

About CNC

19+ miles of trails

Open year-round, dawn-to-dark daily
Free and open to the public

Visitor Center
Free admission

8–5 Mon-Sat • 12–5 Sun and holidays

8-12 Christmas Eve | Closed Thanksgiving and Christmas

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Venture Out!



At Home
with Nature
and Traveling Trunks

Supporting Homeschool Education

2018-19

At Home with Nature

Thursdays 10-11:30 am or 1-2:30 pm

This program is designed to support homeschool elementary education through fun, interactive, hands-on activities. Each series consists of three programs.



Students ages 5-12 will be divided into groups based on their age. Each session is limited to 30 students. Each series is \$15 per student and \$12 for each additional sibling. (CNC members receive a 20% discount)

Series must be registered for as a package, and missed sessions cannot be made up or refunded.

Pre-registration is required at least one week before the start of the series.

Early Fall Series - Plants

Sept 20 – Wildflowers
Oct 4 – Seed Dispersal
Oct 18 – Trees are Terrific

Late Fall Series - Nature's Cycles

Nov 8 – Energy Cycle (Food Chains)
Nov 29 – Water Cycle
Dec 13 – Life Cycles

Early Winter Series - Michigan History

Jan 10 – Native American Natural Resource Use
Jan 24 – Fur Trade
Feb 7 – Archaeology

Late Winter Series - Nature of the Night

Feb 21 – Moon and Stars
March 3 – Owls
March 21 – Nocturnal Animals

*Topics may shift within the series due to weather or other conditions.



Traveling Trunks

Checking out a trunk will provide you and your children access to a variety of activities and materials to enhance your learning. From furs and skulls, to 1870s games, to replica Native American tools, learning will come alive when you bring a trunk to home. Trunk fees are \$25 for two weeks.

Furs & Skulls

Grade: K-8



Included in this trunk are the skulls and furs to compare carnivores, herbivores and omnivores. Skulls and furs of a coyote, raccoon, rabbit, beaver and deer are in the trunk. Also included are activity and identification guides.

Homestead Life

Grade: K-5

This trunk uses a variety of artifacts to teach children about Michigan farm life in the 1870s.



Included in the trunk are items such as McGuffey readers, toys and games typically played, clothes, butter molds, wool carders and much more! There is also a written packet with background information and activity ideas.

Invasive Species

Grade: 3-8



This trunk includes activities focusing on identification of invasive exotic species, management, the impact exotic species have on ecosystems and more. It's packed full of hands-on lessons, pictures, books, videos and posters!

Native American Uses of Natural Resources

Grade: 3-6

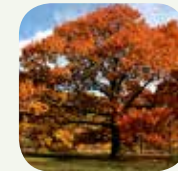


Use this Traveling Trunk to discover how Native Americans interacted with natural resources a thousand years ago. Reproduction items include

an arrow, stone drill, stone point and stone knife. Among other items, the trunk also includes a brain tanned hide, beaver pelt, fire making kit and baskets.

The Tree Trunk

Grade: 3-6



This trunk includes activities on tree identification, forest ecology, forest measurements, Michigan lumbering history and human uses of trees. Materials include cross-sections of trees, tree identification books, historical lumbering photos and more.

Rocks and Minerals Trunk

Grade: 3-6



Filled with samples of igneous, sedimentary and metamorphic rocks as well as many samples of minerals, this trunk enables educators to bring geology to life in the classroom. The kid includes a set of minerals and testing supplies to do basic mineral testing for identification purposes. Activity supplies and outlines are provided.