

Kenai Refuge Winter Field Trips



Each program requires a one hour teacher orientation. During the orientation, teachers receive a kit binder with all of the program activities and pre/post trip materials. Teacher involvement is required to facilitate some of the activities for each field trip. One adult chaperone is required per five students. All field trips occur at the Refuge Headquarters area on Ski Hill Road in Soldotna, Alaska. The Refuge provides snowshoes for all students and chaperones.

Snowshoeing through History (2nd-3rd) 2 hour field trip

Students explore historical and present use of snowshoeing for transportation and recreation on the Kenai Peninsula. Concepts covered include: outdoor winter safety, snowshoe fitness, wildlife identification, animal tracks and pelts, and different reasons why people snowshoe.

Wildlife in Winter (4th-5th) 1 hour classroom pre-trip & 3 hour field trip

Students explore the reasons for the winter season and how wildlife adapts to Alaskan winter. Concepts covered include seasonal changes, animal tracks, and animal adaptations.

Winter Ecology (6th) 1 hour classroom pre-trip & 3 hour field trip

Students explore the adaptations necessary for wildlife to survive Alaskan winters. Students will also explore recreation and its impacts on wildlife, predator-prey relationships, and food chains.

