

Special Request Programs

All classes are free. Programs last from 45 minutes to 90 minutes and are guided by staff and volunteers. Class size is limited to 22 students. Larger groups may divide their attendees into smaller groups and rotate between classes. The Visitor Center will only host groups of less than 95 students during one visit.

To schedule a summer visit please email timothy_parker@fws.gov to receive a program request form. For questions about programs call Tim Parker at 301-497-5776.

Scout groups and summer camps may also schedule programs at the refuge.

Forest Ecology Hike (Outdoor Class)



This program explores the relationship between animals, plants and the landscape they occupy. A highlight of this program is searching for insects, arachnids, and other small creatures living on the forest floor. For students 5th grade and above this program may also include netting dragonflies and butterflies. (Students should wear long pants and closed toe shoes. Using insect repellent on clothing is recommended.)

Ages: 7 – Adult

Class length: 60 - 90 minutes

Pond Ecology Hike (Outdoor Class)



(3rd – 12th grades) This program explores the relationship between animals, plants and the landscape they occupy. During the hike students will visit Goose Pond to discover the underwater life of dragonflies, damselflies, crayfish, water-boatmen and other invertebrates. (Students should wear long pants and closed toe shoes. Depending on water levels they should also bring a change of shoes.)

Ages: 7 – Adult

Class length: 60 - 90 minutes

Agents of Discovery (Outdoor Class)



Agents of Discovery is an science app and game for smart phones or tablets. Students in chaperoned groups work to complete challenges near the National Wildlife Visitor Center. Please have adults download the game and missions before you arrive. More information can be found at [Agents of Discovery](#) info page.

Ages: 5 through adult

Class length: 60 minutes

Walking With Wolves (Indoor Class)



Students will recognize and identify different ways that wolves adapt to their environment. During this program, students will learn about the basic needs of wolves and how their habitat helps provide for those basic needs.

Ages: (1st – 7th grade)

Class Length: 60 minutes

Animal Skull Detectives (Indoor Class)



(1st grade - adult) By examining a skull's teeth, eye placement, and spinal connection, you can tell a lot about the past life of an animal. This animal identification activity is used with groups when the weather does not permit us to explore the forest.

Ages: (1st grade - adult)

Class Length: 60 minutes

NGSS: Class content covers 3rd grade standards