

Traditional Spring Field Trips: March - June

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

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.

Maple Syrup Magic Show Program

Late February through March

Students learn where maple syrup comes from and see how sap is collected from trees and cooked in a working sugar house. Learn how Native Americans and early settlers made maple products. Discover maple math and finish with a taste of the final sweet product

Special 1-hour program

\$6 per students (\$120 minimum)



Spring on the Farm Program

Animal Life Cycles: Spring is the perfect time to visit the farm to learn about baby animals. Chicks are hatching from eggs, the sheep have new lambs and kid goats are sure to entertain your students as they learn about animal life cycles and products produced from farms.

Planting For Pollinators: Students will learn about the components of soil when planting a seed mix to benefit pollinators. Our biodegradable plant pots can be planted in the ground at home or at school for further science observations and research projects.

Technology through Time: Visit the Antique Farm Tool museum to see tools created to make farm life easier. Our collection of over 500 different tools used for planting, harvesting, and animal care during the year. Your students will discover the difference between needs and wants for human survival as they explore tools from the past.

Play the Weather Game: Our weather game played outside in a big field lets kids run as they learn how weather plays an important role in farming success.

Insect Investigation: The meadow is filled with a variety of insects and arachnids to catch, identify, and release. This field study offers hands-on learning for your class as they discover life cycles and diversity in the insect world.

Natures Engineers: Our resident beaver builders create dams and lodges in their watery habitat. Birds build nests and insects build hives. Learn how some animals change their environment and use natural materials to build with.

Bees & Butterflies: Our meadow has a variety of different plants that benefit insects. Discover milkweed and how important it is to Monarch butterflies. It is a host plant that feeds the caterpillar and a nectar plant that feeds both bees and butterflies. 75% of our food is pollinated by insects. Learn how humans can help bees and butterflies.

Water Cycle Game: Water is always on the move! This fun and active game teaches about the water cycle in an exciting and lively way!

Life in the Pond Program

A short hike through the woods brings your students to the Botany Pond where they can catch, identify, and release amphibians, reptiles and insects. From eggs to legs students will learn about metamorphosis and the wonders of wildlife in the water.

Wood frogs, spring peepers, green frogs, tree frogs, and toads are just a few of the many amphibians who lay eggs in the water at Flanders during spring. Your students will be amazed at the abundance of life they discover during your visit.

A Tractor Ride Is Included with Each Field Trip!