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**NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY  
Nature Centers Division  
1130 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10028**

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

A partial list of outdoor education projects on a nationwide basis, with brief descriptions of unusual facilities, has been prepared by the National Audubon Society, Nature Centers Division, to let interested people know where the projects are located.

The centers are open all year unless information to the contrary is given. Most centers are closed at least one day a week, often on Monday. A person desiring to talk to the director or who wants a guided tour should make an appointment well in advance of the visiting date.

### Facility Information

A nature center usually has most of the following features and programs:

- Nature trails with labels or self-guiding booklets
- Guided walks on scheduled basis for local school classes, youth groups and clubs
- Guided tours by appointment for visiting individuals or groups
- Interpretive education building with exhibits and meeting space
- Seasonal programs for adults and children
- Educational workshops for teachers and youth group leaders.

A resident outdoor school (sometimes called school camp) has a natural area to use as an outdoor laboratory and resident facilities for groups.

An outdoor laboratory is a natural area or arboretum with trails and minimum facilities.

## ARIZONA

Phoenix Desert Botanical Garden, Papago Park, 6400  
East McDowell Road, P.O. Box 5415 (85010)  
Tel: 947-2800  
One of the world's finest gardens of desert  
plants

Tucson Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum, P.O. Box 5602  
A living exhibit of desert flora and fauna

## CALIFORNIA

Bolinas Audubon Canyon Ranch, Marin and Golden Gate  
Audubon Societies  
900-acre sanctuary and educational center

El Monte Audubon Center of Southern California, National  
Audubon Society, 1000 North Durfee Avenue  
(91733)  
Tel: 213-444-1872  
Guided field trips with naturalists for school,  
youth and adult groups by appointment

Long Beach Nature Center, City of Long Beach, 2760  
Studebaker Road

Oakland Rotary Natural Science Center, Bellevue and  
Perkins, Lakeside Park. Mailing address:  
Oakland Park Department, City Hall, Room 224,  
(94612)  
Tel: 415-273-3739

San Diego Camp Cuyamaca (for grade schools) - Camp Palo-  
mar (for high schools)--resident outdoor  
schools for San Diego city-county

Tiburon Audubon Center of Northern California, National  
Audubon Society, 376 Tiburon Boulevard (94920)  
Tel: 415-388-2524  
Guided field trips with naturalists for school,  
youth, and adult groups by appointment

## COLORADO

Evergreen Outdoor Education Laboratory School, Jefferson  
County School District--residence outdoor school

## CONNECTICUT

Fairfield

Roy and Margot Larsen Audubon Sanctuary,  
2325 Burr St. (06432)

Tel: 259-6305

Guided tours by appointment

Birdcraft Museum, 314 Unquowa Rd. (06431)

Tel: 259-1063

School, youth and adult groups

Greenwich

Audubon Center of Greenwich, National Audubon  
Society, 613 Riversville Rd. (06830)

Tel: 203-869-5272

Guided field trips with naturalists for school,  
youth, and adult groups by appointment

Audubon Natural Science Field Workshops in  
Connecticut, National Audubon Society, 613  
Riversville Rd. (06830)

Summer only

Tel: 203-869-2017

Workshop for adults

New Canaan

Nature Center, Oenoke Avenue

New Haven

West Rock Nature Center, P.O. Box 2969

White Oak Club with work experience for youngsters

New London

Thames Science Center, 622 Williams St. (06320)

Sharon

Sharon Audubon Center, National Audubon Society  
Route 4 (06069)

Tel: 203-364-5826

Guided field trips with naturalists for school,  
youth, and adult groups by appointment

Stamford

Stamford Museum and Nature Center, High Ridge  
and Scofieldtown Rds. (06903)

Tel: 203-322-1646

A community cultural center--children's farm,  
zoo, nature trails, observatory, planetarium,  
art and science programs

## CONNECTICUT

Westport Mid-Fairfield County Youth Museum, 10 Woodside Lane

Woodbury Flanders Nature Center, Church Hill Rd. (06798)  
Tel: 263-3711

## DELAWARE

Greenville Indian Spring Nature Center, Brandywine Creek State Park. Sponsored by Delaware Nature Education Center, Inc., P.O. Box 3900 (19807)  
Tel: 302-658-0204

## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Washington Arboretum Center, National Arboretum  
Widening Horizons, a program for high school students

Washington Rock Creek Nature Center, Glover Rd., off Military Rd.  
Tel: 737-1820 Ext. 638  
Address inquiries to: Superintendent, National Capital Parks, U. S. Dept. of Interior

## FLORIDA

Babson Park Babson Park Audubon Center--Florida and Ridge Audubon Societies. U.S. Alt. 27 at N. Crooked Lake Drive, RFD Box 1498 (33827)  
Tel: 638-1355

Lake Wales Mountain Lake Sanctuary--Singing Tower. Entrance from U.S. Alt. 27, P.O. Box 268 (33853)  
Tel: 638-1355  
Naturalist-conducted visits for youth and adult groups. Open every day

West Palm Beach Pine Jog Conservation Education Center, Dillman Rd. (33406)  
Tel: 683-1325  
100 acres of native pine flatwoods with thick undergrowth of saw palmetto, coco plum and gallberry



## ILLINOIS

Carbondale

Outdoor Education Center, Southern Illinois University, 606½ South Marion Street (62903)  
Resident facilities, day-use area for school and college classes

Lisle

Morton Arboretum, Route 53 (60532)

Oregon

Lorado Taft Field Campus, Northern Illinois University, Box 299 (61061)  
Tel: 732-2111  
Resident outdoor school for elementary and college classes. Summer courses and workshops

Peoria

Forest Park Nature Center, 5809 Forest Park Drive (61614)  
Tel: 688-6413

River Forest

Cook County Forest Preserve District, 536 North Harlem Ave. (60305)  
Tel: 369-9420

1. Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center  
Willow Springs Rd. (104th Ave.), Willow Springs
2. River Trail Nature Center  
Milwaukee Ave. (Route 21), near Wheeling
3. Sand Ridge Nature Center  
Paxton Ave., South Holland

Centers open May through October. Teacher workshops

Rockford

Rockford Outdoor Education School, 2121 New Milford School Rd. (61109)  
Resident facilities for public school classes, day school

Springfield

Nature Center, Abraham Lincoln Memorial Garden



## INDIANA

Martinsville

Bradford Woods - Camp James Whitcomb Riley  
Camp Pioneer  
Indiana University outdoor education, camping  
and recreation leadership training center

## KENTUCKY

Clermont

Nature and Arboretum Centers, Bernheim Forest,  
one mile east of Kentucky Turnpike on State  
Highway 245 (40110)  
Tel: 502-543-2451  
10,000-acre forest area. Open March 15-  
November 15

Golden Pond

Conservation Education Center, Land Between  
the Lakes, Tennessee Valley Authority  
P.O. Box 27 (42231) Tel: 502-924-5602  
Resident outdoor school, day-use area for  
elementary, high school and college groups

Pineville

Nature Center, Pine Mountain State Park  
Open during park season

## MAINE

Medomak

Audubon Camp in Maine, Todd Wildlife Sanctuary,  
National Audubon Society. Mailing address:  
Audubon Camp Dept., 613 Riversville Rd., Green-  
wich (06830)  
Summer camp for adults

## MARYLAND

Bel Air

Fresh Air Camp and Harford Glen  
Resident outdoor schools for Harford County  
School District

Cabin John

Noah's Ark Children's Farm, Cabin John Regional  
Park, 7400 Lux Court, Rockville, Maryland  
(20852)  
Tel: 299-4555

## MARYLAND

- Centreville Wye Institute  
Summer educational camp, conference center
- Clinton Clinton Nature Center, Clinton Regional Park,  
(20735)  
Tel: 868-1397
- Thurmont Outdoor school, Camp Greentop, mailing address:  
Frederick County Board of Education, 115 East  
Church Street, Frederick, Maryland (21701)  
Resident outdoor school - open fall and spring
- Wheaton Brookside Nature Center, Wheaton Regional Park,  
1400 Glenallen Ave. (20902)  
Tel: 946-9071

## MASSACHUSETTS

- Barre Wildwood Nature Camp  
Cook's Canyon Wildlife Sanctuary  
Massachusetts Audubon Society  
Summer camp for children
- Brewster The Cape Cod Museum of Natural History, Inc.  
(02631)  
Tel: 386-3867  
200-acre salt marsh outdoor laboratory
- Lenox Nature Center  
Pleasant Valley Wildlife Sanctuary  
Massachusetts Audubon Society
- Lincoln Drumlin Farm, Massachusetts Audubon Society  
Hatheway School of Conservation Education,  
nature center, farm program, counselor's  
workshops
- Milton Blue Hills Trailside Museum, 1904 Canton Ave.  
Route 138  
Tel: 333-0690
- Norfolk Nature Center, Stony Brook Wildlife Sanctuary  
Massachusetts Audubon Society

## MASSACHUSETTS

- Princeton Nature Center, Wachusett Meadows Wildlife Sanctuary, Massachusetts Audubon Society
- Springfield Trailside Museum, Forest Park
- Topsfield Nature Center, Ipswich River Wildlife Sanctuary, Massachusetts Audubon Society

## MICHIGAN

- Ann Arbor Conservation Outdoor Laboratory Project  
Ann Arbor Board of Education  
A coordinated program in grades K-12 of using "land for learning"
- Augusta Kellogg Bird Sanctuary (near Gull Lake) Rte. 1  
Box 339 (49012)  
Tel: 616-671-5721  
Ecological research, migratory and resident waterfowl
- Brighton Nature Center, Kensington Metropolitan Park  
Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority
- Detroit Happy Isles Nature Center, Detroit Department of Parks and Recreation
- Dowling Clear Lake Camp  
Resident outdoor school for Battle Creek School District, also leased to other school districts
- Kalamazoo Kalamazoo Nature Center, 7000 North Westnedge Ave. (49001)  
Tel: 381-1574  
Distinctive interpretive building-children's farm, research programs
- Lansing Nature Center, Arboretum Park, 2020 East Mount Hope Ave. (48910)
- Lansing Woldumar, Nature Way Association, 5539 Lansing Rd. (48917)  
Tel: 372-4991  
Nature education and rural life center

## MICHIGAN

Roscommon

Higgins Lake Conservation Training School  
Michigan Department of Conservation  
Outdoor school and conference center

Westland

Nankin Mills Nature Center, 33175 Ann Arbor  
Trail (at Farmington Road)(48184)

## NEBRASKA

Omaha

Natural Science Center, Fontenelle Forest,  
1111 Bellevue Boulevard North (68005)  
Tel: 402-731-3140  
1500-acre deciduous forest--largest in midwest  
and a national landmark

## NEW HAMPSHIRE

Allenstown

Bear Brook Nature Center, New Hampshire  
Audubon Society, Bear Brook State Park. Open  
July 1 through September 4  
For information: Audubon Society of New  
Hampshire, 18 School Street, Concord, N.H.  
Tel: 228-8221. After July 2 write or phone:  
Director, Audubon Nature Center, Bear Brook  
State Park, Route 1, Suncook, N.H.  
Tel: 485-3782

Peterborough

Camp Sargent - University of Boston  
Resident outdoor school

## NEW JERSEY

Branchville

New Jersey State School of Conservation,  
Box 372, R.D. #1  
Resident outdoor schools for elementary, high  
school and college classes. Summer courses,  
workshops, and demonstrations. Children's  
summer camps

Mountainside

Trailside Museum, Watchung Reservation, New  
Providence Rd. and Coles Ave.

## NEW JERSEY

- Newton Outdoor Education Project - School of the  
Outdoors  
Title III: ESEA project
- New Brunswick Outdoor Nature Conservation Museum, National  
Headquarters, Boy Scouts of America. Corner  
of Routes 1 and 130  
A 20-acre highly developed area of exhibits  
and demonstrations

## NEW MEXICO

- Abiquiu Ghost Ranch Museum (87510) Tel: 505-685-2237  
Extensive outdoor interpretive exhibits on  
southwestern region of U.S.A.

## NEW YORK

- Bear Mountain Nature Trails and Trailside Museum, Bear Mountain  
State Park  
Established in 1927 with one of the early nature  
trails in the country
- Bedford Westmoreland Sanctuary, Chestnut Ridge Rd.  
Mailing address: Box 335, R.D. 2, Mt. Kisco  
(10549)  
Tel: 914-666-8448  
Adult programs
- Bronx Wave Hill Environmental Science Center, Riverdale  
Park  
Serves New York City schools
- Ithaca Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology, 33 Sapsucker  
Woods Rd. (14850) Tel: 607-275-5056  
Stuart Observatory  
Overlooking 10-acre pond
- Sapsucker Woods Sanctuary  
180-acre outdoor laboratory
- Mamaroneck Sheldrake River Trails, address: Mamaroneck  
Town Hall  
Comprehensive school program

- New Paltz** Gateway Center Outdoor Laboratory  
Tel: 914-256-7108  
Title III:ESEA project
- Rochester** Nature Center, Monroe County Department of  
Parks, 375 Westfall Rd. (14620)  
Tel: Ed 4-3780
- Rye** Nature Center, Rye City Park
- Scarsdale** Weinberg Nature Center, 455 Mamaroneck Rd.  
(10583)  
Tel: 914-472-4744
- Sherburne** Rogers Conservation Education Center (13460)  
Conservation farm, native fish and waterfowl
- Spring Valley** Lakeside School Nature Center  
Tel: 914-356-7000
- Staten Island** High Rock Nature Conservation Center, Nevada  
Ave. (10306)  
Tel: 212-987-6233  
Staten Island Institute of Arts and Sciences,  
75 Stuyvesant Place (10301)  
Tel: 212-987-1135  
Operates program of the High Rock Nature  
Conservation Center. Uses the Davis Wildlife  
Refuge and other natural areas as outdoor  
laboratories

## NORTH CAROLINA

- Charlotte** Nature Museum, 1658 Sterling Rd. (28209)  
30-acre wooded plot, living exhibit of North  
Carolina flora and fauna
- Greensboro** Natural Science Center, 4301 Lawndale Drive  
(27408)



## OHIO

- Akron Seiberling Nature Center, Sand Run Metropolitan Park (44305)  
Tel: 733-4900
- Bay Village Lake Erie Junior Nature and Science Center, Huntington Park Reservation (44140)  
Tel: 871-2900
- Cincinnati Cincinnati Nature Center, Route 1, Milford (45150) located at 4949 Tealtown Rd., south of Perintown  
Tel: 513-831-1711
- Nippert Nature Museum, Sharon Woods Park, Hamilton County Park District. Mailing address: 10245 Winton Rd. (45231)  
Tel: 521-9866
- Cleveland Cleveland Metropolitan Park District, 2048 Standard Building (44113)  
Tel: 216-621-1054
1. Brecksville Trailside Museum  
Full time June through Labor Day, weekends and by appointment the rest of the year
  2. Rocky River Trailside Museum  
Same schedule as Brecksville Trailside Museum
  3. North Chagrin Trailside Museum  
Same schedule as Rocky River Trailside Museum
- Cleveland Heights Red Raider Camp  
Resident outdoor school for fifth and sixth grades
- Columbus Blacklick Woods Center, Darby Creek Center  
Mailing address: Columbus Metropolitan Park Board  
1251 East Broad Street  
Tel: 258-9575  
Leadership training workshops
- Dayton Aullwood Audubon Center, National Audubon Society, 1000 Aullwood Rd. (45414)  
Tel: 513-898-3371  
Guided field trips with naturalists for school,

## OHIO

Dayton

Aullwood Audubon Center (continued)  
youth, and adult groups by appointment

Aullwood Children's Farm, National Audubon  
Society, 9101 Frederick Rd. (45414)  
Tel: 513-898-2881  
125-acre working children's farm. Guided field  
trips with farm naturalists for school, youth  
and adult groups by appointment

Kirtland  
Township

The Holden Arboretum, Sperry Rd., Mentor (44060)  
Tel: 216-946-4400  
2100-acre outdoor laboratory. Guided tours  
(call Cleveland office, tel: 241-0885)

Mansfield

Kingwood Center, 900 Park Avenue West, Route  
430 (44903)

Newark

The Dawes Arboretum, Rural Route #5 (43055)  
Guided tours by appointment

Toledo

Toledo Metropolitan Park District, Lucas County  
Courthouse (43624)  
Tel: 248-5911 Ext 349  
Secor Park Nature Center

Oak Openings Lodge  
Overnight workshops and programs

Wilmot

Stark Wilderness Center, Box 38 (44689)  
Tel: 216-359-4231  
409-acre area, contains the Sigrist Woods, out-  
standing deciduous trees

Yellow  
Springs

Outdoor Education Center, Glen Helen, Antioch  
College (45387)  
Conference center, workshops, courses  
Resident outdoor school for grade, high school  
and college classes

Nature Center, Glen Helen, Antioch College  
1200-acre natural area

## PENNSYLVANIA

- Abington Briar Bush Nature Center, 1212 Edgehill Rd.,  
mailing address: 1176 Old York Rd.  
Tel: 884-5000  
Unique feature is the Griscom Observatory for  
seeing wildlife through "one-way" plate glass
- Clinton Wildflower Reserve. Project of Western Penn-  
sylvania Conservancy, in Raccoon Creek Valley of  
Beaver County on U.S. 30. Mailing address:  
Western Pennsylvania Conservancy, 204 Fifth  
Ave., Pittsburgh (15222)  
Tel: 412-471-1660  
Tours for groups by appointment
- Ligonier Bioscience Center, Powdermill Nature Reserve of  
Carnegie Museum, Star Route South, Rector (15677)  
Tel: 412-593-2221  
April through October by appointment
- Lima Outdoor Education Project, Rose Tree Media  
School District, Box 66 (19060)  
Title III: ESEA project
- Milford Pinchot Institute for Conservation Studies  
Tel: 717-296-8594
- New Hope Bowman's Hill State Wildflower Preserve, Wash-  
ington Crossing State Park  
Interpretive building, 100 acres set aside as  
a sanctuary for native plants
- Ohio Ferncliff Nature Reserve. Project of Western  
Pennsylvania Conservancy. Mailing address:  
204 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh (15222)  
Tel: 412-471-1660  
Tours for groups by appointment
- Philadelphia Schuylkill Valley Nature Center, Hagy's Mill  
Rd. (19128)  
Tel: Iv 2-7300

## PENNSYLVANIA

Pittsburgh

Pittsburgh Park Department, 502 City  
County Building

1. Frick Park Nature Museum
2. Highland Park King Conservation Center
3. Riverview Park Wissahickon Trailside Museum
4. Schenley Park Nature Museum

## TEXAS

Fort Worth

Greer Island Nature Center, mailing address:  
Children's Museum, 1501 Montgomery St. (76107)  
Tel: 817-732-1631

Tyler

Camp Tyler, Route 10, Box 346 (75701)  
Public school camp

## VIRGINIA

Bassett

Nature Center, Fairy Stone State Park.  
Mailing address: Stuart, Virginia  
Seasonal naturalist

Chesterfield  
Courthouse

Nature Center, Pocahontas State Park.  
3 miles from Chesterfield Courthouse. Mailing  
address: Chesterfield  
Seasonal naturalist

Clifton Forge

Nature Center, Douthat State Park. 9 miles  
east of Clifton Forge. Mailing address:  
Clifton Forge  
Seasonal naturalist

Marion

Nature Center, Hungry Mother State Park. Three  
miles from Marion. Mailing address: Marion  
Seasonal naturalist

Waterford

The National Humane Education Center, Humane  
Society of the United States, Box 143 (22190)  
Tel: 882-5641

## WEST VIRGINIA

Morgantown Arboretum  
100-acre stand of native trees and other plants.

Wheeling Brooks Nature Center, Oglebay Institute,  
Oglebay Park (26003)  
Tel: 304-242-4200

## WISCONSIN

Drummond Wisconsin State University Camp  
Summer workshops in conservation outdoor  
education and field biology for State  
University system

Eagle River Trees for Tomorrow Camp  
Resident outdoor school, summer courses,  
high school and college workshops

Ellison Bay The Clearing--operated by Wisconsin Farm  
Bureau. For information: Mertha Fulkerson,  
Resident Manager, The Clearing, Ellison Bay  
Open to public Sundays from 10:00 a.m. to  
4:00 p.m.

Madison Arboretum, University of Wisconsin  
A 1218-acre outdoor laboratory. Many native  
Wisconsin habitats restored on area

Poynette Conservation Education Center, Wisconsin Con-  
servation Department. Located 30 miles  
north of Madison

Sarona Audubon Camp in Wisconsin, National Audubon  
Society, mailing address: Audubon Camp  
Dept., 618 Riversville Rd., Greenwich  
Connecticut (06830)  
Summer camp for adults



## WISCONSIN

Wisconsin Dells

University of Wisconsin Camp, Upham Woods  
Summer camp. Programs for students,  
teacher workshops

## WYOMING

Dubois

Audubon Camp of the West, National Audubon  
Society, mailing address: Audubon Camp  
of the West, P.O. Box 3666, El Monte,  
California (91733)  
Summer camp for adults

## ADDENDUM

## CONNECTICUT

New London

Pequot-Sepos Wildlife Sanctuary

## MASSACHUSETTS

Easthampton

Arcadia Wildlife Sanctuary (01027)  
Massachusetts Audubon Society  
Extensive wildlife plantings, trails,  
natural history day camp

Sharon

Moosehill Wildlife Sanctuary (02067)  
Massachusetts Audubon Society  
Nature trails, natural history day camp

South Wellfleet

Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary (02663)  
Massachusetts Audubon Society  
Tel: 617-349-2615  
Nature trails, wayside exhibits, natural  
history day camp, beach buggy wildlife tours

## NEW HAMPSHIRE

Greenfield

Otter Lake School of Conservation  
Resident outdoor school and summer camp.