



YEAR-ROUND Field Trips:

ANIMAL SUPERPOWERS: TIME: 90 minutes

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.

Avian Adventures: TIME: 90 minutes

Although birds are some of New York's most common animals, they are far from ordinary. Students will discover the challenges of migration through a game, search for birds on a guided hike, and more! This fun-filled program is best for grades 4-9.

*All programs are available in English and Spanish!

CONNECT KIDS FIELD TRIP GRANT PROGRAM

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.

Please note that Connect Kids Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. Make your reservations now!

SPRING & SUMMER Field Trips: April-September

INCREDIBLE INSECTS: TIME: 90 minutes

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.

AWESOME AQUATICS: TIME: 90 minutes

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.

INDIAN LADDER TRAIL TOUR: TIME: 90 minutes

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.

FUN WITH FOSSILS: TIME: 90 minutes

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.

Scan here for more
information, and to
access the application!



Nature Center Hours:

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

Visitor Center Hours:

Everyday
9:00am-4:00pm

JOHN BOYD THACHER STATE PARK

Situated along the Helderberg Escarpment, discover one of the richest fossil-bearing formations in the world. While protecting six miles of limestone cliff-face, rockstrewn slopes, woodland and open fields, the park provides a marvelous panorama of the Hudson-Mohawk Valleys and the Adirondack and Green Mountains.

*Please contact the site if interested in special adaptations of programming. Trips can be customized to your groups needs. We're looking forward to hearing from you!

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Educational Programs

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