

Invite a Naturalist to your classroom!

Let us bring McCormick's Creek to your classroom with fun and educational environmental programming!



Program A: Reptile Rendezvous

Length: Approx. 45 minutes

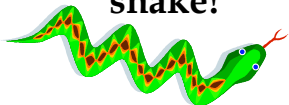
Grades: Can be adapted to fit grades K-5.

Science Standards: K.1, K.2, K.3, K.4, 1.1, 1.3, 1.4, 1.6, 2.1, 2.3, 2.4, 2.5, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 4.2, 4.4, 5.2, 5.4

Program Details: What does it mean to be a reptile? Learn about the adaptations that make reptiles different from other types of animals.

Activities:

- Distinguish a reptile from an amphibian.
- Discuss reptiles in our area.
- **Meet a turtle and touch a snake!**



Program B: Cave Craze!

Length: Approx. 45 minutes

Grades: Most appropriate for grades 2-5.

Science Standards: 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, 2.6, 3.1, 3.2, 3.4, 3.6, 4.3, 4.4, 5.4

Program Details: Southern Indiana is an important Karst area. In this program, students work to understand how caves and sinkholes form and what role they play in our life in Southern Indiana.

Activities:

- Build a sinkhole!
- Dress like a "cave critter" to learn what adaptations you will need to survive life underground!
- Learn about cave formations. Stalactites, stalagmites, soda straws and more!



Program C: Feathered Friends

Length: Approx. 60 minutes

Grades: Most appropriate for grades 3-5.

Science Standards: 3.2, 3.4, 4.2, 4.4, 5.2, 5.4

Program Details: Discover what it takes to survive life as a bird. Investigate bird adaptations: feel feathers, discover what beaks are adapted for, and recognize that birds come in all shapes and sizes and can survive in different environments!

Activities:

- Size and shape- think about identifying birds by their size and shape.
- Fill the bill- simulate different ways that birds eat food.
- Bird songs- hear a few familiar calls and discover why they might be singing!



McCormick's Creek State Park Naturalists will be offering **free offsite programs** to local schools this winter.

Help preserve your classroom's connection with the outdoors.

Our programming is fun, educational, and tied directly to Indiana state science standards.

The recession has limited your budget. To help, we are waiving our usual offsite fee and offering **free** programs in your classroom.

However, if your PTO or school budget allows payment, we would encourage you to donate the standard \$2/person fee to the park.

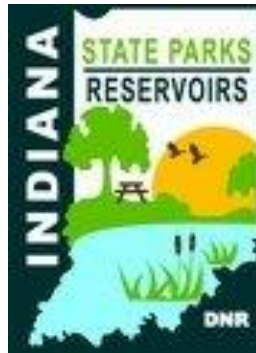
To schedule a program for your classroom, please call the McCormick's Creek Nature Center Monday, Thursday, or Friday at 812-829-4344.

Indiana Department of Natural Resources

Division of State Parks and Reservoirs

McCormick's Creek Interpretive Services

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Thursdays and Fridays
January - March 2010.