Seasonal Nature Exploration
An Educational program of the Environmental Interpretive Center at the University of Michigan – Dearborn

Teacher Information

Program Length, Season and Appropriate Grade Levels

- The program lasts 1½ to 2 hours, and can be adapted to suit the needs of your group.
- The program is offered year-round.
- Appropriate for Grade Levels Pre-K-8.

Program Description and Activities

This program allows participants to explore natural habitats by taking a very general approach to nature discovery.

Your students will be engaged in a multifaceted program experience that may include:

- Using their senses as they explore natural habitats to discover evidence of plant and animal activity.
- Enjoying encounters with local wildlife.
- Learning some of the techniques of wildlife observation.
- Connecting the season to the activities of wildlife encountered.
- Becoming more comfortable in a natural setting.
- Developing a sense of inquiry and wonder about the natural world.
- Becoming more knowledgeable about the wildlife and habitats of their local area.
- Making the connections between the Henry Ford Estate and Henry Ford’s interest in nature preservation.
- Making real-world connections to various science terms and concepts taught in the classroom at various grade levels.