



NATIONAL WHITETAIL DEER EDUCATION FOUNDATION
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2018 SCHOOL & GROUP FIELD TRIPS

Deerassic Park Education Center is dedicated to providing high quality outdoor education experiences to youth to encourage them to be active in the outdoors and to nurture an appreciation for all the opportunities nature and the environment have to offer.

Below is a list and description of the outdoor activities and education that school and group field trips can be involved in at Deerassic Park Education Center. Please let us know which programs and activities your group would be interested in pursuing.

Popular Field Trip Options:

Popular Classroom Visit Options:

<i>Program</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Max/Min</i>	<i>Grades</i>
Aerial Archery (30-60 min.)	Having previous archery experience is a prerequisite to this activity. Students will try some advanced archery techniques by using the NASP style compound bows to try and shoot circular foam targets out of the air launched by our target thrower. They will use flu-flu arrows (designed for aerial flight) to try and “shish-kabob” the foam targets.	16/4	5 th +
Antler Scoring (5 – 40 min. periods)	Students will learn the proper scoring system for deer antlers. Just calling a buck an 8-point or 10-point doesn’t really tell you the size of the antlers. Here at Deerassic we use the Buckmasters Official Scoring System that teaches kids math, how to read a tape measure, and how to use those numbers and measurements to get a total “score” for a deer’s antlers. Students will also have the opportunity to bring in their own harvested bucks to be scored and possibly entered into the record books!	30/6	6 th +
Archery I (30-60 min.)	Hay bales and targets/balloons are set so students can use the NASP style (kid friendly) compound bows to work on their target shooting skills.	30/4	3 rd +
Archery II: SAFE Archery (30-60 min.)	This inflatable option can be done inside or out depending on the weather. Four “floating” balls become the targets as students shoot modified arrows with recurve bows. Excellent option for “Beginners” with no shooting experience. This can also be turned into a competition for the advanced shooter.	30/4	Pre-K+

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Archery Golf (30 min. – 2 hrs.)	This works just like a regular game of golf or our popular program “disc golf”. Students use bows and foam golf ball tipped arrows and shoot their way through a golf course that uses the disc golf catchers as “holes”. Once students make their arrow into the catcher they move on to the next “hole”.	24/4	3 rd +
Stream Studies “Creeking” (30-90 min.)	Walk in the bottom ravine of our property where the creek runs. Depending on the season and amount of rainfall, students will be able to catch salamanders and crawdads. Nets, containers, and identification sheets make identifying all the critters easy. This field inquiry lesson will introduce students to many aquatic vertebrates, invertebrates, and to the concept that their presence or absence can help us determine the quality of the water in streams, rivers, lakes, and ponds.	30/4	Pre-K+
Canoeing/ Kayaking (30 min. – 3 hrs.)	Available for small groups or as a station, participants have the opportunity to spend some time on the water exploring the sport of canoeing/kayaking. Classes range from a quick start on the water experience to a full ACA Introduction to canoeing/kayaking class.	30/4	3 rd +
Disc Golf (30 min. – 2 hrs.)	We offer students the opportunity to try this one-of-a-kind sport that gets them active and outdoors. Students will throw Frisbees through a course set up with disc catchers (works like golf but catchers instead of holes).	24/6	3 rd +
Field Games (30 min. – 2 hrs.)	We are now bringing physical education outdoors! Choose from all sorts of games including but not limited to: whiffleball, kickball, dodgeball, capture the flag, and ultimate Frisbee! Get your students active and outdoors!	30/12	3 rd +
Fishing (30-90 min.)	Utilizing our large floating dock, three acre stocked pond, cane poles and worms; youth will be exposed to the basics of fishing, with an opportunity to catch bluegill and bass. All materials are provided by the park.	24/4	Pre-K+

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Hiding in Plain Sight (30-40 min.)	Students play a game of hide and seek to learn about important adaptations in many wild animals.	25/6	Pre-K+
Marksmanship & Firearm Safety (30-60 min.)	Working with air rifles, students learn the basics of firearm safety along with basic marksmanship utilizing hay bales and targets/balloons.	30/4	3 rd +
Nature Center (30 min. – 2 hrs.)	Take a walk through our BRAND NEW, amazing Nature Center! This one-room cabin includes everything you need to know about Ohio native animals. Our instructors will give you a general tour over everything within the nature center which includes but is not limited to: LIVE reptiles and amphibians , animal pelts, skulls, artifacts, taxidermy mounts, informational posters, rocks and minerals, Native American arrowheads, and much more! To get a more in-depth look at one specific topic, look through the program options below.	30/6	Pre-K+
Nature Center – Skull I.D. Lab	Students will learn different characteristics of Ohio animal skulls to be able to determine and identify them from one another.	30/6	K-12
Nature Center – Animal Tracks	Students will learn the difference in animal tracks from different mammals native here in Ohio. Students will be able to see differences in characteristics to determine which track comes from which animal.	30/6	K-12
Nature Center – Scoop On Poop	A kid favorite! The fascination with animal scat! Kids enjoy this fun interactive presentation on Ohio mammal scat. Students will learn interesting facts about animal poop and get to see replica examples. With teacher permission, this includes students getting to enjoy “animal poop” chocolate treats.	30/6	K-12

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Nature Center – Animal I.D. Lab	A general I.D. of Ohio’s native animals. Students will use taxidermy mounts, pictures, videos, and live animals to determine what they are based on certain characteristics. They will then learn about each animal’s habitat, diet, reproduction, tracks, and behaviors. Just like any other nature center activity, they will have a much better understanding of what’s around them.	30/6	Pre-K+
Nature Center – Native American Arrowheads	Take an in-depth look at our past time. Students will learn about the Ohio Native Americans, the tools and weapons they used to survive, and the different arrowheads they used.	30/6	3 rd +
Nature Center – Fur Talk	Students will use different characteristics they identify from looking and touching different animal pelts to determine which each one is. They will also learn more about these animals such as: habitats, diets, and behaviors.	30/6	Pre-K+
Nature Center – Song Birds	Weather permitting; students will observe different song birds and other critters that visit our bird feeders by looking through the nature center windows. Students will try and I.D. these birds while also learning more about them, hear their different calls, and know what to look for.	30/6	Pre-K+
Nature Center – Rocks & Minerals	Take a closer look at rocks! Students will get the chance to learn more about the rocks and minerals we have here on Earth. Kids will get to identify rocks as well as learn about the rock cycle, and use magnifiers to see these rocks close up! The lesson will break them down based on categories such as: minerals in scale of hardness, streak, luster, cleavage, fracture, specific gravity, ores of metals and non-metals, igneous, sedimentary, and metamorphic rocks.	30/6	3 rd +

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Owl Pellets (30-50 minutes)	Students will dissect an owl pellet and learn about what owls eat. An owl pellet is a dense mass of bones, fur, and feathers an owl coughs up after digesting a meal. It is odor-free and safe for children when properly prepared, offering a real-life look at owls and their diet. An owl pellet also illustrates who eats what in a simple food chain.	30/6	Pre-K+
Paddleboarding (30 min.-3 hrs.)	Available for small groups or as a station, participants have the opportunity to spend some time on the water exploring the sport of paddleboarding. Classes range from a quick start on the water experience to a full ACA Introduction to paddleboarding class.	14/4	5 th +
Pollution Search/ Recycling (30-50 minutes)	Students learn about the different types of pollution, different types of recyclables and the 3 R's (reduce, reuse, recycle.) They will then take a hike around and through the woods to get a closer look at pollution: what it is, what its sources are, and what people can do to reduce it, as well as find different recyclables and place them in their appropriate recycling bins.	30/6	2 nd +
QDMA (Quality Deer Management Association) Program (5 – 40 minute periods)	Great for middle school-high school aged kids. This 5-day program is perfect for an in-school visit. Deerassic comes and takes over your classroom for the week to teach kids the importance of quality deer management. This curriculum includes powerpoints, videos, worksheets, hands-on activities, and a final test to teach students things such as: deer biology and anatomy, deer history, aging and scoring bucks, trail camera surveying and analyzing, etc. Teachers can choose whether they use the worksheets and test towards the students' grades or it can just be a week of fun learning for the kids!	30/6	6 th +
Wonders of the Whitetail Deer (30-60 min.)	Students visit our live deer herd and learn fascinating facts about the whitetail deer including its interrelationship with humans through history, life cycle and habits. This presentation can also include a classroom component if the weather isn't cooperating.	30/6	Pre-K+

We can also come to you!

Classroom and On-Site presentations are also available depending on season

Traveling to your classroom or site, we can provide most of our hands-on activities we offer here at the park, right at your school or organization! Take advantage of our “Deerassic-On-The-Go” grant application and get funded for us to bring the “Outside, In!”

To schedule your trip to Deerassic Park Education Center or to arrange for us to come to you, please call (740) 435-3335 or email luke@deerassic.com