

Annie Louise Wilkerson, MD Nature Preserve Park

Environmental Education Programs



Learn, Play, and Explore

Wilkerson Nature Preserve's educational programs offer a fun and exciting way for your group to explore the worlds of science and environmental education while meeting state academic standards.

Program Details

- Programs are 90 minutes in length and led by park educators.
- Programs are \$50/class, and upon arrival, Wilkerson staff will split classes into smaller learning groups.
- A maximum of 50 students/day can be accommodated.
- Programs take place outdoors whenever possible.
 Participants should come prepared by dressing for the weather and wearing closed-toe shoes.
- A typical schedule will include a staff-led program, as well as time for self-guided nature exploration and a picnic lunch.

Curriculum Correlated Program Options

Fur, Feathers, and Scales

Target Grades: PreK - K

Science Correlation: K.P.2; K.L.1

Different animals have different skin. Learn about these different animals through a series of tactile activities. Meet a scaly animal up close, then take a walk in search of wildlife.

Go Batty!

Target Grades: K - 1

Science Correlation: K.L.1; 1.L.1; 1.L.2

Learn some bat facts and dispel some bat myths. Participate in games and activities that help us learn all about these flying mammals!

Reptiles and Amphibians

Target Grades: K - 5

Science Correlation: K.L.1; 1.L.1; 1.L.2; 2.L.2.1; 5.L.2

Learn about the adaptations reptiles and amphibians have to help them survive, then meet a reptile up close. Hike to visit habitats where reptiles and amphibians may be found. This program is offered from April - October.



Parts of a Plant

Target Grades: 1 - 5

Science Correlation: 1.L.1; 1.L.2; 3.L.2.1; 3.L.2.2; 3.L.2.3

Learn the parts of a plant and the role each plays in the plant's life. Then, take a hike to discover a wide variety of plants. This program is offered from March - October.

Explore a Rock Outcrop

Target Grades: 1 - 12

Science Correlation: 1.E.2.1; 4.P.2.3; 4.E.2.3; 8.E.2.2

Hike and learn about the history of Wilkerson's rock formations and how rocks are changed by plants, water, and people.

Mineral Lab

Target Grades: 4 - 12

Science Correlation: 4.P.2.2

Learn how geologists identify minerals, then participate in hands-on activities to test and identify minerals of your own.

Mammal Study

Target Grades: 4 - 5

Science Correlation: 4.L.1; 5.L.2

Learn how different mammals adapt for survival. Study replica skulls to observe the difference between herbivores, carnivores, and omnivores. Then, join us for a hike as we visit various habitats and look for evidence of mammals in the park.

Looking for a specific class topic for your students or scout group? Contact us to design a custom nature program that fulfills your needs!



More Information

View our webpage and upcoming programs at raleighnc.gov/parks. Search using keyword "RecLink."

Request a Program

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