



Connect to Nature through the Marvels of Migration

Booking Fall Field Trips Now!

Explore Holiday Beach for K-8 curriculum experiences that let you get hands-on with nature while:

- Hiking to the top of the Hawk Tower to identify and count migrating raptors
- Discovering seasonal wildlife in their natural habitats
- Playing active outdoor games (grade specific curriculum links on following page)



Fill the bus to reduce cost!
We can accommodate two groups/grades at a time. Each group can be up to 30 students.



To book a program and for more information contact:

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Grade 1: Needs and Characteristics of Living Things

Discover the plants and animals that live in the Essex Region and observe how this area provides the basic needs for these living things. Through games and guided exploration students will also learn more about our local wildlife and how some of these living things adapt to our seasonal changes.

Grade 2: Growth and Changes in Animals

Through a variety of interactive games and a nature hike, students will learn about the amazing animals (birds, mammals, insects, amphibians and reptiles) in the Essex Region. Discover the amazing life cycles of our native species.

Grade 3: Growth and Changes in Plants

Discover the many different trees, wildflowers, and vines that can be found in the Essex Region and observe some of the ways these plants change throughout their life cycle! Through games and exploration students will also learn more about how plants and animals depend on one another.

Grade 3: Soils in the Environment

Have you ever stopped and looked at the soil beneath your feet? Explore our living, breathing soil and some of the curious creatures that help maintain this important ecosystem ingredient. Students will collect and examine soil samples, participate in an erosion scavenger hunt, and enjoy a guided hike around the Conservation Area.

Grade 4: Habitats and Communities

Discover some of the different habitats found in the Essex Region and investigate what plants and animals make up a forest community compared to a prairie or wetland. Through games and exploration students will also learn more about food chains and predator-prey relationships.

Grade 4: Rocks, Minerals, and Geological Processes

Act out some of the geological processes involved in rock formation through active outdoor games and a guided hike to explore the Conservation Area. Students can collect rocks to include in a hands-on observation of our rock and mineral collection.

Grade 5: Conservation of Energy and Resources

Get hands-on with energy! Students will build and experiment with solar cars, complete a scavenger hunt for renewable and nonrenewable energy sources, and discuss the uses of energy in our lives.

Grade 6: Biodiversity

Discover the variety of living things that can be found in the Essex region while exploring the diversity of habitats in our Conservation Areas. Teachers can choose whether to focus on birds or bugs. Students will also learn more about the impact of invasive species and habitat loss through various games.

Grade 7: Interactions in the Environment

Explore the relationship between biotic and abiotic elements in the environment. Through a guided hike and various games, students will learn about the lives of Ontario's at-risk turtle species and discuss impacts on their survival.

Grade 8: Water Systems

What is a watershed? Did you know watersheds get report cards? How are our local watersheds doing? Complete our watersheds scavenger hunt to learn more about water in the Essex Region. During a guided hike, students will investigate the diversity of living things found in a wetland while discussing the value of, and threats to, these important ecosystems.

Sample Schedule*

10:00-10:15 Arrival, Washroom Break

10:15-11:15 ERCA Program Part 1

11:15-11:45 Lunch

11:45-12:45 ERCA Program Part 2

12:45-1:00 Prepare for Departure

*Schedule fully customizable to meet your school and transportation needs