



PORICY PARK

SCIENCE AND HISTORY FIELD TRIPS

FOR SCHOOLS, HOMESCHOOL
GROUPS, AND CAMPS

The Parks and Recreation Department at Poricy Park offers a range of science and colonial history programs for preschool and elementary aged students. All programs emphasize hands-on activities and “doing” the things they have learned. And, of course, substantial time outdoors where nature provides a dynamic classroom. We are sensitive to your class’ unique needs. Please reach out for more information on any program.





Fossil Hunts

up to 75 students per day

This trip is a unique opportunity for students to collect their own Cretaceous-era fossils. The Poricy Brook Fossil Beds provide marine fossils 65-72 million years old. Students get a little wet and get to take home some history as old as the dinosaurs! Available as a guided program (1 instructor per 25 students), unguided program with fossil hunting equipment (screen and trowel), or as a space permit. Recommended for all grades.

Guided Program

<12 students	\$240.00
13-25 students	\$285.00
26-50 students	\$390.00
51-75 students	\$515.00

Unguided Program

2-Hour Permit	\$40.00
Equipment Rental	\$5.00 / set



2-hour programs

Rebecca Murray's Children

Year-Round

A gentle introduction to colonial life for grades PreK-2nd. Exploration of the garden, handling children's clothing, playing with toys, and using kitchen tools are all part of the fun. One class per day (\$265.00).

Creepy Crawlies

Year-Round

In this program, students will learn how to identify an insect. With an emphasis on ants, we play games that reinforce the importance of group cooperation. Trip also includes time outdoors to collect and identify specimens (PreK-2nd). Up to 25 students (\$265.00).

Winter Habitats

Winter

How are animals and plants adapted to survive the winter? On an outdoor walk, children will search for evidence. Back indoors, they will try some experiments to test their finds. Geared towards grades K-2. Up to 25 students (\$265.00).

Rocks, Minerals, and Erosion

Fall & Spring

Your students will progress through hands-on mini programs about the impacts of erosion, identifying minerals and fossils, and creating the rock cycle. Recommended for grades 1-4. Up to 4 classes per day (\$265.00 per class).

Animal Architects

Fall & Spring

People aren't the only ones who need a place to live. Find some local examples on a hike, handle examples from all around the animal kingdom in our classroom, and learn the important role of habitat in fun group games. Recommended for grades PreK-2. Up to 3 classes per day (\$265.00 per class)..



3-hour programs

Pond in Rotation

Fall & Spring

This program is divided into three popular sessions: pond netting to identify and count benthic animals, classroom experiments about the adaptations found in various pond creatures, and a hike exploring the park's watershed. Recommended for grades 3-5. Up to 3 classes per day (\$325.00 per class).

Animal Adaptations

Fall & Spring

Every animal you've ever met fits into its own environment. Through hands on activities, a hike through different ecosystems, and observations and interactions with live animals, students will learn how animals have adapted to survive in the wild. Recommended for grades 3-5. Up to 3 classes per day (\$325.00 per class).

Farmhouse in Rotation

Fall & Spring

Explore the colonial past at our historic Murray Farmhouse, built c. 1770. Program will rotate through touring the farmhouse (and churning real butter!), exploring the grounds and writing with quill pens, and using tools in the original barn. Recommended for grades 3-5. Up to 3 classes per day (\$325.00 per class).



Full Day Programs

Life on the Murray Farm

Year-Round

What did children do during colonial times? Chores! At our historic farmhouse, interpreters in period dress lead fun activities like gathering food and water, cooking in hearth kitchen, churning butter, going to school and writing with quill pens - all thing's your students will take part in doing while learning about Revolutionary War history and colonial life. Best for grades 3 and up. One class per day (\$390.00).

Pond Study

Fall & Spring

Dive right into life under water. Hike down to our local pond to catch and release some of the diverse life found in this watery habitat. Back in our lab classroom, your students will do some fun experiments about animal adaptations and gain an understanding of the of the pond ecosystem as a whole. Aligned to 3rd grade NGSS. Up to 2 classes per day (\$390.00 per class).

Marlpit Hall / Murray Farmhouse Joint Program

Year Round

Tour two great historic Middletown homes for two unique perspectives into Colonial Life. Marlpit Hall (a 10 minute drive away from Poricy) offers a tour of their historic house museum to learn about slavery in New Jersey through the lens of those who were once enslaved at the residence. The personal stories of these individuals are explored, reconstructed through primary sources such as birth records and freedom papers. At the Murray Farmhouse students will learn about the Patriots and the Loyalists in Monmouth County (in particular the rivalry between the new houses) and have a chance to engage in hands-on activities such as churning butter and grinding spices. Up to 2 classes per day (\$195.00 per class for Murray Farmhouse and/or \$200.00 per class for Marlpit Hall).



Details

Programs are priced per class with a max of 25 students. Classes/groups over 25 students will be subject to additional charges. Additional adults and chaperones are encouraged for all programs at no charge.

Space in outdoor picnic areas included with all trip reservations. No food available for purchase. Gift shop open upon request. The Nature Center is ADA accessible, but the Murray Farmhouse is not.

Scheduling of programs can be done over the phone or by email. Confirmation of program date is made when invoice is sent. A 50% deposit is due one month prior to program date. First come, first-served. Our programs will book-up, reserve your date today!





**TAKE LEARNING
INTO YOUR
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BOOK A TRIP
TODAY!**



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Booking for the 2025-2026 school year begins June 1st, 2025. Please call for more information.