



Harris Nature Center

Annie's Big Nature Lesson Topics



At the Harris Nature Center, staff will aid teachers in any way that we can. This can include use of our facility, equipment and staff. Listed below are programs that we frequently teach to elementary students, however we can teach any nature topic, so please don't hesitate to call 517.349.3866 or email hnc@meridian.mi.us.

- **Adapted for Survival** *animal classifications, animal adaptations; live animals*
- **Animal Tracks** *identifying animal tracks, looking for tracks along the trail*
- **Ask the Naturalist** *any time frame for any "wonders" the kids have from the week*
- **Bird Watching** *bird adaptations, bird sounds and bird identification*
- **Climate Hope** *weather vs climate, hands-on activities, effects & ways students can help*
- **Dichotomous Keys** *learn to use a dichotomous key on skulls & trees; create your own*
- **Geology** *types of rocks, rock cycle, weathering and erosion*
- **Insects & Invertebrates** *introduction to insects, life cycles and catching insects in the meadow*
- **Michigan Mammals** *mammal furs and skulls, mammal adaptations*
- **Michigan Wildflowers** *parts of a wildflower, plant life cycle, spring wildflowers*
- **Misunderstood Animals** *understanding skunks, snakes, spiders and more; includes live animals*
- **Predators of the Sky** *owls, hawks, eagles, falcons, osprey & vultures; possible live raptor*
- **Reptiles & Amphibians** *adaptations for cold-blooded animals; includes live animals*
- **Traveling Seeds** *fall native plants and their seed dispersal*
- **Tree-mendous Plants** *seed dispersal, parts of a tree, build a tree activity*
- **Water Everywhere** *water cycle hands-on activities, location of earth's water*
- **Web of Life** *games that focus on ecosystems, habitats & food web*

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