life cycle of a plant

**Available at:** Osborn MetroPark & East Sandusky Bay MetroPark

## Pollinator Adventure

**Grades:** 1, 3, 5

### Objectives

- Define a pollinator
- Identify characteristics of pollinators
- Identify life cycle of a butterfly
- Understand pollination
- Identify what students can do to improve habitats

**Available at:** Osborn MetroPark, East Sandusky Bay MetroPark

## Pond Adventure

**Grades:** K, 3, 5, 7

### Objectives

- Explain the life cycle of a frog or toad
- Discover adaptation of different aquatic organisms
- Explain how humans directly impact the type of life in ponds
- Identify different macroinvertebrates

**Available at:** Edison Woods MetroPark

## Quarry Adventure

**Grades:** 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8

### Objectives

- Identify types of fossils found
- Identify modern day relatives of the fossils
- Understand that the different types of fossils found were real creatures but no longer living.
- Discover how the Quarry operated
- Name resources from the Quarry

**Available at:** Castalia Quarry MetroPark

## Backpack Explorer Bugs

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

### Objectives

- Define and explore insect habitats
- Identify different parts of an insect
- Explore different life cycles of insects
- Define food chain
- Name and describe different types of ecosystems

**Available at:** Osborn MetroPark, The Enchanted Cottage, Edison Woods MetroPark

## Backpack Explorer Birds

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

### Objectives

- Identify what birds need to survive
- Learn how to observe in nature and to take notes
- Understand the development from egg to adult
- Identify bird songs
- Identify common birds

**Available at:** Osborn MetroPark, The Enchanted Cottage, Edison Woods MetroPark

# MORE INFO

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## Custom Programs

Don't see a program that fits your needs? Erie MetroParks can work with you to design a custom program!

## Content Standards

All programs in this brochure are aligned to current content standards. For a complete list of standards, please contact Michael Hensley using the contact information below

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