

HARRIET ALEXANDER NATURE CENTER

Field Trips

2025/2026



- Hands-on, inquiry-based learning
- Experienced staff naturalists
- Memorable outdoor experiences

Schedule your group visit today!

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Pre-K Programs

Designed for ages 2-6, Can also be adapted for Kindergarten
1.5 hours long

Get to Know Nature



Seasons Offered: Year-round

Look, listen, touch, and smell as we use our senses to discover the outdoor world! Go on a scavenger hunt, meet a live ambassador animal, and visit two different habitats. This program is all about exploration and using our senses.

Minnesota Animals



Seasons Offered: Year-round

Who are our animal neighbors? Learn all about the types of animals that live here in Minnesota. Meet a live ambassador reptile, touch some furs, hike the trails looking for animal signs, and act out animal movements.

Spectacular Seasons



Seasons Offered: Year-round

Nature is full of patterns and cycles! Check out the trails to see how plants and animals are getting ready for the next season and use your senses to observe the weather. Specific activities will vary with the season.

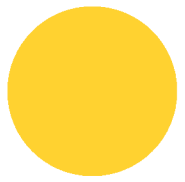
What is a Wetland?



Seasons Offered: Spring, Summer, Fall

Visit a wetland and discover what makes it a special place! We'll take a walk on the boardwalk, use nets to see what's living in the water, and engage with the plants and animals that make their homes in the wetland.

K-6 Programs



Program activities and content will be tailored to specific age groups.

Groups with more than one class (around 25 students) will be divided into class-sized groups and rotate through stations. Groups with more than three classes (around 75 students) should plan for a two-hour visit.

All About Insects



Seasons Offered: Summer, Fall

Grade Levels: K-4

Length: 1.5 hours

Overturn logs, sweep in the grass, or dip in the water as we search for insects. We'll find out about insect body parts, lifecycles, what they eat, and what eats them.

Animal Architects



Seasons Offered: Year-round

Grade Levels: 1-6

Length: 1.5-2 hours

How do animals change their environment to meet their needs? From nests to tunnels, this program is all about animals that build! Examine animal artifacts, check the trails for homes, and try your hand at building like a bird.

Animal Olympics



Seasons Offered: Year-round

Grade Levels: K-6

Length: 1.5 hours

Explore animal movements! Students will interact with animal artifacts to understand how different species excel in their natural abilities, and cheer each other on as they mimic local wildlife in physical challenges.

Art in Nature



Seasons Offered: Year-round

Grade Levels: K-6

Length: 1.5-2 hours

Nature is full of patterns and inspiration. We'll explore outdoors and items from the collections, then students will create their own small natural art projects to reflect their experiences.

Creature Features



Seasons Offered: Year-round

Grade Levels: K-6

Length: 1.5-2 hours

From tails to scales, jaws to claws, we'll relate animal parts to their function through observation of both live animals and specimens. Students will make comparisons, identify patterns, and learn how animal structures help in survival.

Habitat Investigation



Seasons Offered: Year-round

Grade Levels: K-6

Length: 1.5-2 hours

Discover the relationships between what animals need and the places they live. We'll visit both a forest and a wetland to study the diversity of plant and animal life, plus play a habitat survival game.

How Animals Grow



Seasons Offered: Spring, Summer

Grade Levels: K-2

Length: 1.5 hours

From look-alikes to total transformations, this program is all about animal life cycles! We'll examine artifacts, then hit the trail to search for signs and match baby animals to the adults they'll become.

Our Nature Neighbors



Seasons Offered: Year-round

Grade Levels: K-6, best program for multi-age groups

Length: 2 hours

This program is all about the ecosystems and organisms in our suburban neighborhoods. We'll investigate two distinct natural spaces, meet a live wildlife ambassador, and play a habitat game.

Plant Powers



Seasons Offered: Year-round

Grade Levels: K-6

Length: 1.5-2 hours

Explore what makes plants unique. We'll look closely at individual plants and match up parts to their functions. We'll also learn the life cycle of a plant and figure out why different plants grow in different areas.

Seed Investigation



Seasons Offered: Spring, Fall

Grade Levels: 2-6

Length: 1.5 hours

We will examine a variety of different botanical fruits and discover the variety of ways seeds are dispersed. Students will learn about how different structures perform different functions, and build seed models of their own.

Tapping Time



Seasons Offered: Late Winter/ Early Spring

Grade Levels: 1-6

Length: 1.5-2.5 hours

Discover how syrup makes it from tree to table. Students will learn to identify maple trees, tap a tree, role-play the flow of sap, and taste real maple syrup. A pancake cooking session can be added for an additional \$5/person.

Tracking Weather



Seasons Offered: Year-round

Grade Levels: 2-6

Length: 1.5-2 hours

How does weather happen? Students will collect data and make observations of current conditions. We'll experiment with how air temperature and pressure affects the weather we experience.

Water in Motion



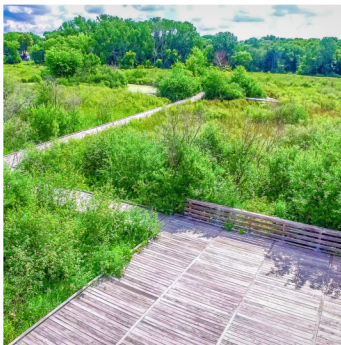
Seasons Offered: Spring, Summer, Fall

Grade Levels: 2-6

Length: 2 hours

Students will search for water in unexpected places and explore how it moves through a watershed. We'll play a game to follow water's journey and experiment with water's unique properties.

Wetland Ecology



Seasons Offered: Spring, Summer, Fall

Grade Levels: K-6

Length: 2 hours

Learn about the unique features of a wetland habitat. Students will study plant life and animal life, meet an ambassador animal, and recognize how the wetland ecosystem provides benefits to humans, too.

What about Winter?



Seasons Offered: Winter

Grade Levels: 2-6

Length: 1.5-2 hours

Surviving winter is a challenge for animals. Discover how Minnesota creatures use strategies like migration and hibernation, hike the frozen grounds, and participate in a winter adaptation challenge.

Outreach Programs

Let HANC bring the program to you! Our naturalists will share nature artifacts, facilitate interesting discussions, and provide hands-on experiences.

Outreach programs can be adapted to any age group.

We are currently only booking outreach programs with 10 miles of HANC.

Classroom-Style Program (select from onsite programs):

\$5.50/student plus \$50 travel fee.

Large Group Presentation (select from below):

\$275 for 1 hour

Animal Architects



How do animals change their environment to meet their needs? This program is all about the animals that build! Examine artifacts like nests, hives, and gnawed logs.

Minnesota Animals



Who are our animal neighbors? Meet a live ambassador reptile, touch some furs and scales, look at bones, and find out more about the animals that live here in Minnesota.

Skulls and Skeletons



What can we learn from animal bones? We'll look at a variety of animal skulls and skeletons to find out how different animals move, eat, and grow.

Additional Information

Location:

Harriet Alexander Nature Center (HANC) is a 52-acre park with forest and marsh habitat. Our interpretive center features two classrooms and an interactive exhibit space. HANC is also a part of Roseville's Central Park, which has 225 acres of parkland connected by trails, and features natural spaces, playgrounds, ball fields, shelters and, right across the street from HANC, the Muriel Sahlin Arboretum.

Fees and Payments:

Our onsite programs are \$5.50/student with a \$65 minimum. Parents and chaperones are free.

Groups or schools scheduling more than one trip in a school year qualify for discounted pricing of \$5/student.

Payment is due within one month of booking confirmation. Payments are processed through Roseville Parks and Recreation and can be made by credit card, check, or cash. Instructions will be provided at the time of booking.

Chaperones:

A minimum ratio of 1 chaperone (teachers, parents, paraprofessionals, etc.) to 12 students is required. Chaperones are expected to actively supervise students throughout the visit and intervene if students are being unsafe or disruptive.

Weather:

All participants should be prepared for the weather and outdoor terrain, including sturdy shoes or boots, layers, and rain gear when needed. Please bring your own insect repellent and sun protection.

In the case of severe weather, HANC will adapt activities for indoor spaces, or reschedule if possible. We will contact the group lead to coordinate changes.

Lunch:

Groups may request to eat lunch onsite outdoors. HANC staff will not be available during the lunch break.

Cancellations:

Cancellations made more than 48 hours before the scheduled program will not be charged.

Cancellations made fewer than 48 hours in advance, or no-shows without notice, will be billed 20% of the total program fee to cover staff time and materials.

If HANC must cancel due to weather, staffing, or facility issues, no fee will be charged.