

# Traditional Fall Field Trips: September - November

We're so glad you're considering a visit to Flanders Nature Center & Land Trust. We have a variety of environmental education programs and immersive field trips for students in pre-school through grade 5. The facilities at our main campus, the Van Vleck Sanctuary, include a historic barn with a variety of live farm animals, a maple sugar house, and an outdoor classroom. Our grounds provide a perfect spot for exploring the outdoors and for hands-on learning, with 200 acres of forests, ponds, farm fields, meadows, wetlands, and streams, all of which support a diversity of wildlife.

*For more information or to register for a field trip call Amber McDonald at (203) 263-3711 x12 or [amber@flandersnaturecenter.org](mailto:amber@flandersnaturecenter.org)*

## Cost:

**2-hour program: \$10/ student**

**3-hour program: \$12/ student**

## Recommended Program For:

50 students or less – 2 hour program

50 students or more – 3 hour program

In order to achieve maximum one-on-one instruction, classes will be broken into groups, depending on the number of students. Groups will then rotate, so that all of your students will have ample time to experience each fun-filled and exciting program.

Programs can be customized to fit your curriculum needs and to allow for the maximum amount of outdoor education time that your schedule permits.

**Plan your spring field trips now!**

Maple Syrup Magic Show: **Late February - March**

Spring on the Farm & Life in the Pond: **April - June**



## Fall on the Farm

Our historic, 200-acre New England farm provides the perfect setting for students to learn about agriscience. Your students can explore how animals are raised, how plants are grown and understand the connection to local farms as a valuable food source.

### Visit The Barnyard

See the flock of Shetland sheep that provide wool for spinning, knitting and weaving. Learn about cows, milk and dairy products we consume in a fun, hands-on way. Carefully observe a variety of mammals found on a farm and understand the characteristics of mammals.

### Take A Tractor Ride

Our scenic hayride provides an opportunity for observations of wildlife, seasonal changes and evidence of our past. Our tractor pulling a wagon acts as a classroom on wheels and allows students to focus on the landscape to be inspired to ask questions, collect and document data for journal entries and science investigations. Our fields, meadows, wetland and forest provide diverse habitats for viewing wildlife and help develop our stewardship role in a changing planet.

### Learn About Pumpkin Life Cycles

Pick a pumpkin to decorate and take home. Learn about plant life cycles.

### Play The Weather Game

Learn that farm production depends on weather conditions and that activities on a farm change with the seasons. Connect food purchased at grocery stores to the farms that grow them.

### Visit Our Farm and Rural Life Museum

A collection of more than 500 tools that showcases technology through time.

**Add A Themed Hike** through garden, field and woods.

Participation in all of the above-mentioned activities during one field trip is dependent on the amount of students and

## Wonders in the Water

Your students will scoop into the pond with nets and learn about the life cycles of local amphibians, insects, mammals, reptiles and birds. The curriculum will focus on how different plants and animals are adapted to obtain air, water, food and protection in water habitats. **PLUS** take a tractor ride to the marsh habitat to learn about the role of busy beavers.