



Conservation Field Trips

Inspiring Children Today, to Conserve the Earth for Tomorrow

Montezuma Audubon Center's Conservation Field Trips are designed for pre-K through high school students. Our programs connect students with nature through minds-on and hands-on lessons and activities designed to engage children in developmentally and age-appropriate concepts.

Grades pre-K & Kindergarten

Nature Detectives

Using all five senses is a great way for children to experience the natural world. Our wetlands, grasslands, and forest will serve as the backdrop for the fun, educational, and interactive activities that the children will surely enjoy. Children will heighten their senses by playing sensory guessing games, learning how to use binoculars and hand lenses, and solving a natural mystery. Sights, sounds, smells, feelings, and tastes (if you stay for lunch) abound in the nature wonder that is Montezuma.

Grades pre-K - 5th

Montezuma's Wild Wetlands

Montezuma's wetlands are teeming with a great diversity of wildlife. Some are big and some are small. Some will fly and some will crawl. Students will discover pond life using dip nets (students should come with boots or old shoes), explore the soaring life of Montezuma's birds, and learn about why wetlands are an important habitat.

Grades 3rd - 5th

Montezuma Migration Sensation

Montezuma is a globally significant Important Bird Area where millions of birds migrate through every year. Why and how do these birds make the long and arduous journey twice a year? Using binoculars, field guides, and data sheets, students will become citizen scientists by documenting Montezuma's birds by sight and sound and play interactive activities to explore the world of bird migration.

Green Means Grow

Plants form the foundation for life in Montezuma's forests, grasslands and wetlands. This program will involve hands-on learning activities to introduce students to Montezuma's plants. Students will use nets to explore pond critters and the plants they depend on, explore the process of photosynthesis through a relay race, and participate in a habitat enhancement project to help restore Montezuma's habitats for birds and other wildlife.

Grade 6th and up

Montezuma's Living Environment

Montezuma is a 50,000-acre mosaic of habitats and wildlife unlike anything else in the Northeast United States. Students will explore the wild side of Montezuma; learn how plants and animals depend on each other, and how human decisions and activities have a profound impact on the physical environment.

Bird Habitat Restoration

Students will put on a pair of work gloves and pick up a pair of binoculars to get involved with real boots-on-the-ground conservation projects. Forest, wetland and grassland habitat restoration will involve removing invasive plants, planting native vegetation, and surveying for bird species of special concern like the Wood Thrush, Bobolink, and Northern Harrier. This important work will positively affect Montezuma's birds and other wildlife for years to come.

Field Trip Alignment with Educational Standards

Program Name	Common Core Curriculum <i>The Living Environment</i>	Next Generation Science Standards
Pre-K & Kindergarten Nature Detectives	3.1, 3.2, 4.1, 5.2, 6.1, 7.1a	2-LS2-1
Pre-K-5th grade Wild Wetlands	1.1a, 1.1b, 1.2a, 3.1a, 4.1a, 5.2a, 5.2b, 5.2c, 5.2e, 5.2f	MS-LS2-1, 3-Ls4-4, 4- LS1-1
3rd - 5th grade Migration Sensation	1.1a, 1.2a, 2.1a, 2.1b, 2.2a, 2.2b, 3.1a, 3.1c, 3.2a, 3.2a, 3.2b, 4.1a, 4.1f, 4.1g, 4.2a, 4.2b, 5.1a, 5.1b, 5.2b, 5.2d, 5.2e, 5.2f, 5.2g	MS-LS2-1, 3-Ls4-4, 4- LS1-1
3rd - 5th grade Green Means Grow	1.1a, 1.1b, 1.2a, 2.1a, 2.2a, 2.2b, 3.1a, 3.1b, 3.1c, 3.2a, 4.1a, 4.1b, 4.1c, 4.d, 4.1g, 4.2a, 4.2b, 5.1a, 5.2a, 6.1a, 6.1b, 6.2a, 6.2b	MS-LS1-3, MS-LS2-1, MS-LS2-5, 3-Ls4-4, 4- LS1-1
6th grade and up Bird Habitat Restoration	Standard 1: 2.3a, 2.3b, Standard 4: 1.1a-f, 6.1a, 6.1f, 6.1g, 6.2, 6.3, 7.1, 7.2, 7.3	3-LS4-3, 4-ESS3-1, HS- LS2-7, HS-LS4-6
6th grade and up Living Environment	1.1a, 1.1b, 1.1e, 1.2a, 3.1a, 4.1a, 5.1a, 5.2a, 5.2b, 5.2c, 6.1f, 7	MS-LS1-3, MS-LS2-1, MS-LS2-5

To schedule a Conservation Field Trip at the Montezuma Audubon Center:

Call: 315.365.3588 • **e-mail:** montezuma@audubon.org

Program Length

1.5—2 hours

Program Cost

\$15/student, minimum program cost per class \$150.
No cost for teachers/chaperones.

Confirmation letters will be sent digitally after scheduling your field trip. A \$50 deposit is required within one week of receiving the confirmation letter to hold your trip date. This can be paid with a check, or CC over the phone. The deposit amount will be subtracted from your total amount due. The remaining balance is due no later than the end of the school year, preferably on the day of your field trip.

Lunch: Classes are welcome to bring and eat snacks or lunch at the Center, please let the staff know if you plan to do so. We will not be utilizing indoor space at this time, so lunch will be eaten outdoors. We will have several large tents set up, and tables for your students to use. The building is open, and the restrooms/sinks are accessible during the duration of your field trip.

Dress: Dress for the outdoors; our programs run in all weather conditions, unless there is forecasted severe inclement weather. Determinations on whether the trip will proceed will be decided between the field trip point of contact and our staff. There may be opportunity to reschedule, but that is dependent on MAC availability.

Cancellation Policy: If the MAC cancels your trip or in the event of severe inclement weather, we will initiate a full reimbursement. If a cancellation is made by the visiting class/grade/school at least 3 weeks in advance, no cancellation fees will be incurred. If a cancellation is made less than 3 weeks before the scheduled program, the \$50 deposit will be retained, but you are not responsible for any additional cost.

Location: The Montezuma Audubon Center is located approximately 2 miles north of the hamlet of Savannah, New York and is part of the NYSDEC Northern Montezuma Wildlife Management Area. For directions to the Center, call 315.365.3588 or visit our website at <http://montezuma.audubon.org>