



AMERICAN PRAIRIE FIELD SCHOOL

Day Programming Options

National Discovery Center

All Montana students are welcome to visit the National Discovery Center in Lewistown Thursday-Saturday from 10:00am - 4:00pm or by appointment. Free educational programs are available for school groups visiting the Center. For school groups of 10 or more and for organized programs, you must schedule a visit.

Field Trips For K-12th Graders

All schools are welcome to visit and explore the National Discovery Center and participate in a variety of conservation education programs free of charge.

If you wish to bring your school to the National Discovery Center to participate in a program, please read about the available programs below and contact the Education Coordinator to schedule a date and time for your visit.

NOTE: If you'd like our staff to provide educational programs, please schedule your visit a minimum of 30 days in advance.

Education Standards

All programs will align with NGSS Next Generation Science Standards.



Program Options

1. **Keystone Species** — Learn about the top three keystone species of the prairie grasslands and their role in the ecosystem.
2. **Birds of the Prairie** — Did you know that the prairie grasslands are home to an extraordinary diversity of grassland birds, including many migratory species?
3. **Skulls & Furs** — Identify and learn about the different animals of the prairie by examining skulls and furs.
4. **Traps & Tracks** — Learn about the habits of prairie animals through close examination of tracks and pictures on game camera.
5. **Prairie Plants & Ethnobotany** — Did you know that many of today's modern medicines came from plants? Learn to identify some prairie plants, and understand how they have adapted to their environment. Discover how people healed themselves with these plants before pharmacies and store-bought medicines.
6. **Native Games** — Build your survival skills of strength, agility, mental stamina, and shared values passed down through generations in Indigenous communities while competing in traditional Native Games.

Trip Logistics

A transportation stipend is available for schools to cover travel costs to the Center, including gas and lodging.

Contact

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