

Attention Teachers!

It's time to book your fall field trip! Make it one they'll remember...

Come experience the K-8 curriculum-connected programs that let you get hands-on with history and nature!

At John R. Park Homestead
Conservation Area



Harvest Program

Until the end of November



Early Settlers

Year-round

At Holiday Beach
Conservation Area



Animals and Habitats

September - October



New Format!

Spend 3 hours on-site and enjoy your 2-hour guided experience, with time before and after to use, as you choose, at your own pace. Able to visit longer? Ask us about additional activities to extend your field trip.

Programs available *en français* upon request.

To book a program or for more information:

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The John R. Park Homestead Conservation Area

Harvest Traditions and Celebrations

Until the end of November

- Help the homesteaders prepare for winter by drying and preserving apples
- Participate in a pioneer work bee to learn how “many hands make light work” by husking and shelling corn in the barn using traditional methods
- Learn lessons about conservation by pressing windfall apples into delicious apple cider
- Discuss the needs of living things and discover how plants grow and change in the Homestead’s kitchen garden or orchard

Early Settlers

Year-round

Explore an Early Settler day on the Park Family farm in this popular program. Choose one of the hands-on activities below:

- Cooking over fire
 - Blacksmithing
 - Butter making
 - Woodworking
 - Weaving
- (19th century games always included)

Holiday Beach Conservation Area

Animals and Habitats

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- Explore changing seasons and wildlife adaptations on a guided hike to the top of the Hawk Tower with our class set of binoculars
- Get active with a curriculum connected lawn game or scavenger hunt. This program is highly customizable to suit the interests of your class and topics you would like emphasized
- Topics can include, but are not limited to: Avian Adaptations, Map & Compass, Plants and Soils, Data Collection, Life Cycles, Predator & Prey, Invasive Species, Interactions in the Environment, Citizen Science

Upcoming Opportunities

- Winter Traditions & Celebrations
- Wildlife in Winter
- Maple: First Taste of Spring



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