SCHOOL PROGRAMS

SCHEDULING PROCESS

Please schedule **four weeks or more** in advance. Submit online form with program inquiry and a member of the education team will be in touch to schedule your program.

**Fees**

- Programs are free for Mahoning County schools
- Non-Mahoning County schools pay $3/student, or $20 minimum

**School On-Site Program or Interpretive Tour Fees**

- Mahoning County schools: Free/student
- Non-Mahoning County schools: $3/student

**Group Size**

- Most programs can handle up to 60 students at a time, unless otherwise noted.
  - Minimum: 10 students
  - One adult admitted free with every 10 students, Preschool – Grade 12
  - Additional adults are charged a fee: $2/adult R; $3/adult NR

**Park Rules & Regulations**

- Please make sure bus drivers are aware of road restrictions and follow all Park Rules & Regulations.
- You will receive information about bus access to your program location with your program confirmation

**Outreach**

- Outreach School Programs are held at your location. Note the "car" symbol in the program description that denotes if it is an outreach program.
  - Minimum: 15 students
  - Fee: $25/day R; $90/day NR
  - Outreach includes: Mahoning, Trumbull, and Columbiana counties; other counties will have an additional fee.

**Non-School Groups**

- Homeschool, Scouts, Afterschool, and other Youth groups.
  - Fees: $2/person R; $4/person NR
  - Minimum group size: 10 participants (includes youth and adults)
Things to Remember the Day of Your Program

- Please call if you are unable to keep your scheduled appointment.
- Programs are intended to have an outdoor component and are held rain or shine.
- Dress appropriately for the weather.

Multiple Grades

Coming to America
Kindergarten – Grade 3
This Thanksgiving program demonstrates what the Native Americans taught the Pilgrims about growing the “Sister Seeds”: corn, beans and pumpkins. Students will plant their own “Sister Seeds.”

Length: 1 hour
Season: November

ChickQuest
Grades 2 – 3
Investigate the life cycle of the chicken and handle real eggs to classify and weigh. Program is presented in stations and so adequate space is required.

Length: 1 hour
Season: Any
Location: MetroParks Farm

Preschool – Grade 2

Sensing Nature
Preschool
Discover nature through sight, touch, smell, and sound. Students will listen to the story My Five Senses, learn how animals use senses for survival, and explore with their own senses.

Length: 1 hour
Season: Any

Little Red Hen
Preschool – Grade 1
Listen to and learn all about the popular children's story The Little Red Hen. The story teaches about the process of growing wheat and changing it into a food. Students will follow directions to make playdough.

Length: 1 hour
Season: Any

Happiness is a Cow
Preschool – Grade 2
Find out how milk gets from the cow to you. Discuss dairy foods and the role the dairy food group plays in nutrition. Students will have the opportunity to make butter using a butter churn (changing a liquid to a solid) and taste test their homemade product.

Length: 1 hour
Season: Any
Millin' Around
Kindergarten – Grade 1
A hands-on program that is especially geared for younger students. Learn how pioneer children lived and try your hand at grinding grain. Maximum number of students: 30
Length: 1 hour
Season: Autumn, Spring
Location: Lanternman's Mill
Max: 30 students

Super Seeds
Kindergarten – Grade 1
Students will explore the importance of seeds and learn how we use seeds every day. See and touch different colors, textures, and sizes of seeds and learn how seeds travel to new places to grow.
Length: 1.5 hours
Season: Autumn, Spring

Nature in Winter
Grade 1
Hands-on activities with puppets and costumes help students learn about hibernation, migration, and how nature adapts to winter.
Length: 1 hour
Please combine classes

Nature Friends
Grade 1
Meet real live nature friends with this hands-on adventure. Uncover the clues animals leave behind that tell us where they live and what they have been doing. Investigate how the surrounding environment helps fulfill wildlife's basic needs.
Length: 1.5 hours
Season: Any

Habitat Is Home
Grades 1 – 2
Take an exciting journey through a variety of habitats. Learn what makes up a habitat and how these places meet the needs of the creatures within them. Make observations in local habitats to discover and investigate how animals and people interact with them.
Length: 1.5 hours
Season: Any

Grades 3 – 5

MiniBeasts
Grade 3
Catch a glimpse at the often overlooked creatures of the forest and field – insects, spiders, centipedes, and more. Find out about the behavior, growth, and changes that make these animals unique. Students will observe the physical characteristics and behavior of various small creatures – the MiniBeasts!
Length: 1.5 hours
Season: Autumn, Spring

Terrific Trees
Grade 3
Explore the world of trees from acorn to oak. Fun activities will help the students learn the importance of trees, their parts and functions, and their life cycle.
Length: 1.5 hours
Season: Any

Woolly Critters
Grade 3 – 4
Identify sheep as farm animals and their use in wool production. Learn about the process of shearing, spinning, and weaving to get wool into a finished product. A spinning wheel is brought for the presentation and students will practice carding and weaving.
Length: 1 hour
Season: Any

Extreme Streams
Grades 4 – 5
Investigate the stream ecosystem. Using scientific methods, dip into the waters to sample aquatic life, participate in a macroinvertebrate study, and comprehend the connections between people and the environment.
Length: 1.5 hours
Season: Autumn, Spring

Wildlife of Ohio
Grades 4 – 5
Students will learn about wildlife that once lived in our state and how habitats have changed over the last 200 years. School must have a large spacious room, such as a gymnasium. Maximum number of students: 50
Length: 1 hour
Season: Winter
Max: 50 students
Grades 6 – 8

**Biodiversity Basics**
*Grades 7 – 8*
What is biodiversity? And what role does it play in our everyday lives? Students will learn the answers to these questions and more through a simulation game and other activities.

**Length:** 1.5 hours  
**Season:** Autumn, Spring

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**Interpretive School Tours**
The Mill Creek MetroParks interpretive school tours highlight the processes, history and benefits of several of our facilities: Fellows Riverside Gardens, Lanterman's Mill, and the MetroParks Farm.

**Botanical Discoveries**  
*Preschool – Grade 8*  
Learn about plants through the seasons while enjoying the beauty of the Gardens.

**Length:** 1.5 hours  
**Season:** Autumn, Spring  
**Location:** Fellows Riverside Gardens

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**Farmer for a Day**  
*Preschool – Grade 5*  
Experience a working farm from crops to livestock. On this tour students will take a tractor-wagon ride, visit the animals, and have fun with educational exhibits.

**Length:** 1.5 hours  
**Season:** Autumn, Spring  
**Location:** MetroParks Farm

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**Mill Tour & Gorge Hike**  
*Grade 2 and up*  
Tour a 19th century gristmill and watch as grain is stone ground into meal using power provided by the water of Mill Creek.

**Length:** 1.5 hours  
**Season:** Autumn, Spring  
**Location:** Lanterman's Mill