



SCHEDULE YOUR SCHOOL PROGRAM

Booking Information:

Whether you work in a public/private school or with homeschoolers, we have a program that is sure to fit the needs and interests of your students! School Programs are typically run Tuesday through Friday and start at 10:00 am, depending on availability. Please contact us to book your program at least a month in advance, and provide several date options. Rain dates are available upon request.

Program Pricing:

- Cost is per student. \$7.50/student.
- Groups must bring one adult chaperone to every 10 students; there is no cost for teaching staff or other adult chaperones. Younger student programs may require additional chaperones to assist with student needs during programming.
- A \$75 deposit is required to hold your reservation. The remainder of your balance is due the day of your program. Deposits are applied to the overall cost of your program, and are non-refundable within 14 days of your scheduled program.
- Make all program checks payable to: Plainsboro Township (on the 'Memo/Notes' line write: Preserve School Program)

Program Details: Programs range from 1 to 2 hours in length, depending on the program selected and the size of your group. Please note that some programs are seasonal. All programs take place at the Plainsboro Preserve unless otherwise specified. All programs held at the Plainsboro Preserve contain outdoor components and require light to moderate walking over uneven terrain. All participants must wear appropriate clothing and footwear for the weather and season (no open-toed shoes). If you are interested in us conducting a program at your site, please contact us for details and rates.

DIRECTIONS

FROM ROUTE 1

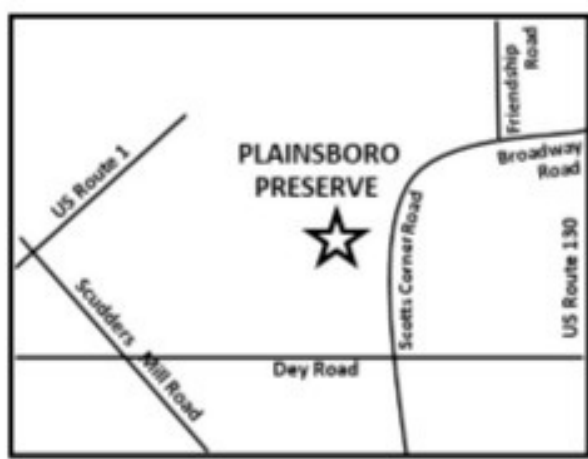
Take the Scudders Mill Road exit. Follow to the fifth traffic light (Dey Road). Make left onto Dey Road. Head east about 1.5 miles to Scotts Corner Road. Turn left onto Scotts Corner. Follow for about 1/4 mile past the Community Park on the left. The Preserve entrance will be on the left.

FROM NJ TURNPIKE

Take Exit 8A. Turn left at the light onto Cranbury South River Road. Exit right onto Forsgate Drive. After 2nd traffic light, cross over Route 130 and continue onto Friendship Road. Friendship Road will end at the T-intersection at Broadway. At the yield sign, make a right onto Broadway. Follow the curve as Broadway turns into Scotts Corner. The Preserve will be on your right.

FROM ROUTE 130

Take Friendship Road exit. Follow Friendship Road, making right at the yield sign at the T-intersection with Broadway. Follow bend as Broadway turns into Scotts Corner. Preserve entrance will be on the right.



Plainsboro Preserve

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HAVE FUN AND LEARN!

No matter your group's level, we have a program to help engage your students and get them exploring outdoors! We have designed our school programs and field trips to be standards-based in order to align with classroom curriculum and student learning goals. The following list includes just a few of the class programs and field trips we offer to public, private, and home school student groups. Please contact us if your group is interested in pursuing additional learning opportunities or programming not specified in this brochure, or you would like to have one of our listed programs adjusted to be delivered for a different grade level. Our staff would be happy to work with you to set up a memorable educational program for your students!

Safety & Additional Policies

The Plainsboro Preserve is owned and operated by Plainsboro Township, and is open and accessible to the general public during programming unless otherwise expressly stated. All visiting groups must abide by the safety standards and protocols of their school as well as the regulations of the Preserve as set forth by Plainsboro Township. Teaching staff and chaperones are responsible for their group at all times and children are not permitted to be unattended while they remain on site. Our staff will work to accommodate special programming requests to the best of our ability. Please note that parking is permitted in designated areas only. A complete list of limitations and regulations for the Plainsboro Preserve is viewable on the Plainsboro Township website.

Natural Places, Outdoor Spaces, & Me! (K, 1st)

Everyone belongs outdoors! Introduces young students to foundations of nature learning and outdoor manners through exploration, and shows them how animals and people have similar needs.

Animal Homes & Habitats (K, 1st)

Discover who lives at the Preserve, and why! Students will learn about healthy habitats and the living things that call this special place their home.

Sensory Explorations (K, 1st)

Students will get to explore outdoors using all of their senses, learning about our local wildlife along the way! This program utilizes outdoor spaces close to our nature center building. **Nature Detectives (K, 1st, 2nd)** Students take to the trails in this program that's designed to help them develop observational skills while also teaching how to respectfully explore and interact with natural spaces.

Habitat Explorations (1st, 2nd)

Learn the basics of how to make field observations in this program while exploring forest, field, and wetland sites where students will be encouraged to engage in hands-on investigations.

Lifecycles & Habitats (1st, 2nd)

This program offers younger elementary students an opportunity to explore a sampling of natural habitats found across central New Jersey. Students will get to engage in a series of interactive stations at forest, field, and wetland sites closer to our nature center building, learning about some of the wild critters that call these habitats home.

Natural Connections & Habitat Investigations (3rd, 4th, 5th)

Students will get to explore trails of the Preserve, discovering what makes a healthy habitat and how natural landscapes benefit both wildlife and human populations. Students will get to investigate how natural systems rely on and support each other, and what happens when those systems are disrupted.

Lifecycles & Adaptations (3rd, 4th, 5th)

This program for upper elementary students utilizes interactive learning stations along our trails and focuses on habitats found deeper in the Preserve. Students will get to investigate stream, field, forest, and lakeside habitats, and will get to learn about some of the plant and animal species. We will investigate the special traits and characteristics that help organisms survive and thrive in the wild.

Wonderful Water (3rd, 4th, 5th)

Have fun while learning about Earth's most precious resource! Engage in a series of hands-on and interactive learning stations designed to teach participants about the basic properties of water. Concepts related to the function of wetland habitats will also be introduced, where students will discover the vital role wetlands play in the natural environment and why their conservation matters. *Depending on the season, students will have the opportunity to visit and explore a sample of the wetland sites found at the Preserve.*

Becoming a Field Scientist (4th, 5th)

Program participants will conduct hands-on inquiry-based learning activities and field investigations, learning how to collect and interpret data while discovering how different plants and animals all fit into the vast web of life.

Additional Programming:

Pre-K, Middle & High School Programs

Please contact us regarding special topics in biology & Environmental Science to enrich your science curriculum and engage your students in hands-on & field study settings.

