



# Audubon Nature Explorations

Interactive nature programs for school and community

## Exploring the Secrets of the Forest September 22-October 29

In the fall, would your students enjoy learning about the kinds of animals that live in the Maine forest? They might find their tracks and signs, and study mounts of the real thing. They will learn the kinds of trees of the Maine forest by experience—shake hands with the fir tree. Smell its sweet fragrance. Shake hands with the spruce—ouch! It's spikey. For older students, we go into concepts of ecology, but we always teach through experience.



### Exploration Details

#### Ages:

Groups ages 5 and up

#### Start Times Between:

8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

#### Cost:

2-hour program

\$4.50/person

\$45 group minimum

#### Reservations Necessary:

Please call Fields Pond  
Audubon at (207) 989-2591  
or email





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#### Payment:

Payment is due in full on the  
day of your program. School  
purchase orders are accepted.



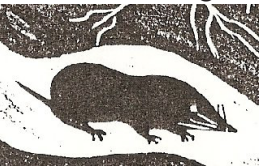
## Exploring Animal Tracks in Winter January - February

    Students love the mystery and excitement of following animal tracks in winter. What animal is it? Is it a predator, or a prey species? Some animals are both! Our naturalists will help students learn how to identify tracks, and how to interpret its behavior. For older students, we teach how to measure tracks and estimate how many animals are in the fields and woods.

## Exploring the Signs of Spring

### March - April

Many people complain, "Maine has NO Spring. We go from winter right into summer." We have a wonderful Spring! But you have to look for it: insects on the snow; the melting of the snow; finding secret mice tunnels under the grass or snow; finding mole tunnels; finding tiny flowers blooming, buds swelling, green grass under the snow, the sap running in maples and in other trees; the arrival of new spring birds; and much more. Come learn the subtle signs of spring—it will cheer you up, as well as your students.



## Exploring the Wonderful Wetlands

### May - June

Wetlands teem with animals that will fascinate your students. Students especially love frogs, salamanders and snakes—and will love learning about them. Older students love to learn that Maine has nine species, and how to identify some of them and the sounds they make. Also, many people know that wetlands are important for animals—but how do wetlands help people? We demonstrate how they help people, too.

## Program Features

**A**n emphasis on using all senses to explore and experience nature outdoors.

**S**mall-group, age appropriate discovery activities that introduce students to key ecological concepts.

**O**pportunities to learn about connections between the environment and human history.

**F**lexibility to adapt program content to include special interests or specific Maine State Learning Results Content Standards.

**T**eacher packets containing hands-on activities, ecological information, and resource list.

**O**pportunities to custom design a program.