

## Planning A Visit:

Programs are 90 minutes long and cost \$75 for the first 10 scouts unless otherwise noted. Each additional scout or sibling is \$7.50. There is no cost for leaders and chaperones.

A \$50 per program deposit will hold your reservation. Payment of any remaining balance is due upon arrival on the day of your program. Deposits are non-refundable within 14 days of your scheduled visit.

To schedule a visit, please contact our Education Staff at 609-897-9400 Tuesday through Saturday 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. To facilitate scheduling please call with several possible dates and times in mind. We will make every effort to accommodate your needs. Spring and Autumn dates fill up quickly so be sure to make your reservations early. Many programs are taught outside and run rain or shine, so please dress appropriately.



## Wolf Achievements

**Elective 13 Birds:** Find out all about the basics of birds. Through activities and a bird walk, scouts will discover physical adaptations and behavioral differences among various birds.

**Elective 18 Outdoor Adventure:** Learn about the natural world around you through exploration and fun games. Also, learn how to identify poisonous plants.

## Bear Achievements

**Elective 12 Nature Crafts:** Begin collecting, classifying and observing nature through craft activities outdoors.

**Elective 15 Water and Soil Conservation:** Participants will discover the importance of soil and water conservation through a number of hands-on investigations.

**Achievement 5 Sharing Your World With Wildlife:** Participants will find out about habitat and creatures that might live in our forests or backyards. Learn about how endangered species are protected.

## Webelos Requirements

**Forester:** Participants will learn how to identify trees on the preserve. Find out what a tree cookie is and what it can tell you about a tree. Learn about the different layers of a forest and how animals use this valuable resource.

**Geologist:** Participants learn how the earth is formed and what's in it; how fossils form and what we can tell from them.

**Naturalist:** Participants will study the ecology of the forest with a hands-on look at the plants, wildlife, and the decomposers of the forest floor.

## Boy Scouts

Contact the staff at the Preserve about dates for the Bird Study Merit Badge.

**Bird Study Merit Badge:** Scouts will learn how to use field guides, binoculars, and how to identify 20 local birds by sight and 5 birds by their calls in this 6 hour class.

**If you are looking for projects for your Gold, Silver, or Eagle Awards, contact us for a list of options.**



### DIRECTIONS

From US Route 1, take the Scudders Mill Road exit. Follow to the fifth traffic light (Dey Road). Make a left onto Dey Road and head east for about 1 ½ miles to Scotts Corner Road. Turn left onto Scotts Corner Road. Follow for about ¼ mile past the Community park on your left. The preserve entrance will be on your left. Turn into the entry gate and follow the entry road back to the parking lot on your right. ■



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# Badges and Beyond

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## New Jersey Audubon's Plainsboro Preserve



Plainsboro Preserve

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## Brownie Try-Its

**Animals:** Find out more about wild animals and their needs by exploring different habitats and places where they live.

**Earth and Sky:** Explore a forest from the ground up and find out who lives at which level, what they do there and why.

**Eco-Explorer:** Learn how the plants and animals of the forest live together through fun hands-on activities.

**Finding Your Way:** Participants learn the parts of a compass and how to use it. Small teams work together using their new skills to complete our compass course.

**Outdoor Adventurer:** Take a hike! And take a closer look at the things that hide in the forest.

**Plants:** Go on a leaf hunt through the forest and explore the different types of trees that live there. Learn how to identify the different trees that live on the grounds at the Plainsboro Preserve.

**Ready, Set, Go Camping:** Learn “Leave No Trace” principles and other skills that will help your troop to have a successful and fun camping experience.

**Senses:** Scouts will explore their five senses through classroom activities and a guided nature walk.

**Watching Wildlife:** From insects to mammals, the tracks, signs, and adaptations of local wildlife species will be examined.

**Water Everywhere:** Through the use of collecting equipment and identification guides, participants will observe the inhabitants of a wetland and explore their life cycles and adaptations.

## Junior Girl Scout Badges

**Earth Connections:** Participants will learn how to identify trees and plants using field guides. Find out what a tree cookie is and what it can tell you about a tree. Learn about the different layers of a forest and how animals and human use this valuable resource.

**Hiker:** While taking a naturalist lead hike through the Plainsboro Preserve, participants will learn the basics in hiking and how it can be a wonderful, and fun hobby.

**Plants and Animals;** Go on a scavenger hunt to find different plants and animals that live in our forest. Look at what different animals eat and where they get their food.

**Rocks Rock:** Participants will discover New Jersey in a new light or rather rock. They will become geologist for a day and find out what it is that makes New Jersey a geologically unique state, that has produced a number of minerals, and not to mention preserved its own dinosaur.

**Wildlife:** From insects to mammals, the tracks, signs and adaptations of local wildlife species will be examined, along with the impact of humans on the need of various wildlife species in New Jersey.

**Your Outdoor Surroundings:** Scouts will take a hike through the forest and learn who lives there and how they get around.



## Cadette & Senior Girl Scouts

**All About Birds:** Through games and activities, including nest building, and bird watching, participants will discover physical adaptations and behavioral differences among various birds.

**Eco-Action:** (Skill Builders #3 & #5) Through the use of collecting equipment and identification guides, participants will observe the inhabitants of a freshwater stream and learn about their life cycles and adaptations.

**Orienteering:** Learn how to use a map and compass to aid you while hiking, riding, or wilderness camping. These skills will aid you in future adventures.

**Outdoor Survival:** This interest project will provide you with the skills and confidence needed to face the challenges of outdoor survival.

**Wildlife:** Look for signs of wildlife on a short hike around the Preserve. Learn how animals live and survive in their habitats. Also, use a field guide to identify indigenous plants and trees.



## Programs of Special Interest

*We can customize any program to fit the particular interest of your group. Call the nature center to discuss these programs.*

**Bird Basics:** Scouts will learn about bird field markings and identification methods through classroom activities and a bird walk on the Preserve.

**Compass Skills:** Scouts will learn the parts of a compass and how to use it to off trail. We will put your new skills to the test on our compass course.

**Freshwater Life:** Through the use of collecting equipment and identification guides, scouts will observe the inhabitants of a freshwater stream and explore their life cycles.

**Group Challenges:** Groups will work cooperatively to solve problems involving both physical and mental challenges. (Grade 4 & up)

**Interesting Insects:** During the course of an outdoor search, scouts will examine the characteristics of insects and their adaptations to the environment.

**Shelter Building;** Scouts will learn how to build a ‘monsoon-proof’ debris shelter from natural materials!

**Terrific Trees:** Learn how to identify a variety of trees found on the Preserve.

**Wildlife Ecology:** Learn about an animal’s habitat and what it needs to survive. Follow us into the forest to find out what lives there.