Audubon Society of Rhode Island

Environmental Education Program Guide

Indoor Investigations in Bristol ◆ Field Explorations at Audubon Wildlife Refuges
Nature Programs at Your School ◆ Teacher Resources
Information on Programs for Scouts, Libraries and Other Groups

For full program descriptions, links to NGSS, scheduling information, discounts and scholarships, teacher training and prop box rental information, please visit www.asri.org/learn

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LIFE SCIENCE PROGRAMS

One-hour classroom programs designed to support your science curriculum and align with the Next Generation Science Standards. Programs include hands on, inquiry-based activities that are grade level appropriate. Live animals accompany all programs.

**Sensory Safari:** Senses, animal structures and functions. Grades K – 2

**How Animals Survive:** Seasonal changes, hibernation, migration and raising young. Grades K - 2

**Verts:** Classification, vertebrate structures and functions, biodiversity, growth, change. Level I: Grades K – 2 Level II: Grades 3 – 6

**All About Birds:** Classification, bird structures and functions, life cycles, migration, biodiversity. Level I: Grades 1 - 2 Level II: Grades 3 - 6

**Owls of RI:** Senses, owl structures and functions, diet, habitats. Level I: Grades 1 - 2 Level II: Grades 3 - 8

**Birds of Prey:** Senses, structures and functions, predator/prey, habitats. Grades 3 – 8

**Bird Brains:** Raven structures and functions, communication and problem solving. Grades 4 – 8

**Life Cycles:** Simple and complex life cycles, metamorphosis. Grades 2 - 5

**Everything’s Connected:** Food chains and food webs, interactions, decomposition, ecosystems, energy flow. Grades 2 - 5

**Schoolyard Explorations are also possible.** 1 hour 30 students maximum $150 for one program, $115 each additional on the same day

INFLATABLE WHALE AND RAPTOR ENCOUNTERS

**Inflatable Whale:** Mammals, whale biology and anatomy, adaptations. Level I: Grades K – 1 Level II: Grades 2 - 8

1 hour 30 students maximum $175 for one program $125 each additional on the same day An electrical outlet and 75 feet of open, indoor space is required.

**Raptor Encounter:** Structures and functions of hawks and owls, predator/prey, habitats.

Level I: Grades K – 3, 40 minutes, 300 people max. $200 Level II: Grades 4 and up, 1 hour, 3 birds, 300 people max. $300 A large space such as a cafeteria, gym or auditorium is required.

Resources for Educators

Audubon is committed to helping teachers and students achieve their learning goals. Please see our website for Professional Development opportunities, Prop Box Rentals, Transportation Grants, Program Fee Assistance and links to Next Generation Standards. www.asri.org
Indoor investigations include habitat and aquarium exhibits with hands-on, inquiry based activities that are grade level appropriate. Programs are designed to support your science curriculum and align with the Next Generation Science Standards. Perfect for winter field trips!

**ONE-HOUR NATURE PROGRAMS**

- **Bird Brains**: Raven structures and functions, communication and problem solving. Grades 4 – 8
- **Owl Hour**: Senses, structures and functions, diet, habitats. Grades K – 2
- **Life in the Tide Pool**: Marine habitats, sea life survival. Grades K – 2

  1 Hour $8/student ($1 discount Nov – March) $120 minimum / 45 students maximum

**TWO-HOUR NATURE PROGRAMS**

- **Habits**: Rhode Island habitats, basic needs, food webs. Grades K – 8
- **Fur, Feathers and Scales**: Animal structures and functions, classification and comparisons of living things. Grades K – 2
- **Owls of Rhode Island**: Senses, structures and functions, diet, habitats. Grades 3 – 8
- **Whale CSI**: Classification, mammals, whale biology, anatomy. Grades 6 – 12

  2 Hours, $10/student ($1 discount Nov – March) $150 minimum / 60 students maximum

**CHAPERONE FEES for all field trips**: School staff and up to eight chaperones are FREE, $5 for each additional adult.

Aquarium photos courtesy of Heidi Gumula – DBVW Architects.
OUTDOOR FIELD EXPLORATIONS
ON AUDUBON WILDLIFE REFUGES

Get outside! Visit one of our beautiful wildlife refuges to explore and investigate the natural world. Field explorations are grade level appropriate and are designed to support your science curriculum and align with the Next Generation Science Standards.

ONE-HOUR FIELD EXPLORATIONS
Nature Tales & Trails
One-hour guided discovery walk with a story. Choose a theme and we will do the rest! Have a favorite story? Just let us know! (An indoor nature center exploration is an option at the Bristol location.) Grades Pre-K - 2

Discovery Walks
One-hour guided nature walks include sensory activities and explorations perfect for young children. Let us know if you would like us to focus on a specific theme. Grades Pre-K - 2

Bristol, Smithfield, Seekonk and Exeter
1 Hour $8/student $120 minimum

TWO-HOUR FIELD EXPLORATIONS
Nature Detectives: Senses, plants and animals, habitats.
Bristol, Smithfield, Seekonk and Exeter Grade 2 – 5

Field Ecology: Habitats, food webs, ecosystems, biodiversity.
Bristol Grades 2 – 8

Field & Forest Ecology: Comparison of two ecosystems, biodiversity, human impact.
Smithfield, Seekonk, Exeter Grades 5 – 12

Coastal Explorations: Marine life, saltwater habitats, tides.
Bristol

Coastal Explorations Level I: Grades 1 – 5
Level II: Grades 6 – 12

Pond & Stream Ecology: Wetland habitats, plants and animals, classification, biodiversity, water quality.
Seekonk, Exeter

Field Geology: Rocks & minerals, rock cycle, soils, glaciers, erosion, human land use.
Smithfield, Seekonk Grades 3 – 8

Nature & Native Americans: Pre-colonial life, basic needs, natural resources.
Bristol Grades 2 – 5

2 Hours $10/student $150 minimum

THREE-HOUR PROGRAMS
Wilderness Skills: Survival skills, team building, maps & compass, plant & animal ID.
Smithfield, Seekonk, Exeter Grades 4 – 8

3 Hours $11/student $165 minimum

Wigwam Ways: Pre-colonial Native American life, natural resources.
Seekonk Grades 2 - 6

3 Hours $11/student $165 minimum

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Looking for programs on a topic that you don’t see listed? Please ask!

To register for all programs go to www.asri.org/learn/schools or call 401-949-5454
COMMUNITY GROUPS
Looking for a unique experience related to the natural world?
Audubon offers nature discovery programs for scout troops, libraries, senior centers and other community groups. Programs are developed to best meet each group’s needs and schedule.

Scouts
Audubon educators lead programs for Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts working on badges related to natural history and life science. Ask how we can help fulfill your troop’s badge requirements. (Prospective Gold Award Girl Scout and Eagle Scout projects are also considered on an individual basis.)
Bristol, Smithfield, Seekonk and Exeter
2 hours $10/Scout $100 minimum 3 adults free $5/extra adult
Longer programs are an additional $5/hour/Scout

Trail Adventures
An Audubon naturalist will guide your group along our wildlife refuge trails. Explore what’s happening in nature each season. Follow deer tracks in the snow….listen to the spring chorus of frogs….witness baby birds learning to fly….and so much more.
Have a topic in mind? Just let us know!
Bristol, Smithfield, Seekonk, Exeter and other Audubon refuges upon request.
2 hours $10/person $150 minimum

Nature At Your Site
Audubon brings high quality natural history programming to recreation centers, libraries, senior living communities and other sites. Turn to Audubon if you need a speaker for an adult event, are looking for an animal encounter for children or want a bird walk led in your park. We tailor programs for each audience.

Raptor Programs: These popular programs include an informative presentation on these amazing birds and a live owl or hawk visit.

Animal Interviews: Live animals engage audiences of all age levels. Choose from a snake, turtle, insect or bird of prey.

Natural History Talks: Our naturalists have a wealth of knowledge on everything from mushrooms to birds to composting and gardening. Let Audubon know if you have a specific topic in mind.

Guided Walks: Want to learn more about the wildflowers, birds or the general natural history at your site? Ask Audubon!
1 hour $150 for one program, $115 each additional program on the same day

Public Programs
Audubon also offers a host of programs open to the public. Visit the events calendar at www.asri.org for more information.

Consulting
Audubon naturalists help individuals, schools and groups improve their outdoor spaces. Do you need help with gardening and landscaping for wildlife, nature trail development, or invasive species identification? Give Audubon a call!
$100/hour + mileage

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