

About Us

Lakeside Nature Center Naturalists are eager to help your students explore native wildlife and habitats. Our unique programs are designed to encourage interest in nature and the environment. Programs can also be tailored to fit your immediate curriculum needs. Call to schedule your own wildlife encounter!



Located on Gregory Blvd between 71 Hwy and I-435

Program Info

- Habitat Hikes are \$5/student and lasts approximately 2 hours.
- Outdoor Learning Lab is \$7/student and lasts 3-4 hours.
- Organized Group Program cost is \$4/student and lasts 1 hour.
- Animal programs can be brought to your public facility. A mileage fee is applied if outside KCMO city limits.

Call 816-513-8960 to schedule any of the programs listed.

LAKESIDE NATURE CENTER

Hours of Operation:
Tuesday thru Saturday 9-4
Closed Sundays & Mondays
Admission to the Center is FREE
Trails are open every day sunrise to sunset



Virginia Opossum



Organized Groups

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Opportunities for Organized Groups

Lakeside Nature Center (LNC) offers a variety of programs and opportunities for groups of all ages.

Everyone enjoys free admission to our nature center featuring live animal displays of native wildlife. Hike our nature trails and discover the wonders of local habitats. Fox Hollow Nature trail is a 2-mile hike or take the shortcut back at 1.2 miles.



Habitat Hikes

Wetland Study: (Grade 2-Adult): Explore the nearby wetland habitat to develop an understanding of aquatic plant and animal life. Then, return to the Nature Center to meet some wetland wildlife up close (seasonal availability).

Glade Study (Grades 2-Adult): Hike through a limestone glade and learn what lives in this unique community. Then, return to the Nature Center and meet some glade residents (seasonal availability).

Habitats are located less than a mile from the Nature Center and transportation will need to be provided by your organization. Program lasts approximately 2 hours and cost \$5/student.

Programs for Organized Groups

Program lasts approximately 1 hour and cost \$4/student. Classes are offered at the Nature Center or can be brought to your site unless otherwise noted.

Nature Connection (Ages 4 and up)

Take an up-close look at birds, mammals, reptiles, amphibians, or invertebrates. Learn about the habitats and life history of several native species. You choose the animals-just ask what's available.

Birds of Prey (Ages 4 and up): Meet three different raptor species that are native to Missouri.

Owl Laboratory (Grades 2-4): Meet a native Missouri owl and discover what they have been eating by dissecting an owl pellet (program offered at Lakeside only).

Radical Reptiles (Ages 4 and up): Explore the myths and mysteries of our native reptiles.

Fantastic Frogs (Grades K-2): Learn about these truly unique animals by exploring the characteristics of these amphibians.

Frog Anatomy Exploration (Grades 2-6): Take a look inside these unique amphibians through dissection (program offered at Lakeside only).

No Bones About it (Grades 1-5): Take an in-depth look at the amazing world of invertebrates. Learn about exoskeletons and defense mechanisms.

Fur, Feathers, Scales and Slime: (Pre-K-Grade 2): Touch different animal coverings to learn differences among vertebrate groups.

Bugs Among Us (Pre-K): Discover the diversity of insects by studying insect characteristics and life cycles.

Outdoor Learning Lab

Immerse your students in native habitats in the heart of Swope Park. This 360 acre wooded area is laced with trails and is designated as an Environmental Study area by the U.S. Department of the Interior. Program lasts approximately 3-4 hours and costs \$7/ student.

Outdoor Learning Lab is designed to complement and expand classroom studies about the natural world. Choose objectives from the following themes to customize the lab to your group. Each objective meets specific Missouri GLE's.

Diversity, Change and Need in Nature

- Grades K-2

The Importance of Plants

- Grade 3

Organisms and Ecosystems

- Grades 4-6

Map and Compass

- Grade 5 to Adult

Geocaching

- Grade 5 to Adult

For a list of the objectives offered for each theme call 816-513-8960, or visit our website to download an Outdoor Learning Lab Instructor Packet.



Eastern Screech Owl

Homeschool? Ask about our 5 week Science Lab for Individuals.