

Central New York's premier nature center offers an incredible setting with over 850 species of plants and animals. Guided Tours utilize a discovery approach; introducing students to a wide variety of plant and animal relationships in multiple habitats, including wetland and forest communities. We focus on individual organisms and their unique adaptations to their environment.

If you have any special needs or would like your guide to focus on a specific topic such as birds and migration or frogs and metamorphosis, let us know when you call.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Reservations are required
(315) 638-2519, weekdays, 8am- 4:30pm
Dates fill quickly...call early!

\$2 per student
Snowshoe programs/rentals are an additional \$2 per student
Teachers and chaperones are free
(minimum of 12 students)

Larger groups/classes may be divided into groups of up to 15

Tour length varies...1-3 hours

Tours take place rain or shine or snow...please dress for the weather.



Beaver Lake Nature Center
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Professional Naturalists and
Seasoned Volunteer Trail Guides
lead the way...

Our trained staff includes naturalists and volunteer trail guides. Together our full time naturalists have over 50 years of experience with backgrounds in subjects such as entomology, wildlife biology, forestry and more. Volunteers participate in extensive natural history training courses at Beaver Lake.



Educational Programs

(Year-Round)



Habitat Diversity

April-June & September-November

Come explore and compare four different habitats featuring our unique Bog Trail. Walk on a floating boardwalk as your guide introduces cranberries and insectivorous plants. Depending on the season, students may see frog or salamander eggs up close and learn about stages of growth and development. By observing the animals in their habitats, students will discover the concept of interdependency.

This program encourages students to observe their surroundings using their senses to appreciate the sights and sounds of the forest.



Snowshoe Discovery Walk

January & February

Join a naturalist for a snowshoe hike during which students will learn to identify animal tracks and how animals survive the winter. Groups will then take a short walk to the lake to learn about ice harvesting as practiced from colonial times to the 20th century. As students saw and remove blocks of ice, they will learn about the different layers within the ice. We will also discuss life beneath the ice.

Recommended for grades 3 - 12

Maple Sugaring Tour

March

A tour through the sugarbush will explore the history and Native American legend of maple sugaring. Discover how photosynthesis is the key to making syrup. In addition, we will demonstrate how to tap, collect and boil down sap to make this sweet treat. Finally, put your taste buds to the test... will you be able to tell the difference between pancake syrup and real maple syrup?



ALSO AVAILABLE...on and off site...

- Professional Development Workshops
- Off Site Programs & Presentations