



UPPER THAMES RIVER
CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

Wildwood Outdoor Education Centre Program Offerings 2023-2024

On-site • Schoolyard • Virtual



Wildwood Conservation Area Field Trips

Wildwood Outdoor Education Centre offers a wide range of on-site field trips at Wildwood Conservation Area. All programming is designed to engage and inform students through curriculum-connected, hands-on activities.

PROGRAM OFFERINGS	Pre-School	Kindergarten & Elementary 1-8										Secondary 9-12	Fall	Winter	Spring
Christmas Hug-a-Tree	P												●		
Winter Wonderland	K													●	
Kaleidoscope	K												●		●
Stream Safari	K														●
Sharing Christmas with the Animals	K	1											●		
Preparation for Winter		1											●		
Winter Walk		1												●	
Discovery 101		1													●
Sense-ational Hike		1											●		●
Birds of a Feather			2											●	
Animal Adaptations			2										●		●
Creepy Crawlers			2										●		●
Migration Orientation			2	3	4								●		●
Tree Tales				3	4									●	
Plant Power				3									●		●
Save Our Soil				3									●		●
Oh Deer!					4									●	
Habitats & Communities					4								●		●
Species at Risk					4								●		●
Rocks					4								●		
Animal Survival Game					4	5	6	7	8	S			●		●
Surviving the Elements						5								●	
MapQuest5						5							●		●
MapQuest6							6						●		●
Traditional Games							6							●	
Capture the Flag - GPS Style								7	8	S			●		●
Biodiversity Blast						5	6						●		
Wet N' Wild							6						●		●
Interactions								7					●		●
Orienteering								7	8	S			●		●
The Amazing GPS Race									8	S			●		●
Ecosystems										S			●		●
Splash										8			●		●

Specialist High Skills Major

Wildwood Education staff offer several SHSM certifications. For more information please visit:



Wildwood Outdoor School

Wildwood Outdoor School is designed to foster learning, comfort, and growth in nature's classroom. Classes will participate in multi-visit, scaffolded outdoor and environmental education programming using experiential, integrated, and collaborative methods of implementation. This model is supported by student driven learning, exploration time, sensory immersion, and curriculum connected experiences.

Wildwood Outdoor School is available for Kindergarten through Grade 6. These years are key for learning how to love and relate to the natural world. Appreciation for nature is the basis for the expression of stewardship and sustainable behaviours later in life. Students build knowledge over the course of their visits, connecting classroom learning with a lived experience.

UTRCA staff meet with school staff before the program starts to discuss the daily and yearly schedules, as well as expectations and considerations for staff and students. The level of participation by school staff in planning and programming visits is flexible, with options for less to more structure, and less to more co-teaching.



Yearly Schedule

- **Fall** – September/October (1-1.5 hours, schoolyard session OR half or full day at Wildwood Conservation Area)
- **Winter** – January/February (1-1.5 hours, schoolyard session OR half day at Wildwood Conservation Area)
- **Spring** – May/June (1-1.5 hours, schoolyard session OR half or full day at Wildwood Conservation Area)

For Your Information

All Wildwood Conservation Area and Wildwood Outdoor School trips take place at 3995 Line 9, R.R. #2, St. Mary ON N4X 1C5

Wildwood Conservation Area Field and Wildwood Outdoor School Trip Fees:

\$8/student/program (approximately 1.5 – 2 hours in length)

\$136 minimum charge/program for groups with fewer than 17 students

Adult Supervision: Adult to student ratios should be in accordance with the school board's out of class ratio policy. There is no charge for school staff or volunteers.

Weather Policy: To ensure safety for all, we reserve the right to re-schedule/modify programs due to weather or unsafe conditions. We do not offer any indoor programming in the event of inclement weather.

Medical, Mobility and Other Considerations: Please let us know in advance if you have a student with any medical and/or mobility and/or other considerations. We will do our best to accommodate needs and make the trip enjoyable for everyone.

Accessibility: An all-terrain wheelchair and two 3-wheel strollers are available. Please let us know in advance if a device is required.

For more information or bookings please email :

Vanni Azzano at azzanov@thamesriver.on.ca or call (519) 284-2829 ext. 1422

Wildwood Schoolyard Outdoor School

Using the outdoors as the classroom, students will use their prior knowledge to inform their future decisions and help build their sense of place and connection to nature in the school community. Primary classes will experience a topic specific read-aloud and related activities. This program is designed as a neighbourhood walk meant to connect curriculum and nature in the community.

Wildwood Schoolyard Outdoor School Program Fee: \$175/class/1-1.5 hours

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Birds or Trees or Nature Needs, Oh My!	K										●	●	●
Sense-ational Seasons		1									●	●	●
Animal Antics			2								●	●	●
Plant Power				3							●	●	●
Neighbourhood Nature					4						●	●	●
Wellness Wander						5					●	●	●
The Spice of Life							6				●	●	●

Wildwood Virtual Field Trips

WILD WONDERS

Nature is full of wonder and awe. Classes will have the opportunity to collectively develop questions specific to a topic of interest. Wildwood Education staff will then gather answers and artifacts to share during a 30-45 minute synchronous session.

Wild Wonders Program Fee: \$87.50/per class

VIRTUAL FIELD TRIPS

Enjoy a topic-specific suite of activities, available for 2 weeks, with links to videos, outside project suggestions, electronic games, and extension ideas. Then meet with Wildwood Education staff for a 30 – 45 minute synchronous session for sharing, games, and questions.

Virtual Field Trip Program Fee: \$175/per class

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Sense-ational Seasons!	K	1									●	●	●
Aquatic Adventures	K	1	2		4		6				●		●
Animals in Winter	K	1	2		4							●	
River Safety			2									●	●
Plant Power				3							●		●
Rock N' Habitats					4						●	●	●
Focus on Flooding						5					●		●
Biodiversity Blast							6				●		●
Water Ways									8		●	●	●