

NATURE TALES

Program Pricing and Registration Information

At your School:

\$100/class/hour, plus mileage. Pre-site visit: \$30 (optional)

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Registration Details

Registrations are processed on a first-come, first-served basis, and must be accompanied by a \$50 deposit. A confirmation letter and invoice will be sent upon receipt of the deposit. The balance is due on the program day. Programs will be canceled if school is canceled in Topsfield, or your town, due to snow. To receive a refund of the balance paid, you must notify us of your withdrawal at least two weeks prior to the program. A refund will be issued only if a program is canceled and we are unable to reschedule.

About Mass Audubon

Mass Audubon works to protect the nature of Massachusetts for people and wildlife. Together with more than 100,000 members, we care for 34,000 acres of conservation land, provide educational programs for 225,000 children and adults annually, and advocate for sound environmental policies at local, state, and federal levels. Mass Audubon's mission and actions have expanded since our beginning in 1896 when our founders set out to stop the slaughter of birds for use on women's fashions. Today we are the largest conservation organization in New England. Our state-wide network of 45 wildlife sanctuaries welcomes visitors of all ages and serves as the base for our conservation, education, and advocacy work.



IPSWICH RIVER WILDLIFE SANCTUARY

Discovery Programs for Preschool Groups

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About our Programs

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Our preschool discovery programs build on children's curiosity about the world by using hands-on, nature-based activities. A naturalist will bring fun and exciting activities along with a pre-selected nature picture book.

Connecting literature to real-life experiences helps students develop a deeper understanding and appreciation of our natural world while encouraging exploration in their own backyards. Please note that we encourage outdoor exploration after each program, which would require an outdoor area for best results, though not required.

If you would like a certain topic taught that is not covered in this brochure, please contact us and we will work with you to develop a curriculum that meets your needs. Our onsite school brochure is available on our website. Just click on School and Group programs on the Ipswich River Wildlife Sanctuary page.

ANIMALS IN WINTER

Animals use different strategies for surviving the cold. Some migrate, some hibernate, and some stay active. By examining mammal furs and bones and participating in role-playing, students will learn the different ways that animals stay warm. Learn about animal tracks and take a closer look at clues that animals leave behind.

Story, show and tell, outdoor exploration

BEAUTIFUL BIRDS

Find out what birds are made of with hands-on activities and bird mounts. Learn to identify some common birds through sight and sound, and take a closer look at feathers, nests, and bird adaptations.

Story, show and tell, outdoor exploration



INSECTS

Insects are found wherever you turn. Students will learn about the variety of insects and their life cycles through hands-on activities and up-close observation.

Story, show and tell, outdoor exploration



OWLS

Learn about these magnificent hunters and their importance in the food chain. Students will examine models of local owls, dissect an owl pellet as a group, and listen to their calls so they can know who is in their own back yards.

Story, show and tell, outdoor exploration

SEEDS AND PLANTS

Investigate the life cycle of plants and learn what plants need in order to survive. We will look at seed dispersal, as well as how the roots, leaves, stem, and flowers work together to help the plant grow.

Story, show and tell, outdoor exploration

SIGNS OF THE SEASON

Enjoy a guided walk through the woods and/or fields on school property or at an area near you. Explore nature's seasonal changes using the senses of sight, sound, touch, hearing, and smell. Each class observes the changes in plant and animal life throughout the changing seasons.

Story, show and tell, outdoor exploration

