

MAINE WILDLIFE PARK

Maine Wildlife Park Educational Group Programs

Who: Designed for youth educational groups (schools and homeschools)

When: Tuesday and Thursday mornings in April, May, June, September, October, and November

Cost: \$50 per session plus admission (see details below)

- Park admission required
 - Group Park Admission is \$5 per person (minimum of 15 people and need to enter as a group)
 - Individual admission (not entering as a group)
 - Children 2 and under Free
 - Ages 3 -12 \$7.50
 - Ages 13 - 59 \$10.00
 - Ages 60+ \$7.50
 - Veteran/Military Personnel \$5.00
- Program fee \$50 for each 30- or 45-minutes session (up to 25 students per session)
 - We can adjust based on groups size as needed
 - Can have more than one session, but each additional session is \$50 each

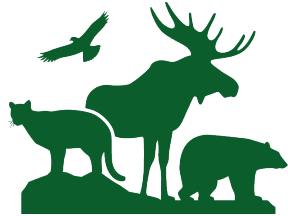
For questions or to book a program call Maine Wildlife Park at

207-822-6460.

Program Descriptions*

Amazing Animal Adaptations

Maine wildlife exhibit amazing varieties of physical and behavioral characteristics that enable them to survive and do their 'jobs' within their environment. From frog eyes to bear noses we will learn how animals are adapted to survive in certain habitats. We will look at how animals eat, hide, hunt, move, and more! *(This presentation will focus on examples from different animal groups and talk about elements like camouflage, predators, prey, as well as some about reproduction, and other types of animal adaptations.)*



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Mainely Mammals

Take a look at the wide variety of mammals that live in Maine. Many have a long history with humans, but all are an important part of Maine's ecosystems. Learn about the amazing adaptations of some of Maine's mammals as we look at skulls, furs, tracks, and scat. We will learn what characteristics define herbivores, carnivores, and omnivores, as well as some key species identifiers. *(Food webs, predator relationships, and tracking will be mentioned but not a primary focus unless asked.)*

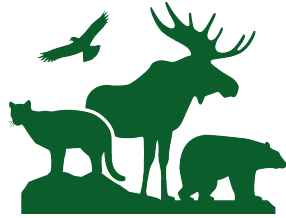
Birds of a Feather

Birds are a unique group of animals on this planet that have fascinated humans for centuries. But what truly makes them special? Why are there so many different kinds? Join us as we examine different adaptations of birds from beak to feet in this hands-on appreciation of birds. We will look at examples such as birds of prey, waterbirds, crows, and more.

Creatures of the Night – There are many animals that come out after dark. We might hear them or hear rumors about them, but what is fact and what is fiction. Join as we take a look at bats, foxes, coyotes, fishers, owls, and other animals and why they are active at night. We will look at furs, skulls, and other artifacts as we learn to appreciate and understand the creatures of the night.

**If you do not see a program that fits your curriculum please call and talk about options for your group. We will do our best to fit any standards or curriculum needs. The beauty of nature is that it is a part of everything. Please book your program and we will follow-up after booking on special requests.*

Each presentation is designed to take an inquisitive approach to understanding how wildlife of Maine have evolved, adapted to their environments, and been a part of human history. Each presentation will have scientific based information that meets the needs of NGSS as well as conservation messaging that supports Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife goals and objectives with wildlife conservation and outdoor recreation. All while drawing meaningful connections to all participants. Each topic can be scaled up or down depending on age and ability of each group. (Please let us know of any special requests or needs when scheduling your visit)



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Frequently Asked Questions

Can I book more than one time slot for my group that is over 25 students?

Yes, each group that is over 25 students will be split into two or more groups, depending on total headcount. For groups that might only have a couple extra people we may consider them part of the one educational program, please ask.

What if I have a specific topic or species request?

Book the topic that fits your group best and ask that our education supervisor follow-up with you after you book your visit to work out details. We will do our best to accommodate when possible.

What happens if there is inclement weather on the day of my visit?

These programs run rain or shine, but since it is just a picnic shelter, we may try and reschedule if we can, but we don't set rain dates. Field trip season is very busy, and we will do our best to accommodate.

How do I pay for my program and admission?

Please bring a check or cash (prefer no coins or not large quantities) made out to the Maine Wildlife Park. Please have your check written out for the total cost of your visit including all admission fees, programs, and/or tours.

Do chaperones get the group rate if they pay for themselves?

Yes, just have them tell the ticket booth that they are here as part of your field trip, and they will be charged at the same rate as your group. Please remind them that the ticket booth is cash or check only.

Is there a place we can eat lunch inside the Park?

Yes, we have many picnic tables inside the Park where your group can gather together under our tall pine trees.

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