

Classroom Investigations

(Outreach Programs)

We offer classroom inquiries that allow students to get a close-up view of nature in the convenience of the classroom. Programs last approximately one hour and are subject to available dates.

Due to the hands-on nature of the programs, we are only able to work with one classroom per time slot. Discounted prices are offered for additional inquiries on the same day at the same site.

Fee: \$80 for first in-school session
\$50 for each additional session*

**Booked for the same day at the same location.*

Programs located +12 miles away (RT) from the Nature Center are subject to a surcharge at the following rates:

12-24 miles RT \$25.00 surcharge

25-36 miles RT \$50.00 surcharge

37-48 miles RT \$75.00 surcharge

All tolls and ferry fees are also charged to the program requestor.



For increased learning...

Book a classroom investigation (outreach program) and a field investigation (field trip) at the same time and receive a substantial discount on the outreach program. Each field trip program (listed inside brochure) has a linked classroom investigation. Increase your students' learning by booking both a pre-trip classroom program and a field trip today!

Fee: \$50 per linked outreach program

City Critters - Grades K-3[#]

Not all wildlife lives in the wild. Many species have successfully adapted to humans and urban conditions. Students examine a number of our city dwellers through interactive stations and learn why they are thriving.

Washington Wildlife - Grades 3-6[#]

There is a great diversity of life in Washington. Join us in a brief survey of some of the more common wildlife species found here. Explore some of the adaptations they have for survival and investigate some of the problems facing wildlife today.

Birds of a Feather - Grades K-6

What makes a bird a bird? Learn about the adaptations of birds living in the habitats they call home. Discover what sets birds apart from other animals.

Awesome Owls - Grades K-6

Through hands-on exploration, learn about how the Owl is built for the hunt. Learn about the owls that inhabit the Pacific NW.

Habitat is Where It's At! - Grades K-6

Students learn about the components of habitat and what wildlife needs to survive in this highly interactive program.

Also included is a survey of 3 common Washington habitat types.

[#] *Program may include a visit with a small live animal that supports the program.*



All classroom and field investigations are aligned with **Washington State Standards.**

Programs that are not listed on the regular menu of options will be charged an off-menu fee of \$50.00 per program and are subject to approval.

Tacoma Nature Center

A facility of MetroParks Tacoma

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Tahoma Audubon

Adriana Hess Audubon Center

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For the Morse Wildlife Preserve, use the above contact information



Tahoma Audubon & Tacoma Nature Center

Partners in providing the best of nature programming

Classroom & Field Investigations

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For more information and reservations, call (253) 591-6439
Monday - Friday
8:00am - 5:00pm

Field Investigations

(Field Trip Programs)

Field investigations at the **Tacoma Nature Center** and the **Adriana Hess Audubon Center** in University Place provide opportunities for learning about wetlands, watersheds, wildlife and other areas of nature study.



Programs are ideally suited for single classes to provide quality, small group experiences. A ratio of one adult for every seven students is required for field investigations. (1:4 for children under 6.) There is no charge for teachers and chaperones. Siblings and other extra participants over 2 years old are charged the regular fee.

All programs have an outdoor component and participants should come dressed for the weather. Group leaders receive information packets with activities for the classroom & field journals to copy for students.

Each program has a linked classroom investigation. Increase your students' learning by booking both a pre-trip classroom program and a field trip today!

Note—we often become fully booked months in advance for the most desirable times. Contact us early and have several date options available.

Maximum Group Size (adults not included)

Adriana Hess Audubon Center, U.P.	18
Tacoma Nature Center	30
Morse Wildlife Preserve, Graham	46
Titlow Beach, Tacoma	46

Children Ages 3 - 6

Program duration: 1.5 hours
Fee: \$5.00 per child
Minimum charge: \$50
Max. participants: varies by location

Little Explorers: Furry Friends

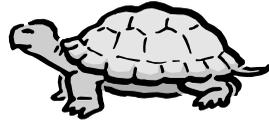
Tacoma Nature Center

What animals live around us? How do they move? Do they have body parts like ours? Children learn the answers during this highly interactive program.

Little Explorers: Pond Critters

Adriana Hess Audubon Center

Visit a special wetland habitat and use the tools of real scientists to discover the critters that call it home. Explore how nature is inter-related and what we all can do to make a difference.



Little Explorers: Feathered Friends

Adriana Hess Audubon Center

Why do hummingbirds hover? Why do woodpeckers peck? Discover the diversity of birds in our region and why their shape, color and lifestyle allow them to thrive in our midst.

Little Explorers: Morse Safari

*Morse Wildlife Preserve**

Discover nature at a little-known piece of wilderness in Graham. Explore forest, prairie, & wetlands while learning about the ways in which the Morse Wildlife Preserve will be home to scores of wildlife forever. Nature trails, an observation tower and a historic barn serve as the classroom for this adventure.

**Ask about transportation funds available*

Grades K - 2

Program duration: 2 hours
Fee: \$5.00 per child
Minimum charge: \$50
Max. participants: varies by location

Pond Critters

Tacoma Nature Center

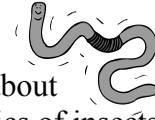
Learn which animals use wetland habitats while exploring with a guide. Students are encouraged to observe and describe the characteristics of these special animals as they study how all parts of the animal help it survive.



Creepy Crawlies

Tacoma Nature Center

Think like a bug and explore the world of invertebrates through an interactive program. Learn about the life cycles & characteristics of insects.



Birds of a Feather

Adriana Hess Audubon Center

Students learn what adaptations birds need to survive and how to identify some common species while exploring with a guide. Questions are encouraged and students are challenged to seek the answers with tools scientists use to study nature.



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Grades 3 - 6

Program duration: 2 hours*
Fee: \$5.00 per child
Minimum charge: \$50
Max. participants: varies by location

Wetland Wonders

Tacoma Nature Center

Visit a wetland habitat to see what lives there and learn about the adaptations the animals have for survival. Then, look closer using microscopes to classify and sort the smallest creatures.



Forest Fun

Tacoma Nature Center

Explore the many plants and animals that live in a forest habitat and learn how each part depends on others. Investigate how people depend on the forest and take a look at related jobs.

Water Sleuths (grades 4-6 only)

Tacoma Nature Center

Discover how systems connect as students investigate a wetland habitat, then search out the links between human activity and watershed quality. Students use technology to gather data on the watershed and draw conclusions about its quality.

Titlow Beach Exploration

During the low tides of spring, explore the intertidal zone and marine life of the beach in teams utilizing nature study tools and discovery sheets. *Program lasts 1.5 hours.

Morse Wildlife Preserve*

A five-habitat reserve located in Graham provides an ideal setting for outdoor science education.

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