



SCOUTS & GUIDES PROGRAM GUIDE

FOSTERING ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP SINCE 1969

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activity Wet 'N' Scaly All seasons
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ENVIRONMENTAL

PLANNING

How to use this GUIDE:

This guide is designed to outline the planning process by providing you with the necessary tools to ensure your trip to Wye Marsh is the highlight of your year!

Step 1. Choose your program(s)

- Each program is one or two hours in length. Programs can be combined to make up a half (2hrs) or full day(4hrs). Program times can be flexible in order to accommodate travel arrangements.
- Please ensure that you choose one alternative program as well as two alternative dates in the event that your first choice is unavailable.

Step 2. Submit request

- Download a Booking Request Form (or a Booking Request Form—Overnight, if you are planning on staying overnight) from www.wyemarsh.com or contact us to request a copy via email or fax.
- Submit completed form by email to jrumney@wyemarsh.com or fax (705.526.3294)
- Please note that a Booking Request does not imply a booking/reservation until confirmed.

Step 3. What to expect

- A Booking Confirmation will be sent via email within a week of receiving your booking request. Please share its details with all participating leaders/supervisors.
- You will be required to submit a \$190.00 non-refundable deposit in order to confirm your booking which will be sent via QuickBooks link.
- Payment of balance owing is due upon departure.
- Two weeks prior to your visit please confirm number of participants, program choices and time of arrival.

PROGRAMS


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Program Guide:


* Premium Program

❖ Age Recommendation

Season: Spring 

Summer 

Fall 

Winter 

Program Title	Spark	Brownie	Guide	Pathfinder	Season Availability	Length (Hours)
Marsh Mingle (Group Games)	❖	❖	❖	❖	   	1
Discovery Hike	❖	❖	❖	❖	   	1
Birds of Prey Demo *	❖	❖	❖	❖	   	>1
Wet 'N' Scaly Demo *	❖	❖	❖	❖	   	>1
Look, See, Paint		❖	❖	❖	  	2
Dip Netting	❖	❖	❖	❖	  	1
Sweep Netting	❖	❖	❖	❖	  	1
The Great Tree Challenge			❖	❖	   	1
Bannock Roasting	❖	❖	❖	❖	   	1
Marsh Exploration by Canoe *	❖	❖	❖	❖	  	1
Marsh Exploration by Kayak *			❖	❖	  	2

AT A GLANCE

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Program Title	Spark	Brownie	Guide	Pathfinder	Season Availability	Length (Hours)
Team Building			❖	❖	   	2
Ultimate Survival		❖	❖	❖	   	2
Compass Orienteering		❖	❖	❖	   	2
GPS Navigation			❖	❖	   	2
Animal Tracking	❖	❖	❖	❖	  	2
Cross Country Skiing **		❖	❖	❖		2
Snowshoeing **	❖	❖	❖	❖		2
Introduction to Bird Watching	❖	❖	❖	❖	   	2
Safety Hike	❖	❖	❖	❖	   	1
Pond Study	❖	❖	❖	❖	  	2
Wilderness Survival		❖	❖	❖	   	2

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** Rentals Available

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

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Marsh Mingle

Participants will have the opportunity to learn about the natural world around them through interactive nature games with a focus on the importance of wetlands to water system and environmental health.

Discovery hike

Being prepared in the outdoors is just as important as having fun and enjoying nature. Sparks will learn the importance of both through participating in active, fun, and educational activities that will have them hugging a tree, tracking animals (winter), and uncovering critters from the Marsh (spring/fall)!

Birds of Prey Show

This exciting program will give participants the opportunity to be brought face-to-face with the grace, majesty, power and intelligence of birds of prey. Participants will learn all about the different types of birds of prey, their habitats, adaptations, and life histories, all the while being delighted by these magnificent animals in flight. **Premium program—additional charge applies

Wet 'N' Scaly Show

This exciting program provides participants with the opportunity to get up close and personal with some of Ontario's native reptile species. Participants will learn plenty of fun facts and identification tips, as well as discover the importance of environmental stewardship and the role that they can play in helping Ontario's Species at Risk. **Premium program—additional charge applies.

Look, See, Paint

More than just an introduction to watercolour painting, *Look, See, Paint* brings a new way to view, appreciate and reconnect with our natural world. Equipped with a portable painting kit, watercolour paper and a view finder, participants will explore the natural beauty of the marsh from an artistic perspective.

Dip Netting

With dip nets in hand, students will learn about the many amazing adaptations the aquatic insects of the marsh, as well as what these insects can tell us about the water quality of the marsh. Students will also learn about the interconnectedness of all of the marsh inhabitants as they simulate an aquatic food web, and explore the surrounding habitat by foot.

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Sweep Netting

With sweep nets in hand, students will learn about the many amazing adaptations the insects of the marsh possess. Students will also learn about the interconnectedness of all of the marsh inhabitants as they simulate a food web, and explore the surrounding habitat by foot.

The Great Tree Challenge

A team or solo activity that will help participants connect with nature by exploring the diversity of our native trees and the characteristics of how to identify the major species. Using a Tree ID Key, take the Great Tree Challenge by identifying 12 common species of trees that are found at the Wye Marsh.

Bannock Roasting

Bannock has been a staple food of wilderness explorers for centuries. Portable, nutritious, tasty and easy to make, Bannock's legendary reputation continues as one of the best wilderness survival foods out there, not to mention a fun and engaging mid-day snack. After roasting their Bannock to perfection over an open fire, participants will exercise their minds and bodies as they play a variety of outdoor games and activities.

Marsh Exploration by Canoe

There is no better way to explore the Wye Marsh ecosystem than seated among friends in one of our large voyageur-style canoes. After a brief lesson on paddling technique and canoe safety, participants will paddle past blooming water lilies, basking turtles, and a beaver lodge, as jewel-winged damselflies and Red-winged Blackbirds fly overhead. Participants will also explore the marsh on foot as they visit the Swan Treatment Center, walk the boardwalk, and climb the observation tower.

Marsh Exploration by Kayak

Whether paddling solo or with a partner, kayaking provides a very intimate and tranquil approach to exploring the marsh ecosystem. After a brief lesson on paddling technique and kayak safety, participants will paddle past blooming water lilies, basking turtles, and a beaver lodge, as jewel-winged damselflies and Red-winged Blackbirds fly overhead. Participants will also explore the marsh on foot as they visit the Swan Treatment Center, walk the boardwalk, and climb the observation tower.

Team Building

Allow us to put the participants' teamwork skills to the test as we facilitate a series of nature-based team challenges, each one more demanding than the last. Leadership, trust, cooperation, communication and problem solving will all come into play as the participants strive for cooperative success.

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Ultimate Survival

This exhilarating simulation game demonstrates the interactions between predator and prey species, as well as the encompassing ecosystem. Taking on the role of carnivores, omnivores, and herbivores, participants will be challenged to obtain their specific survival needs as they navigate through a forested environment, all the while evading predator species bent on stealing their lives.

Compass Orienteering

Equipped with nothing more than a magnetic compass and the know-how to use it, participants will trek through the wilderness in search of hidden orienteering markers. Teamwork, leadership, problem solving skills, and accuracy will all come into play as participants navigate our challenging orienteering course in an attempt to piece together an inspirational quote.

GPS Navigation

After an introductory lesson on using Global Positioning System (GPS) units, participants will be asked to correctly answer animal trivia questions that will lead them to geocaches containing animal tokens. Teamwork, problem solving, and keen observation skills will all come into play as participants attempt to collect as many animal tokens as possible within the allotted time.

Animal Tracking

Abundant in numbers, but very rarely seen, Wye Marsh's winter inhabitants have left stories of their travels behind in the snow. Designed to kindle awareness and understanding of Ontario's winter-active mammals, this program focuses on identifying animal tracks and scats, as well as animal adaptations, behaviours and winter survival techniques.

Cross-Country Skiing

Not only is it fun, beautiful, and good for your health, cross-country skiing is an exhilarating outdoor activity for all ages and fitness levels. After an introductory lesson to cross-country skiing technique, with an emphasis on group and personal safety, participants are sure to increase their appreciation for winter as they glide their way along our snow-covered ski trails.

Snowshoeing

What better way to combine physical activity with the pursuit of nature? With traditional-style snowshoes strapped to their feet, participants will head out into the snow-covered landscape to discover the many wonders that winter has to offer. Participants will also play a variety of games and activities designed to help develop balance and coordination skills.

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Introduction to Bird Watching

This exciting program will delve into all aspects of the birding world. Students will uncover the myriad of techniques used to identify different species, learn about their habitats, specific needs and current ecological threats. Students will discover past and present conservation efforts and make their connections by participating in some Citizen Science, all while exploring an amazing and complex ecosystem that is so valuable to resident and migrating birds.

Safety Hike

Participants will head out on a short hike with discussions on hiking safety, as well as emergency procedures, and how to identify natural hazards.

Pond Study

Students will begin this program by learning about water invertebrate and their significance, and how to identify them using a ID Key. They will then apply their new found knowledge to identify specimens of common water invertebrate.

Next, using dipnets students will learn about the many amazing adaptations the aquatic insects of the marsh possess, as well as what these insects can tell us about the water quality of the marsh. Students will also learn about the interconnectedness of all of the marsh inhabitants as they simulate an aquatic food web, and explore the surrounding habitat by foot.

Wilderness Survival

After a quick and active introduction to wilderness preparedness, survival priorities, fire starting and shelter building, We will **conveniently “lose”** the participants in the bush, where, in order to survive, they must work as a team to prepare a survival site, as well as prepare and present a theatrical rescue story!

PRICING

RESERVATIONS

Day Packages	Cost/Participant	Minimum Requirement
Independent Discovery (Unguided—Full Day)	\$9	20 participants
Half Day Programs (2hrs)	\$11.75	20 participants
Full Day Program (2 x 2hrs)	\$14.50	20 participants

Specialty Program Add-ons	Additional Costs/Participant	Notes
Canoe/kayak	+\$5.00	'Day Packages' rates (above) applies in addition to these specialty ad-ons
Birds of Prey/Wet n Scaly Shows	+\$5.00	
Snowshoe rental	+\$5.00— Traditional	
XC Ski rental	+\$8.00	

Supervisor Discounts
1 supervisor per 5 participants: Complimentary

Overnight Packages	Cost/Participant	Minimum Requirement
Tent: One Night	\$15.00	10 participants
Tent: Two Nights	\$17.50	10 participants
Bunkhouse: One Night	\$20.00	15 participants
Bunkhouse: Two Nights	\$22.50	15 participants

Notes

'Day Packages' rates (left) apply for guided programming throughout your stay.
At least 1 hour of programming is required for booking.

***Please refer to our 'Overnight Visitor Information' for additional information regarding our facilities.**

Wye Marsh Comes to You	Cost*	Notes
Birds of Prey Shows (1hr)	\$350.00 + mileage—55cent/km	Max. Number of Participants: 50
Wet 'N' Scaly	\$300.00 + mileage—55cent/km	Max. Number of Participants: 50
Snowshoeing	\$8.00/Participant	Min. 2 Sessions Max. Number of Classes/Session: 2
Team Building	\$8.00/Participant	

REMINDERS

Planning

1. Submit Booking Request Form; 2. Await confirmation 3. Sign booking confirmation sheet and submit along with \$190.00 non-refundable deposit to confirm your booking 4. Contact 705-526-7809 x220 or jrumney@wyemarsh.com with any questions/concerns.
2. Two weeks prior to your visit please confirm: number of participants, program choices and arrival time.

Payment

Payment of balance owing is due upon departure.

Cancellation Policy

Cancellations result in the loss of your \$190.00 non-refundable deposit.

Weather

Please wear comfortable outer wear and dress for the weather, this is an outdoor program. This program does run rain or shine, but would be cancelled due to high winds, lightning, or extreme heat above 34 degrees Celsius.

Please share the 'What to Bring' handout (downloadable from our website) with your participants. Also note that it is highly recommended that all participants wear closed-toed shoes.

Waste

You will be required to take any garbage back with you. We will dispose of any recycling and compost generated during your visit.

Special Needs Equipment

Please let us know if you require the use of our all-terrain wheelchair.

Gift Shop

Souvenirs, Wye Marsh crests are available for purchase under leader supervision.

The Wye Marsh would like to thank you in advance for helping us to foster the next generation of environmental stewards.

RESERVATIONS



Curriculum Based Programs
 Experiential Learning
 Comprehensive & Fun
 Safe & Supportive Environment
 Environmental Stewardship
 Accessible to All Physical Levels
 English & French



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