School Group Programs at Love Creek Nature Center

The Berrien County Parks Commission sponsors interpretive naturalist programming at Love Creek Nature Center for school groups, organizations and the general public. Located near Berrien Springs, Love Creek features 5-6 miles of rolling trails and an attractive nature center building. Below you’ll find a sampling of school group programs available. (Some can be presented off-site as well.) For more details, to schedule one of these or to discuss the potential for additional topics, please call us at (269) 471-2617.

Late Summer/Fall Programs

- Animal Camouflage (1<sup>st</sup> grade & up)
- Backyard Bugs/Insect Awareness (Kindergarten & up)
- Tree Key Challenge – Tree & Leaf I.D. (3<sup>rd</sup> grade & up)
- Autumn: A Time to Prepare (1<sup>st</sup> grade & up)
- Weather Facts & Folklore (3<sup>rd</sup> grade & up)

Winter Programs

- Winter Ecology on Snowshoes (3<sup>rd</sup> grade & up)
- Michiana Wildlife in Winter (Preschool & up)
- Animal Signs & Tracks (2<sup>nd</sup> grade & up)
- Winter Birds—Survival in the Cold (1<sup>st</sup> grade & up)
- Cross-country Skiing Introduction (5<sup>th</sup> grade & up)

Snowshoe group at Love Creek

Catch us on the web! www.berriencounty.org/parks
Spring Programs

• Spring is Here! (Preschool & Kindergarten)
• The Nature of Spring (1st grade & up)
• Wildflowers & Forest Ecology (3rd grade & up)
• Bird Basics – I.D. & Behavior (2nd grade & up)

“Anytime” Programs

• Reptiles & Amphibians of Southwest Michigan (All Ages)
• Michigan Predators: Large and Small (2nd Grade & up)
• Animals That are Hard to Love (1st grade & up)
• Investigating Owls (3rd grade & up)
• Amazing Mammals (2nd grade & up)

School Program Fees

We wish we didn’t have to charge anything, but to help offset expenses modest fees are charged for on- and off-site programs. The fee for most on-site programs is $3 per participant. (Teachers and school aides are free.) Fees for off-site programs are $50 for the first program and $25 for each additional program on the same day. For more information, please call us at (269) 471-2617.

Love Creek’s trails are great for hiking, nature study and cross-country skiing! (Rental equipment is available.)

The nature center features program and display areas, as well as observation windows overlooking the Love Creek ravine.

Live exhibits featuring a variety of local reptiles and amphibians are maintained in the nature center. These animals are also available for off-site naturalist programs.