field trip workshops
at the Nature Museum

naturemuseum.org/workshops
Enhance your field trip with an authentic, hands-on nature experience!

Register for our creative science and nature workshops to focus your field trip and create meaningful connections between in- and out-of-school learning. All workshops are taught by an experienced museum educator and correlate with Next Generation Science Standards.

PREPARING FOR A FIELD TRIP WORKSHOP

1. PRE-VISIT
   - Register for your workshop online: naturemuseum.org/workshops
   - Download our free Field Trip Guide, where you’ll find focused field trip activities, arrival/check-in information, exhibit descriptions, FAQs, and more! Visit: naturemuseum.org/fieldtripguide

2. MUSEUM VISIT WITH WORKSHOP
   - Create meaningful connections through an educator-led workshop.

   “Attending the workshop gave our visit more of a focused purpose — the students remembered more about the whole trip because of it.”

   — Chicago Public Schools teacher —

3. POST-VISIT
   - Back in your classroom, complete the post-visit activity found in the Field Trip Guide.
   - Borrow Nature Museum Inquiry Kits free of charge to complement your trip. Visit: naturemuseum.org/tlc
OUTDOOR WORKSHOPS

PRE-K AND K

Nature is Sense-ational | NGSS: ESS3
Awaken your senses and embark on an outdoor adventure! Students will embark on an exploration of the trails, prairie, and pier surrounding the Nature Museum, and discover the sights, sounds, feels, and smells of nature in the city!

GRADES 1, 2, AND 3

Habitat Explorers | NGSS: LS1, LS3, LS4
Go outside and explore prairie, pond, and wooded habitats found at the Nature Museum! Students will practice making careful observations as they examine plants and animals in various outdoors areas.

GRADES 4 AND 5

Ecology Rangers | NGSS: LS1, LS2, LS4, ESS3
Go outside and observe prairie, wetland, and urban woodland ecosystems! Students will increase their knowledge of Illinois ecosystems by observing living and non-living things in our outdoor exhibits and by evaluating how the parts of each system interact and work together.

GRADES 6 – 12*

Amazing Biodiversity (90 minutes) | NGSS: LS2, LS4
Compare the biodiversity of different outdoor areas on the Nature Museum grounds! Students will use sampling and systematic observation to collect data in order to graph, analyze, and compare the species richness and biodiversity in two different natural areas.

Interpreting Ecosystems | NGSS: LS2, ESS3
Get outdoors and investigate the various urban ecosystems at the Nature Museum! Students will observe and record the diversity of living things in two of Illinois’ most dominant natural environments and consider the changes in these natural areas over time to evaluate the roles humans play as a part of these ecosystems.

*Programs are modified appropriately for the grade level indicated by the teacher on the registration form. Please note that outdoor workshops will be taught rain or shine (excluding dangerous weather conditions). Ensure that you and your students are dressed appropriately and are prepared to spend 45 minutes outdoors. Please contact access@naturemuseum.com if your group has any accessibility accommodation needs.
The workshop is such a necessary piece to the field trip because it makes the students stop and take time to really observe, think, and do the hands-on activities.

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How to Register
Visit naturemuseum.org/workshops to complete an online registration form. For more information or special requests, e-mail fieldtrip@naturemuseum.org.

Cost & Payment
$160/45-minute workshop; $185/90-minute workshop. Payment is due 30 days prior to the program(s) date, or the program will be canceled.

Kindergarten through Grade 12 workshops have a maximum of 30 participants, and Pre-K workshops have a maximum of 20 participants. Each school classroom must register for its own workshop. To ensure the quality of the hands-on experience, schools may not combine multiple classrooms into one workshop. Groups with workshops exceeding the maximum number of participants without prior approval will be charged for an additional workshop.