



WILDLIFE OF OHIO

Grades Pre-K to adult | 60 Minutes

Program Overview

Description

Discover Ohio's native wildlife in an up-close encounter with our animal ambassadors. This includes a walk in the outdoor Wildlife Gardens to highlight the many resident Ohio animals on exhibit. *Please dress for the weather. Content is tailored to the age level participating in the program and may vary with the availability of Center animals.*

Adult chaperones recommended: 1

Content Standards

Subject	Gr	Ohio Department of Education Standards
Life Science	K	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Living things are different from nonliving things.Living things have physical traits and behaviors, which influence their survival.
Life Science	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Living things have basic needs, which are met by obtaining materials from the physical environment.Living things survive only in environments that meet their needs.
Life Science	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Living things cause change on Earth.Some kinds of individuals that once lived on Earth have completely disappeared, although they were something like others that are alive today.
Climate Literacy Principles	1. 3.	The Sun is the primary source of energy for Earth's climate system. Life on Earth depends on, is shaped by, and affects climate.

Vocabulary

adaptation	living
animal	organism
bird	mammal native
camouflage	non-living
domestic	non-native
environment	reptile

Books we recommend

Animal Tracks of Ohio by Tamara Eder. Lone Pine Publishing, 2001.

On Meadowview Street by Henry Cole. Greenwillow Books, 2007.

Welcome to the NeighborWood by Shawn Sheehan. Candlewick Press, 2015.

Post-Trip Activities

- Research and present on a native Ohio animal. Use ODNR-Division of Wildlife's A to Z Species Guide to find photos, information, diet, tracks and sounds of the chosen Ohio wild animals.
- Explore organisms that once lived in Ohio and no longer exist. National Geographic provides an article on the find of a giant cockroach fossil in Ohio. Science Daily provides a rich source of information on the relationship between mammoths and elephants.

Other Resources

Use webcams to view animals in their natural habitat to observe and record physical characteristics of the animals as well as behavioral traits that are taught from parent to offspring.

<https://www.bgsu.edu/falconcam>

<https://www.clevelandmetroparks.com/about/conservation/bald-eagle-nest-livestream>

<https://webcamera24.com/camera/usa/animal-feed-akron/>

Learn about Ohio animals:

<https://ohiodnr.gov/discover-and-learn/animals/search-for-species>

Learn about endangered Ohio animals:

<https://ohiodnr.gov/discover-and-learn/safety-conservation/about-ODNR/wildlife/state-listed-species>