

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, new 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.



Watching the action in the center's bird feeding area.

Late Summer/Fall Programs

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

Winter Programs

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



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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.

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)
- Animals and Their Homes (Preschool & Kindergarten)
- Animals That are Hard to Love (1st grade & up)
- Investigating Owls (3rd grade & up)
- Amazing Mammals (2nd grade & up)



Love Creek's trails are great for hiking, nature study and



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

School Program Fees

We wish we didn't have to charge anything, but to help offset operational 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 \$40 for the first program and \$25 for each additional program scheduled on the same day. For more information, please call us at (269) 471-2617.

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