

Registration

Registration is required for all programs.

School Field Trips

Request a program:

<https://engage.fcgov.com/D/na/PR/SchoolFieldTrip>

Stewardship Projects

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Details

- Registrations are first come, first served.
- Limited transportation funding is available– ask us!
- A minimum of two-weeks advanced notice is required. Plan ahead to get your preferred dates!
- Groups are generally limited to 60 students per day– but lets see if we can work with your needs!
- Programs are subject to volunteer availability.
- Custom programs available upon request.
- Teacher and chaperone participation is required.
- All programs are subject to change or cancelation due to poor weather.
- If you visit a Natural Area on your own with a group of more than **15** people, you need a permit, visit fcgov.com/naturalareas. Permits are free.



CITY OF FORT COLLINS NATURAL AREAS

2018–2019

School Program Guide

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Free Elementary School Field Trips

Outdoor Exploration – Naturally!

Volunteer Master Naturalists guide students through lessons that are hands-on, fun, meet state standards, and complement your classroom studies.

Kindergarten

Forest Secrets Investigators—

Foss Kit: Trees



- *A Treetective's Nature Hike*—Take a sensory walk and learn how to be a good observer.
- *How is a Tree Like Me?*—Compare yourself to a tree.
- *Follow the Food Chain*—Look for evidence of the food chain.

Schedule includes two 30-minute lessons and a 60-minute nature hike.

1st Grade

Living In A Salad Bowl

Foss Kit: New Plants

- *Plants Give Us Gifts*—Discover the benefits of plants.
- *Hitchhiking With A Green Thumb*—Learn about seed dispersal.
- *Nature Hike*—Improve your observation skills.



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About the Fort Collins Natural Areas Department

Citizens have voted to tax themselves to fund the conservation and management of more than 45 natural areas, making Fort Collins a great place to live, learn, work, and recreate.

Thank you!

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Stewardship Opportunities, All Grades

Opportunities for students:

- Use critical thinking
- Gain collaboration skills
- To address real-world problems

Students will learn to:

- Become stewards of their natural areas
- Gain knowledge and leadership skills that will prepare them for future success

Opportunities for your school:

- Gain increased pro-social behavior in the classroom
- Increase student engagement,
- Build school-community relationships, all while working outdoors and having fun!

Stewardship Field Trip:

The Natural Areas Department provides an educational presentation before leading students in a project such as trash pick-up or restoration work.

Stewardship Station:

On your field trip, one of the academic lessons can be replaced with a short service project such as weed pulling or litter clean-up.



2nd Grade

For The Love of Bugs!

Foss Kit: Insects

- *Ant Investigations*—Observe ants and determine their food preferences.
- *Dances with Dragonflies*—Learn about their life cycle and special attributes.
- *Insect Search Nature Hike*



Schedule includes two 30-minute lessons and a 60-minute nature hike.

3rd Grade

Dragonfly Chronicles

Foss Kit: Structures of Life

- *Soft Gold*—Learn about beaver adaptations.
- *Avian Adventures*—Discover common bird species and learn to identify them.
- *Cache La Cattails*—Investigate cattail adaptations and learn about their importance.
- *Every Drop Counts*—Explore macroinvertebrates and their role as indicator species.



Schedule includes four 45-minute activities.



Dave Leatherman

Free School Field Trips– continued

4th Grade

A Slice of Prairie Pie

Foss Kits: Environments

- *Day of the Living, Non-Living and Dead*—Look for living, non-living and dead elements of nature.
- *Rockin' in the Rockies*—Explore how rocks are connected to living creatures.
- *Prairie Dogs Investigations*—Compare prairie dog behavior to their own everyday activities.
- *Prairie Puzzle*—Discover the interconnections between prairie animals.

Schedule includes four 30-minute lessons and two miles of hiking.



Bobcat Ridge Natural Area:

Pioneer Lessons

- *Local Economy in Masonville*—Experience buying and trading goods with each other and the Masonville Store.
- *Daily Chores*—Try your hand at pioneer chores such as hauling water and hanging laundry.
- *Pioneer Games*—Play games that children played 100 years ago.
- *One-Room Schoolhouse*—Try several lessons that might have been taught a century ago in a historic setting.



****4th grade teachers**—you may select a combination of natural and cultural history stations at Bobcat Ridge Natural Area.

Schedule includes four 30-minute lessons and two miles of hiking.

5th Grade

Colorado Landforms Rock!

Foss Kit: Landforms

- *Human Hogbacks*—Learn about geologic layering and uplift.
- *It All Begins with a Rock*—Follow story clues through the food chain to learn about the interconnections within an ecosystem.
- *The Secret to Plant Success*—Explore local plant adaptations.
- *Eco-Connection Search*—Look for living and non-living elements interacting as evidence of an ecosystem.

Schedule includes four 45-minute lessons.



Eco-Week Prep Hike

Students take a moderate 4-mile hike around the Valley Loop Trail at Bobcat Ridge Natural Area while learning basic trail etiquette and reviewing local ecology. Students will stay with the same hiking group all day and eat lunch on the trail. For safety reasons, hiking groups are limited to 50 students per day.



The Power of Water and Birding by Habitat are available at riverside natural areas in partnership with Fort Collins Utilities WaterSHED Program. Call 970-224-6141 to learn more.

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