

## FEES (effective 7/1/15)

### Guided Outdoor Lessons

A fee is charged for these lessons to cover part of the cost of running the program. This fee is based on the number of field parties needed. To provide the most effective outdoor lesson experience, large classes are divided into smaller field parties. The maximum size allowed is 15 students for each Reinstein Woods instructor, and a maximum of 90 students per lesson per day. Larger groups may be divided over multiple days.

- 1 field party (up to 15 students) = \$40
- 2 field parties (16-30 students) = \$80
- 3 field parties (31-45 students) = \$120
- 4 field parties (46-60 students) = \$160
- 5 field parties (61-75 students) = \$200
- 6 field parties (76-90 students) = \$240

**Please note: You are responsible for paying for the number of students originally scheduled, even if some are absent.**

### In-School Programs

There is a requested fee of \$30.00 per in-school program session.

### Payment

Payments are preferred by check (payable to "Friends of Reinstein Woods") or credit card; cash is also accepted. Friends of Reinstein Woods is a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization which supports education programs at Reinstein Woods. Groups with financial limitations may fill out a scholarship application to request a fee waiver.

## CHAPERONES

Schools must provide a minimum of two adult chaperones (and maximum of four adults) for each field party of 15 students. Chaperones must be prepared to participate fully in all activities and to assist the instructor with some

tasks when requested to do so. Chaperones are also responsible for the discipline of the group.

## WEATHER

Students and chaperones must be prepared to encounter weather! Watch the weather forecasts before your tour date and encourage parents and students to do the same. Please make every effort to see that students are prepared for any possible weather conditions. We reserve the right to refuse to take any student outdoors who is not appropriately dressed for the weather.

## CANCELLATIONS

If you must cancel your scheduled lesson for any reason, please contact us at 716-683-5959 at least one hour before the designated time. We reserve the right to cancel a tour in unsafe conditions (e.g. thunderstorms, high winds, extreme cold). If the weather is questionable, please call us to check the weather conditions at Reinstein Woods and to discuss alternate arrangements (i.e. indoor programs) before departing from your school.

## LUNCH FACILITIES

Full service bathrooms are available on site. Small groups may use the pavilion or classroom (if available) for lunch upon request. Picnic pavilions for large groups and restrooms are available at neighboring Stiglmeier Park (Town of Cheektowaga) on Losson Road. Contact the Cheektowaga Parks Department at 716-656-2280 for more information.

### For more information, contact:

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 Reinstein Woods Environmental Education Center  
 93 Honorine Drive  
 Depew, NY 14043  
 716-683-5959  
**E-Mail:** reinsteinwoods@dec.ny.gov  
**Website:** www.dec.ny.gov/education/1837.html

## DIRECTIONS



Reinstein Woods is located in the Town of Cheektowaga, about 15 minutes east of downtown Buffalo, between Union and Transit Roads.

**From the east:** From the Thruway (I-90), take exit 49 (Transit Rd/Rt. 78). Turn right and head south on Transit Rd. approximately 4 miles. Turn right on Como Park Blvd. Proceed approximately 1 mile, then turn left onto Honorine Dr.; the entrance is on the left at 93 Honorine Drive.

**From the west:** From the Thruway (I-90), take exit 52A (William St.). Head towards Cheektowaga on William St. to Union Rd. Turn left on Union Rd. (Rt. 277) and proceed to Como Park Blvd. Turn right on Como Park Blvd. Proceed approximately 2 miles, then turn right onto Honorine Dr.; the entrance is on the left at 93 Honorine Dr.



# School Programs



## Reinstein Woods Environmental Education Center

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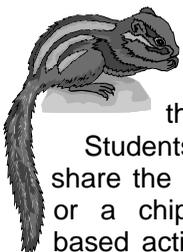
www.dec.ny.gov



## GUIDED OUTDOOR LESSONS

DEC staff and trained volunteers will lead your students on an outdoor exploration of nature. These standards-based lessons are taught outdoors, last about 1 ½ hours, and are offered year-round (unless otherwise noted). Please plan on a two-hour time frame for your visit to Reinstein Woods, to allow time for arrival, dividing into groups and using the restrooms.

### **Exploring the Outdoors** Grades PreK - 1



A close-up look at nature, emphasizing the development of exploration skills and wonder at the mysteries in the outdoors. Students are encouraged to discover and share the excitement of finding a caterpillar or a chipmunk hole. Hands-on, inquiry-based activities help young children to feel comfortable in the outdoors and to appreciate our environment.

### **Animal Signs** Grades 2 - 8

An introduction to some New York State wildlife and their habitats. Students will search for “clues”— footprints, gnawed trees, and holes— that animals have left and will use these clues to learn about animals’ needs, life processes and interrelationships. Hands-on, inquiry-based activities and natural objects such as animal pelts and feathers will illustrate wildlife adaptations.



### **Alien Invaders** Grades 3-12

After searching for “alien” (non-native) plants and animals, students will understand the impact of these invasive species on the environment. In-school program and service projects are also available; call for more information.



### **World of the Pond** Grades 3 - 8

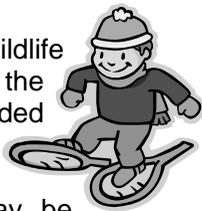
Students will explore the rich and diverse ecosystem of the pond. After examining the physical characteristics of the pond, students will collect aquatic organisms and observe them closely. The students can then identify these inhabitants of this exciting miniature world and develop explanations about their interconnectedness. **Offered May-June and September- October only.**

### **Forest and Pond Ecosystems** Grades 9 - 12

Even though Reinstein Woods is a nature preserve, it has been influenced by the actions of humans. This lesson focuses on habitat and wildlife management issues affecting the ecosystems in the woods today. Students will also observe examples of ecological forces at work, such as forest and pond succession, invasive species, and decomposition.

### **Winter Challenges** Grades 2 - 12

Students will discover how wildlife survive the cold challenges of the winter season by taking a guided walk on snowshoes to search for animal homes, tracks, and other signs. Large groups may be divided into indoor and outdoor sessions, due to snowshoe availability. Snowshoe rental is included, if there is enough snow. **Offered December- February only.**



### **Climate Change Connections** Grades 6 - 12

Students will learn about global climate change by exploring Reinstein Woods’ own “green” building. Eco-friendly features of the Environmental Education Center are woven into hands-on, inquiry-based activities. Students will discover connections between themselves and the environment. Using what they learn, students will devise ways to go green in their schools and homes.

## IN-SCHOOL PROGRAMS

DEC education staff will bring nature to your classroom in these exciting educational programs, which last about 45 minutes. Maximum of 25 students per session. Programs may be modified for age groups other than those listed; please call for more information.

### **Animal Tracks** Grades PreK - 3

Students will learn about animal tracks and traces through interactive activities, then compose their own track “story” or make their own tracks.



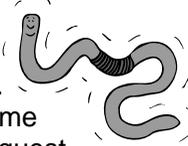
### **Fantastic Frogs** Grades PreK - 3

Through hands-on and whole-body activities, students take an in-depth look at the adaptations of New York's frogs. An ideal program to supplement raising frogs in the classroom.



### **Nature's Recyclers** Grades PreK - 8

Students will learn how red wiggler worms take food scraps and make compost to use in vegetable and flower gardens. This presentation will include other creatures living in compost bins, how to make a compost bin and what foods you can feed your worms. A starter kit with worms and some compost will be provided upon request.



### **Trash Talk** Grades K - 8

Students will learn about the three “R’s”, explore the impact of garbage on the environment, and find out ways to reduce, reuse and recycle at home and school. Activities may include using math to study trash and playing “Recycling Jeopardy!”



### **Watershed Works** Grades PreK - 8

Students will learn what a watershed is, how water can become polluted and ways to help protect our water resources, using hands-on activities or a 3-D watershed model.

### **CSI: Critter Sign Investigation** Grades 4 - 8

Students will examine evidence left by insects, birds and mammals and interpret these “clues” to learn about the lifestyles of local wildlife.



### **Skull Science** Grades 4 - 8

Using skulls from New York State wildlife, students will explore how the physical features of different species help them to survive in their environment.



## RESERVATIONS

Call 716-683-5959 for a lesson or program reservation. Please be sure that the date is acceptable to your group before making the reservation, as we are often unable to reschedule groups. Lessons and programs may be scheduled on weekdays, for morning or afternoon times, based on staff and volunteer availability.

Please contact us a minimum of three weeks before your desired date. For guided outdoor lessons, May, June, and October are our busiest months; call early to reserve your preferred dates.

After making a reservation, you will receive a confirmation letter and invoice by e-mail or by postal mail. Guided outdoor lessons will also receive pre-visit information to share with students.