



Connect Kids Field Trip Grant Program

@ThacherStatePark

John Boyd Thacher State Park is situated along the Helderberg Escarpment, one of the richest fossil-bearing formations in the world. Even as it safeguards six miles of limestone cliff-face, rock-strewn slopes, woodland and open fields, the park provides a marvelous panorama of the Hudson-Mohawk Valleys and the Adirondack and Green Mountains.

Trips can be customized to your groups needs. We're looking forward to hearing from you!

Let's get connected

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The Connect-Kids-to-Parks Grant Program is designed to connect students in New York State with nature and history. Each grant provides reimbursement for field trips to state and federal parks, forests, historic sites, fish hatcheries and outdoor recreation areas.



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New York State
Parks, Recreation and
Historic Preservation

John Boyd Thacher State Park

Field Trips



Spring & Summer Field Trips

April-September



1.5 hrs

Incredible Insects

Butterflies, bees, and all kinds of bugs are an important part of nature. Discover what makes them special, and what you can do to support biodiversity in your backyard. Then, take to the fields and forest to see how many insects you can find.

1.5 hrs

Awesome Aquatics

Discover the different parts of a habitat, and what animals need to thrive. Then, borrow nets and see how many lake creatures you can catch! Dress for wading.

2 hrs

Indian Ladder Trail Tour

June-October

Descend through the entrance of the Indian Ladder Trail to view the amazing rock formations, and the forces that shaped them. This one mile hike offers spectacular views of the valley and mountains north and east.

Winter Field Trips

November-March

1.5 hrs

Hibernation Investigation

Explore mammal skulls and skins to learn about the many adaptations that help them survive in their habitat. Then, take to the trails to search for signs of wildlife. The hike will be lead on snowshoes, weather permitting.

1 hr

Snowshoeing

January-March

We'll strap on snowshoes and take an invigorating walk on the trails or in your schoolyard. Learn to look for evidence of animal life while you take in the quiet beauty of winter. Warm, waterproof footwear, and snowpants recommended.

1.5 hrs

Animal Superpowers

Meet some of our animal ambassadors and discover the adaptations that help them thrive in their habitat. Then, take a hike to search for some of the amazing plants and animals that call the park home.

1.5 hrs

Fun with Fossils

400 million years ago, New York was submerged under a tropical sea! Explore the geological history of the park, and examine fossils of ancient sea creatures.

Nature Center hours:
Tuesday-Sunday
9:00am-4:00pm
Closed on Mondays

Visitor Center hours:
Wednesday-Monday
9:00am-4:00pm
Closed on Tuesdays



Year Round Field Trips

