



# Group Program Guide 2025

Wye Marsh Wildlife Centre

## 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](http://www.wyemarsh.com) or contact us to request a copy via email.

Submit completed form by email to [programs@wyemarsh.com](mailto:programs@wyemarsh.com).

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 \$50.00 or if booking an overnight group \$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

Program Title	Young Children	Youth	Teens	Adults	Seniors	Season Availability
Animal Games	*	*	*			Spring, Summer, Fall & Winter
Animal Tracking	*	*	*	*	*	Spring, Summer, Fall & Winter
Bannock Roasting	*	*	*	*	*	Spring, Summer, Fall & Winter
Birds of Prey	*	*	*	*	*	Spring, Summer, Fall & Winter
Canoeing	*	*	*	*	*	Spring, Summer & Fall
Compass Orienteering		*	*	*	*	Spring, Summer, Fall & Winter
Dip Netting	*	*	*			Spring, Summer & Fall
Discovery Hike	*	*	*	*	*	Spring, Summer, Fall & Winter
Great Tree Challenge		*	*	*	*	Spring, Summer & Fall
Intro to Birding	*	*	*	*	*	Spring, Summer, Fall & Winter
Kayaking			*	*		Spring, Summer & Fall
Look, See, Paint	*	*	*	*	*	Spring, Summer & Fall
Pond Study	*	*	*	*	*	Spring, Summer & Fall
Snowshoeing	*	*	*	*	*	Winter
Ultimate Survival		*	*	*		Spring, Summer, Fall & Winter
Wet N Scaly	*	*	*	*	*	Spring, Summer, Fall & Winter
Wilderness Survival	*	*	*	*	*	Spring, Summer, Fall & Winter

# Program Descriptions

## Animal Games

Educational, active and fun, this program is sure to get its participants actively engaged in with each other in nature. They will play a variety of nature-based activities.

## Animal Tracking

Abundant in numbers, but very rarely seen, Wye Marsh's inhabitants have left stories of their travels behind. Designed to kindle awareness and understanding of Ontario's native animals, this program focuses on identifying animal tracks and scats. You'll also focus on animal adaptations and behaviour through their tracks. Advanced animals Tracking is available for the experienced.

## 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. \*Specialty program—additional charges apply

## Birds of Prey

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. \*Specialty program—additional charge applies

## Canoeing

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. \*\*Specialty program—additional charge applies

## 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.

## Dip Netting

With dip nets in hand, 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.

## 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, and uncovering critters from the Marsh.

## 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.

## Intro to Birding

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.

## Kayaking

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.

## 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.

## Pond Study

With dip nets in hand, 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.

## 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. \*\*Specialty program—additional charge applies

## 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.

## Wet N Scaly

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. \*Specialty programs—additional charge applies

## Wilderness Survival

Participants will learn the 9 principals of survival and take part in a survival scenario where they will have to build a shelter, and start a fire with limited items.

## Pricing

### Day Visits:

Unguided Admission	\$9.00	per participant	Full day trail access (Unguided)
Half Day Program	\$14.00	per participant	2 hours of programming
Full Day Program	\$16.00	per participant	4 hours of programming
Canoe & Kayak	+ \$8.00	per participant	Max 30 participants
Wet N Scaly	+ \$5.00	per participant	Max 50 participants
Bird of Prey	+ \$8.00	per participant	
Snowshoe Rental – traditional	+ \$4.00	per participant	
Snowshoe Rental – Modern	+ \$6.00	per participant	
Bannock	+ \$25.00	per 30 participants	Max 60 participants

### Overnight Visits:

Tenting with Cookhouse	1 night – \$24.00 2 Nights - \$26.50	per participant	Min 15 participants
Full day program	+\$8.00	per participant	4 hours of programming
Half day program	+\$5.00	per participant	2 hours of programming
Canoe	+\$5.00	per participant	Max 30 participants
Birds of Prey	+\$8.00	per participant	
Wet N Scaly	+\$5.00	per participant	Max 50 participants
Garbage Fee	+\$15.00	per night	
Bannock	+\$25.00	per 30 ppts	
Snowshoe – Traditional	+\$4.00	per participant	All day rental
Snowshoe- Modern	+\$6.00	per participant	All day rental
Wye Marsh Crest	+\$4.50	per participant	\$4.05 + HST for groups over 20ppts

## Cancellation Policy

Cancellations can be made up to two weeks in advance of your visit but are subject to a \$50 administration fee. Groups who cancel after the deadline will be charged a minimum booking fee (based upon 20 participants). If you need to reschedule, please call 705-526-7809 x218 or email [programs@wyemarsh.com](mailto:programs@wyemarsh.com).

## Weather

Our programs run rain or shine. We recommend that participants dress for the weather, including closed-toed shoes. In the event of inclement weather (heat advisory, high winds, lighting etc.) we will provide alternative indoor programming until the weather subsides.

## Payment

Payment of balance owing is due upon arrival Visa, MC, cheque, debit or cash and is based upon confirmed number of participants.

Contact our Program Manager at [programs@wyemarsh.com](mailto:programs@wyemarsh.com) with any questions/concerns.