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<p>Audubon Society of Greater Denver 9308 South Wadsworth Boulevard Littleton, CO 80128 Susan Smith 303-973-9530 education@denveraudubon.org http://www.denveraudubon.org/school.htm</p>	<p>One hour pre-trip classroom workshop, followed by 4-4.5 hour field trip at Audubon Center</p>	<p>6-60 students Chaperone/ Student ratio 1:10 \$6 per student scholarships may be available</p>	<p>-Migration Madness (Pre K- 4th) -Pond Ecology (2nd-3rd) -Invertebrate Investigations (2nd-3rd) -Bird Adaptations (2nd-3rd) -Home Sweet Nest (1st-3rd)</p>	
<p>Barr Lake Nature Center 13401 Picadilly Road Brighton, CO 80603 (303) 659-6005 http://www.parks.state.co.us/</p>	<p>Wednesdays-Fridays year-round</p>	<p>Cost of Park Pass</p>	<p>Tailor programs to match the needs of the teacher (Pre K-12th grades)</p>	<p>- Popular topics: habitats, wildlife, ecosystems, birds, insects, and freshwater ecology. - Encourage teachers to visit site before program. Call ahead or just explain at the gate why you are there, no fee required. - Teachers are allowed to run their own programs on site. They must pay for a park pass for the bus and please call ahead to schedule.</p>
<p>Bear Creek Lake Park 15600 W. Morrison Road Morrison, CO 80465 Park Naturalist Phone – Jenny or Jody (303) 697-6157 http://www.lakewood.org/</p>	<p>Programs are available year round. Schedule varies.</p>	<p>1 adult min. per 10 students \$2 per person for programs. For self led programs entrance fee applies – 30+ students/\$30, 16-30/\$20, 15 or less/\$8 and \$4/individual car.</p>	<p>- Programs are tailored to the classroom's curriculum. Call ahead to request specific topic (i.e. Bats, owls, and insects).</p>	<p>- Self-guided field trips are allowed. Bus entrance fee applies. Call ahead for large groups or for use of the amphitheater.</p>
<p>Bluff Lake 7350 E 29th Ave, Suite 300 Denver, CO 80238 Susan Beckett 303-468-3244 www.blufflakenaturecenter.org</p>	<p>3 hr program in fall and spring and 1.5 hr program in winter</p>	<p>2 classes allowed per program slot. No more than 60 students. 1 adult for every 8 students. Free to public school \$3/student for private school</p>	<p>-Sensory Discovery (PreK-1st) Healthy Habitats (1st-2nd) Wetland Wonders(3rd-5th) Life Cycles(2nd-4th) Winter Wonders(K-5th)</p>	<p>All fieldtrips include a 1 hour pre-trip classroom presentation</p>

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Boulder County Parks and Open Space 303-441-3899 http://www.co.boulder.co.us/open_space/	Year round	Flexible No Fee	Various sites and programs. Will tailor to the group.	
Butterfly Pavilion 6252 West 104 th Ave Westminster, CO 80020 303-469-5441 ex 1862 education@butterflies.org http://www.butterflies.org/	Classes run from September through early June Self-guided tours year-around	60 Max. Students (any age): \$3.50 One free adult per every 5 students Adults Assisting Students with Disabilities: Free Bus Drivers: Free Scholarship are available for discounted admission and free transportation	-Buggy Basics (preK-K) -Life Cycles -Insect Inquiry -Habitat Happenings	You can now register on-line for field trips Pre and post activities as well as activities for during field trip are available on-line. Average length of field trip is 2-3 hours We are not able to allow groups to tour the exhibits prior to your scheduled time. One adult is required per ten students and must supervise their group at all times. However, to better facilitate your visit, the Butterfly Pavilion allows one free adult (including teachers and chaperones) for every five students. April and May are the busiest months, register early.
City of Aurora Parks and Open Space/ Morrison Nature Center 16002 E Smith Road Aurora, CO 80011 Joy Thompson 303-739-2428 www.nature@auroragov.org	Fall thru spring- Tuesdays-Fridays; Summer- Wednesdays-Fridays	10 minimum/60 maximum; \$.50 donation per child	Aurora Wildlife Adaptations, Aurora Ecosystems, Insects and other arthropods, Aurora Water and Water Quality, Aurora Plants, Aurora Wetlands, other programs by request	Programs are presented at the Morrison Nature Center, AWQUA Lounge at the Aurora Reservoir, and at other Aurora Open Space properties
City of Boulder Open Space & Mountain Parks 66 S. Cherryvale Road Boulder, CO 80303 Lynne Sullivan 720-564-2058 http://www.osmp.org	Year round, please reserve	Maximum 60 Free on-site to public schools Off site, private schools \$35	Broad range of natural and cultural history of Boulder Valley. Programs are customizable for content, standards and age groups. See web page for suggested topics.	Spanish-language programs available for small groups. Preference giver to sites on OSMP. Please use on-line registration form; http://www.ci.boulder.co.us/openspace/nature/registration.htm

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Colorado Wildlife Federation 4045 Wadsworth Blvd., Suite 20 Wheat Ridge, CO 80033 Phone: (303) 987-0400 Fax: (303) 987-0200 email: cwf@coloradowildlife.org		Free		Must schedule in advance, works in conjunction with the Fish and Wildlife Service.
Denver Botanic Gardens 1005 York Street Denver, CO 80206 Phone: 720-865-3500 Fax: 720-865-3713 http://www.botanicgardens.org	Schedule varies depending on program	Cost varies from Free to \$2 per student depending on program and zip code of school. One adult per five students is free, additional adults pay \$4.50	-Guided School Tours: Sprouts (K-2), Plant Discovery Day (1-2), Pizza, Pencils and Plants (K-6), Name that Tree (3-5), Ecosystems of Colorado (3-6); Journey to the Rainforest (1-6) -Discovery Backpacks (self-guided) -General Visit	All school groups visiting Denver Botanic Gardens must make an advance reservation. Groups that wish to schedule a program can call 720-865-3580. Groups interested in a General Visit can call 720-865-3533. All groups must have one Adult Chaperone per five students. Do not use the lobby as a central meeting area.
Denver Botanic Gardens at Chatfield 8500 Deer Creek Canyon Road, Littleton, Colorado, 80128 (303) 973-3705 http://www.botanicgardens.org	Programs every Friday, year-round	Guided Programs: Maximum = 30 1 adult required for every 10 children Program fee of \$2/student; one adult per 10 students free, additional adults \$3 each, no parking fee. Self-Guided: Parking fee of \$5/car, \$8/6-10 people, \$15/16-30, \$30/31+	-Homes without Hammers (K-4) -Investigating Insects (K-3) -Leaf Hunt (PreK-3) -Wetland Walk (3-6) -It's a Sticky Situation (5-6) -Discovery Backpacks for self guided field trips	- Teacher packet available with pre- and post-visit activities. - Teachers can visit site before program without paying fee. - Discovery backpacks are available for self guided tours.

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<p>Denver Downtown Aquarium 700 Water St Denver, CO 80211 303-561-4569 http://www.aquariumrestaurants.com/downtownaquariumdenver/fla_sh_content/index.html</p>	<p>Classes run from September through June Self-guided tours year-around</p>	<p>240 max Guided tours cost \$4/student Classroom programs cost \$7/student One free adult per every five students</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -One Fish, Two Fish, A-B-C Fish (preK-K) -Boneless Bodies (PreK-K) -Coral Communities (1st-2nd) -Sensational Sharks (3rd-5th) -Fabulous Fish (3rd-5th) -Squid Inside and Out (6th-12th) -Aquarium: The Inside Story (6th-12th) -Nutty Nooks and Kooky Connections (1st-2nd) 	<p>Reservations should be received at least 2 weeks in advance for Guided Tours and 3 weeks in advance for classroom programs. Classroom Programs must arrive 10 minutes prior to programs start time. The restaurant will allow you to purchase lunch for you and your students at a cost of \$3:50 per student. No outside food is allowed on the Downtown Aquarium premise. We strongly recommend that you attend a free teacher orientation a month prior to your schedule field trip. Orientations take place the last Wednesday of the month from 6:30-7:30pm (except for December).</p>
<p>Denver Museum of Nature and Science 2001 Colorado Boulevard Denver, Colorado 80205 303-370-8285 303-370-6453 http://www.dmns.org/main/en/</p>	<p>Varies for each program</p>	<p>Varies for each program \$4.50-\$45.00 per student</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Self-Guided visits -Exhibit Tours -Museum Classroom Programs -Camp-ins -IMAX Theater & Planetarium 	<p>Download the School Group Brochure for all the information of the different programs, costs, registration, and expectations.</p>
<p>Denver Zoo 2300 Steele Street Denver, CO 80205 303-376-4883 http://denverzoo.org/</p>	<p>Varies for each program</p>	<p>Varies for each program. Tours-\$3/student, classes and assemblies- \$3.75-5/student, 2-4 hour workshops- \$225-450/ 30 students</p>	<p>k-6- tours, classes, Children's Conservation Theatre, assemblies, workshops; 6-8- classes, assemblies, Young Scientists, science & career wrkshps; 9-12- career & science wrkshps.</p>	<p>Visit the Denver Zoo's website for on-site class available and education opportunities. Registration forms and cost for each program are available online. Scholarships are available for qualifying schools.</p>

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Douglas County Open Space and Natural Resources 100 Third Street Castle Rock, CO 80104 303-660-7495 Jackie Sanderson jsanders@douglas.co.us 303-663-7652 http://www.douglas.co.us	Programs are available year round. Times are flexible.	Group size may depend upon staff availability at given date. There is no cost.	Will tailor programs to match the needs of the teacher (Pre-K – adults). Onsite learning will happen in the field (ponds, streams, grasslands, woodlands, canyons, ranchland and barnyard.) Popular topics: Ecosystems, land stewardship, Colorado history, wildlife, freshwater ecology, habitats, and geology.	Most groups are hosted at Prairie Canyon Ranch, but other open space properties are possibilities. Picnic tables, fresh water, and port-a-potties are available. All groups must be accompanied by open space staff or volunteer.
Lookout Mountain Nature Center / Jefferson County Open Space Trish Martin Nature Center Program Coordinator 910 Colorow Road Golden, CO 80401 (720) 497-7601 tmartin@jeffco.us	Tuesday-Friday at 10:00, 12:00 or 2:00 p.m.	Varies for each program. Adult Chaperone/ Student Ratio 1:10 Free	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -What's Wild? or Water Wild (Pre K-K) -Wild Messages, Plant Partners, or River Journey (1-3rd grades) - Ponderosa Treasure Hunt or Spineless Wonders (4-6th grades) -Incredible Invertebrates (Mulit-age) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Program must be scheduled 3 weeks in advance, and as far as 6 months in advance -Reserve your date with a \$25 refundable deposit. -Nature center welcomes teachers coming to plan, please call ahead so someone can be there to help. - Teachers are allowed to run their own programs. They must fill out a Special Activity Agreement with Jefferson County Open Space. Contact 303-271-5925 to obtain this agreement.
Majestic View Nature Center 7030 Garrison Street Arvada, CO (720) 898-7405 http://www.ci.arvada.co.us/	Tues, Thurs, Friday 10:00-12:30 pm, during fall and spring	Up to 60 students \$3.00/student	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Mammals Study (4-6th grades) -Wetland Ecosystem Experience (4-6th grades) -Nature trail (4-6th grades) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Teachers are welcome to pre-view the center free of charge. - Call ahead if interested in a self-guided field trip, there must be some resource personnel interaction.
Plains Conservation Center 21901 East Hampton Ave. Aurora, CO 80013 303-693-3621 www.plainscenter.org	Year round, fills up quick!	2hrs –up to 2 classrooms; \$5/person 3hrs – up to 3 classrooms; \$7/person Longer programs available.	Standards-based programs centered on short grass prairie (both natural and cultural history); visit website to see details www.plainscenter.org	Time available fills up fast so call in advance. 1 or 2 day experiences, overnights in tipis, designed to meet specific curriculum goals. Contact us for more details

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<p>Rocky Mountain Arsenal NWR Commerce City, CO 303-289-0931 http://www.fws.gov/rockymountainarsenal/index.htm</p>	<p>Varies for each program</p>	<p>No charge</p>	<p>-Outdoor Sensation (K-2nd) -Prairie Dog Towns (3rd-5th) -Wetland Wonders (6th-8th) -Deer Dilemma (9th-12th)</p>	<p>Offer teacher trainings</p>
<p>Rocky Mountain Bird Observatory 14500 Lark Bunting Lane Brighton, CO 80603-8311 Amanda Morrison 303-659-4348 ext 6 http://www.rmbo.org/homenon.html</p>	<p>Programs available from March through October. Schedule varies for each program.</p>	<p>Up to 60 students \$45 minimum per group, with \$2 per person additional for groups over 25 participants</p>	<p>-Bald Eagle Watch (K-12, March through June) -Dinosaur Ridge Hawkwatch (K-12, March through May) -Nests and Niches (K-12, March through June) - Education and Bird Banding Stations (K-12+, August through October or April-May)</p>	<p>- Be prepared to leave a message that includes your name and phone number and they will contact you. - Programs include pre- and post-trip activities and information for use in the classroom. - Self-guided field trips are allowed. Limited number of students allowed for this, please call ahead.</p>
<p>Rocky Mountain National Park, 1000 Highway 36 Estes Park, CO 80517 Mark De Gregorio (970) 586-3777 http://www.nps.gov/romo/</p>	<p>Call ahead to schedule an appointment</p>		<p>-Build a Beaver Lodge (K-3rd grades)</p>	<p>- Offers pre- and post-site activities and post-site evaluation. - Suggest that you visit your destination in the Park prior to your visit with the students. The Park's Education Specialist will waive your entry fee and open facilities for you. -Self guided field trips are allowed.</p>
<p>South Platte Park 3000 West Carson Drive Littleton, CO 80120 (303) 730-1022 SkotL@sspd.org http://www.sspr.org/nature</p>	<p>Programs Tuesday-Friday, every week, except in June, July, Aug.</p>	<p>Maximum=30 students on Thurs and Fri and 60 students on Tues and Wed. Minimum fee for 10 students. 1 adult (free) recommended for every 5 children \$3.50 participant for groups from South Suburban District, \$4.50 non-resident.</p>	<p>-Animal Detectives (Pre K-1) -Sensing the Season (Pre K-1st grades) -Insects & Spiders (preK-1st grades) -Plant Explorations (2nd & 3rd grades) -Goldpanning (2nd-5th grades) -Underwater River Animals (2-5th grades) - Ecosystem Adventure (3rd-5th)</p>	<p>- A non-refundable deposit of 50% is required within two weeks of scheduling to hold the date. - Please schedule your program early! Scheduling begins on January 1. - Self guided field trips are allowed, please schedule in advance.</p>

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WASH Education Program 4049 N 75th Street Boulder, CO 80301 Curry Rosato 303-413-7365 http://www.basin.org/wash	Please call ahead to schedule	No fee	-Offers ten programs focusing on local watershed -Puppet show -Field activities	-Please call for details on specific programs -Has water quality testing equipment -Currently serves Boulder county communities and all Boulder Valley and St. Vrain schools.
Wild Bear Center for Nature Discovery PO Box 3017 Netherland, CO 80466 303-258-0495 wildbear@wildbear.org	M-F	Maximum=50 Minimum=10 Inquire for fees	Arthropod Zoo Tracking CO Wildlife Early American Life Aquatic Studies Primitive Skills Rocky Mountains Life Zones Watershed Awareness Winter Ecology	Programs can be tailored to meet your needs. Field based programs are located at Mud Lake just North of Nederland Able to connect classroom visits with field visits.
Wildlife Experience 10035 South Peoria Parker, Co 80134 (720)488-3344 http://www.thewildlifeexperience.org/index.asp	Oct-May Tues-Fri 9am-2pm	\$2.25-\$3.75 per student(2-12) \$3.75-\$6.00 per student (13-18)	Guided Tours -45 min in length -Animal Adaptations (2 nd -6 th) -The Skin They're In (1 st -6 th) -What Is a Habitat? (1 st -5 th) Giant Screen Theater-come tours packages include theater option.	Advance reservations are required. One to five suggested