

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

## Winter Programs

- Winter Ecology on Snowshoes (3<sup>rd</sup> grade & up)
- Michiana Wildlife in Winter (Preschool & up)
- Animal Signs & Tracks (2<sup>nd</sup> grade & up)
- Winter Birds—Survival in the Cold (1<sup>st</sup> grade & up)
- Cross-country Skiing Introduction (5<sup>th</sup> 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  
(1<sup>st</sup> grade & up)
- Wildflowers & Forest Ecology  
(3<sup>rd</sup> grade & up)
- Bird Basics – I.D. & Behavior  
(2<sup>nd</sup> grade & up)

### “Anytime” Programs

- Reptiles & Amphibians of Southwest Michigan (All Ages)
- Michigan Predators: Large and Small (2<sup>nd</sup> Grade & up)
- Animals That are Hard to Love (1<sup>st</sup> grade & up)
- Investigating Owls (3<sup>rd</sup> grade & up)
- Amazing Mammals (2<sup>nd</sup> grade & up)



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



The 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 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 \$50 for the first program and \$25 for each additional program on the same day. For more information, please call us at (269) 471-2617.