

Plan to Spend Some Time Exploring on Your own

- A walk on a trail allows students to visit a variety of habitats. Maps of the trails are available on site.
- The Farm Tower offers a nice view of the Chenango Valley—take the Farm Tower Trail which begins across Route 80 from the main parking lot.
- Exhibits are located in the Visitor Center, the Bird Exhibit Cabin, and outside.
- Picnic facilities are available or you may eat inside if weather necessitates.
- Our bookstore has many fine nature guides, fish food and much more for sale.
- We can provide indoor or outdoor scavenger hunts for your students upon request.

Things to Keep in Mind:

- Rogers Environmental Education center is operated by the not-for-profit Friends of Rogers.
- There is no food or drink for sale at Rogers.
- You must dispose of your own garbage. Please bring your own bag or box to carry it home.
- You may not feed the ducks and geese.
- Make sure everyone is prepared for the weather. Most classes are outdoors.

Donations to Friends of Rogers are gratefully appreciated to continue offering educational programs and events at Rogers.



Rogers Environmental Education Center



Environmental Education Programs for Schools & Youth Groups



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About Friends of Rogers

- Friends of Rogers is the not-for-profit that runs & operates Rogers Environmental Education Center in Sherburne, NY.
- The mission of the Friends of Rogers is to provide Central New Yorkers with outstanding educational opportunities that excite, inspire, and motivate people of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities to enjoy, understand, appreciate, and protect our natural environment.

Cost

- There is a suggested donation of \$3.00 per student per program.
- Our environmental educator is available for onsite programs & classroom visits. For classroom visits, an additional donation to help cover mileage is suggested.
- These donations enable us to continue offering programs. Please speak to us about any special accommodations. A limited number of scholarships are available.
- Additional program options available via Broome-Tioga Extended Classroom Website

Scheduling a Visit

- Email Env.educator@FriendsofRogers.org to schedule a visit or call (607) 674-4733.
- One chaperone is required for every 15 students.
- It is best to make reservations at least 6-weeks in advance.
- Programs will be age-appropriate with respect to length and content; CCLS content included.
- Programs are available throughout the year.

Program Options

Tracks and Traces of Animals:

Wildlife is all around us without ever being seen. Luckily, they leave many clues to their activities if you know what to look for. Scat, chew signs, nests, and holes will all be explored with students.

Mammals of New York State:

From a two inch masked shrew to a six foot black bear, New York provides habitat for nearly 60 species of land mammals. Using furs and skulls we will examine mammal adaptations and discuss their habitat requirements. Through activities students will role-play interrelationships in the animal world.

Pond Ecology:

Wetlands are full of life. We are familiar with the ducks, frogs, and fish but what about the smaller creatures? We will explore the water and mud to get a closer look at the fascinating world of water creatures and their adaptations.

Wildlife Ecology:

This lesson covers basic ecological concepts which relate to wildlife. Survival needs of wildlife, population limiting factors, the balance of nature, survival of the fittest, and predator-prey relationships are concepts covered in this lesson. The activities are games and are somewhat physically active.

Birds of New York State:

The differing anatomies of various birds makes them ideal for studying about habitat adaptation. Feathers, wings, beaks, and feet will illustrate how each species has its own niche.

Plants:

Life on earth depends upon plants for starting the chain of energy and giving us oxygen. Activities will add fun to photosynthesis, plant adaptations, diversity, and structure of this essential kingdom.

You & Your Environment: (3rd and up)

Finding earth-friendly alternatives to our present lifestyle has become a necessity. This lesson explores how we got where we are and offers some ideas as to how we might improve our habits.

In Cold Blood:

Cold –blooded vertebrates (reptiles, amphibians, and fish) have some amazing characteristics. Experiments, investigations, and activities will enable students to understand their physiology and place in the ecosystem.

Animals in Winter: (pre-K-3rd)

Animals have several strategies they use to survive the winter,: hibernation, migration, staying active, and dying. Students place animal pictures on a large winter scene mural and look at how they spend the winter.

Watersheds: (3rd and up)

Students become water molecules and travel through various water cycle stages. They'll also create mini watershed models and see how rain runs off the hills into the valleys. A large map of New York will help them understand the state's major watersheds.