

Environmental Education Programs at the Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge



The Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge offers Denver-area schools environmental education opportunities close to home. Programs for grades K-12 are available year-round at no charge (to schedule a program see below). Trips are led by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service staff and volunteers.

Tour/Walk

Outdoor "Senseation"

Grade Level: K-2

Length: 2 hours

Participant Limit: 40 students

Description: Students explore nature through activities using sight, hearing, smell and touch. The program includes a 45-minute bus tour of the Refuge and a 1-hour nature walk around Lake Mary.

Standards: 1, 3.1, 3.4, & 4.1

Field Programs

On the Town

Grade Level: 3-5

Length: 2.5 hours

Participant Limit: 40 students

Description: Students play the role of a biologist by studying a prairie dog town through quiet observation, habitat exploration, wild poetry and food chain drawings. **Standards:** 1, 3.1, 3.2, 3.4, 5, & 6

Wetland Wonders

Grade Level: 6-8

Length: 2.5 hours

Participant Limit: 40 students

Description: Students explore wetland vegetation and wetland plant and animal adaptations through journaling, plant identification and dip-netting.

Standards: 1, 3.1, 3.2, & 5

Deer Dilemma

Grade Level: 9-12

Length: 2.5 hours

Participant Limit: 40 students

Description: Students estimate the deer population at the Refuge through fecal pellet counts, then discuss deer population management options.

Standards: 1, 3.1, 3.4, 5, & 6



Lesson plans are grade-specific and correlated with the Colorado Model Content Standards



To schedule a program, call the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at 303-289-0931. Scheduling hours are Monday - Friday, 7:30 -8:30 a.m. and 2:00-3:30 p.m. Scheduling for Fall/ Winter '04 programs begins September 15; and scheduling for Spring/Summer '05 programs begins February 15. Reservations fill up fast, so call ASAP!

