



Piney Run Park Field Trip Guide

Amazing Insects (Grades K - 8)

Piney Run Park is buzzing with the insects! Students will search forest and grasslands for insects and use dip nets to collect aquatic specimens. They will learn about insect life-cycles, pollination, and the role of insects in our ecosystem.

Intended curricular links include:

Grade 1- Best of Bugs

Grade 3- Inheritance and Variation of Traits

senses and seasons (Grades Pre k - k)

Winter, Spring, Summer, and Fall- Students will use their 5 senses to explore them all. Students will explore the forest on a 5 senses hike and then meet our animal ambassadors.

Intended curricular links include:

Grade PreK- Colors, Plants

Grade Kindergarten- Weather and Climate

Aquatic exploration (Grades 2 - 8)

Piney Run Reservoir is home to a variety of aquatic creatures, from insects to fish. Students will collect and identify specimens using dip nets. They will then learn about the watersheds that feed the reservoir and how they can help keep the water healthy and clean.

Intended curricular links include:

Grade 2- Earth Systems

Grade 3- Inheritance and Variation of Traits

**Grade 4- Interdependent Relationships
in Ecosystems**

habitat explorers (Grades k - 8)

Meet some of the many animals that are native to Maryland and learn about the habitats they call home. Students will explore a variety of habitats in Piney Run Park to discover how animals meet their basic needs.

Intended curricular links include:

**Grade K- Interdependent Relationships
and Ecosystems**

Grade 1- It's Alive

Grade 3- Inheritance and Variation of Traits

**Grade 4- Interdependent Relationships
in Ecosystems**

Grade 5- Survivor

birds of a feather (Grades 4 - 8)

From dinosaurs to robins, birds have shown an amazing ability to adapt to their environment. Discover the unique adaptations birds use to fly, migrate, and find food and then meet our resident Birds of Prey.

Intended curricular links include:

Grade 3- Inheritance and Variation of Traits

Grade 5- Survivor

Registration Procedures

Registration for Fall field trips opens August 1
Registration for Winter / Spring field trips opens November 1

Registrations are accepted online only.

1. To register visit <https://ccrec.recdesk.com/>
2. Click on facilities and select all.
3. Enter Piney Run Field Trips in the Search Box.
4. Click "Reserve" to select a date.
5. Field Trips are offered on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays in April, May, September, and October.
6. A field trip topic must be selected from our menu of options at registration. Programs cannot be customized.
7. Field Trips begin at 10:00 AM and end at 12:30 PM.
8. Lunch- Groups have the option of extending their stay beyond 12:30 by renting Pavillion 5 for lunch and/or teacher-led activities.
9. Groups- During each field trip, students will rotate between 4 stations. Students should be divided into 4 groups before arrival.
10. Snack- One of the 4 stations is a self guided activity. Students may wish to bring a snack to eat during the self guided activity. Snacks are not permitted to be eaten at the other stations.
11. The maximum group size is 120 students and the minimum group size is 15 students.
12. Chaperones must be present and actively engaged at all times at a ratio of no fewer than 1 adult per 10 students.
13. Due to space restrictions, field trips are limited to registered students and chaperones only. Siblings and friends may not attend.
14. Chaperones are responsible for student behavior at all times and are expected to enforce school and park rules.
15. Trips are rain or shine and are completely or partially outdoors. Piney Run Park will not cancel or reschedule for rain or cold and refunds will not be given. Cancellations will occur and refunds will be given if the park or school is closed due to severe weather.
16. Students must dress for outdoor weather and wear closed toe shoes. There is a possibility of getting wet / muddy depending on weather and the program selected. At the teacher's discretion, students may wish to bring water bottles and wear hats, sunscreen, and insect spray. All sprays should be applied prior to arriving at the park.
17. Busses should drop students off at the bottom of the nature center loop and then park in the boat trailer lot.

Program Fees:

Carroll County Public Schools: \$5.00 per student / chaperone. There is no charge for school employees.

Out-of-County / Private Schools: \$6.00 per student / chaperone. There is no charge for school employees.

Pavilion Rental: \$50.00

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