Financial Assistance Available

School Scholarship Fund
This fund enables teachers to apply for a scholarship to reduce the cost of their program, up to a 50% discount off the program fee.

Transportation Grants
These grants can help to cover bussing costs.

Funding for School Scholarships and Transportation Grants is limited; call 574/654-3155 to find out if funds are available.

Cancellation Policy
The only time a program will be cancelled by park staff is if the park is closed due to extreme weather or for situations that are beyond our control. We make every effort to adjust program content for current weather conditions.

If you call to cancel due to weather, we will attempt to reschedule your program. If we are unable to reschedule, you will not receive a refund or voucher.

Cancellations due to circumstances beyond your control (i.e. transportation issues/school closings) are understandable. If a reschedule date is not available, we will issue you a voucher to use toward a future program. Your voucher will expire one year from the date of issuance.
**Programs at the Park**

**Nature’s Shapes & Sizes**
*Duration:* 45 min.–1 hr.
*Fee:* $1.50/student
Explore the outdoors and practice simple math skills.
• Match natural items to different shapes and sizes.
• Group and compare natural items on a hike.
• Count the signs of the season.

**Sniff, Touch, Taste & Listen**
*Duration:* 45 min.–1 hr.
*Fee:* $1.50/student
Hike the trails and explore nature using all five senses.
• Listen to Catbirds and sniff a Paw Paw leaf.
• Munch on a Touch-Me-Not seed and look for woodpecker holes.
• Touch a smooth snail shell or a prickly beech nut!

**Sugar Camp Safari**
*Season:* mid-February to mid-March
*Duration:* 1 hr. for up to 30 students; 2+ hrs. for 31 or more
*Site:* Bendix Woods County Park
*Fee:* $3.00/student
Learn about maple trees and how they make sap that we can turn into maple syrup.
• Enjoy an interactive puppet show.
• Drill a tap hole in a tree and hang a sap bucket.
• Watch sap being cooked in the sugar house and taste the finished maple syrup.

**Programs in Your Classroom**

**Animal Friends**
Discover the creatures that share our world.
• Examine furs, feathers, turtle shells and snake skins.
• Explore the difference between wild animals and pets.
• Learn the characteristics of mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, fish and insects.

**The Four Seasons**
Explore the ways in which animals and plants change throughout the year.
• Practice hibernating like a woodchuck and gathering nuts like a squirrel.
• Act like a tree and play a leaf-matching game.
• Examine birds’ nests, eggs and feathers.

**Little Sprouts’ Nature Tails**
Nature Tails are stories featuring wonderful creatures found in nature.
• Enjoy a fun story with a nature theme.
• Staff bring the story to life with props, puppets and natural history items.
• Explore games and hands-on activities based on the story.

**For all classroom programs:**
*Duration:* 20–45 min., depending on age of children
*Fee:* $25.00/class up to 10; $35.00/class up to 25; $45.00/26 or more students

**About St. Joseph County Parks**

**Preschool Programs**
Our active hands-on programs introduce preschoolers to basic science concepts and a love of nature through games, stories and multi-sensory learning activities.

**Group Size**
Group sizes are limited to a ratio of 15 students to one Park Interpreter. There is a ten-student minimum for all of our Interpretive Programs.

**Payment**
Full program fees are due in advance unless prior payment arrangements are made. If payment is not received within two weeks prior to the program date, your program will be cancelled. Vouchers will be issued for overpayments. Make checks payable to St. Joseph County Parks.

Mail payment to:
Bendix Woods County Park
32132 SR 2
New Carlisle, IN 46552

**Customize a Program!**
Do you have a specific topic that you are studying in school, but don’t see it listed in our brochure? Give us a call! We are happy to design a program to fit your classroom’s needs.

• Sensational Spiders
• Awesome Amphibians and Reptiles
• Birds of a Feather
• Bountiful Bats
• Owls Around Us
• Insect Investigations
If you would like a topic you don’t see listed, just ask!