



Junior Naturalist Camp 18-20 June 2019

Acadia National Park, Downeast Maine, and beyond



Nature is our classroom!

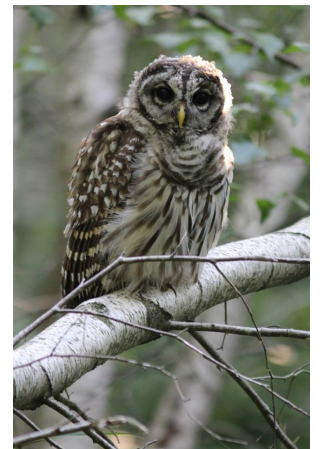
For kids that love learning and discovery in the natural world, The Natural History Center is offering a three-day nature day-camp for kids ages 10-13. Every day, all day long, we will be in the field, hiking mountains, learning about wetland ecology, kayaking, nature journaling, birding, tide-pooling, or swimming. All programs will be led by field biologist and naturalist Rich MacDonald.

We will be in the field — All day! Every day!

This is the first year of this new experiential program where our goal is to further the knowledge of young naturalists. Rain or shine, we will be out! So come prepared.

Who is this for?

We welcome kids ages 10-13 (we hope to expand the opportunities in the future). The group will be limited to seven youths. Everyone must be able to hike and willing to paddle a sea kayak (all junior naturalists will be in tandem (2-person) kayaks, complete with all safety gear).



What does it cost? And what are the times?

This year only, kids can sign up for just one day, two days, or all three. The cost is \$50 per child for each day they participate. For those joining us for the Great Cranberry Island adventure, there will be an additional fee of \$32 per person for the roundtrip mailboat.

Drop off time is 9:00 a.m.; pick up is 3:00 p.m. We realize the times may pose a challenge for some families, so for \$10 per hour (rounded to the full hour), kids can be dropped off as early as 8:00 a.m. and picked up as late as 4:00 p.m.

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Tentative schedule:

Day 1 — Tuesday, 18 June

Introduction to the tools of the trade

- ✓ Knox Road morning meeting — Introduce ourselves; look at the map of MDI to make the day's plan
- ✓ Discuss the tools and techniques we will be using, including field journals, binoculars, field guides, and dip nets (all provided by The Natural History Center)

In the field

- ✓ Flying Mountain ecology hike for botany and birding
- ✓ Field journaling atop Flying Mountain
- ✓ Some Pond swim and wetland ecology (all kids will wear life-jackets—provided—while swimming, even if they are strong swimmers, so that no child feels left out)



Return to Knox Road

- ✓ Day's end field journaling

Day 2 — Wednesday, 19 June

Morning meeting

- ✓ Knox Road morning meeting — Look at the map of MDI to make the day's plan

In the field

- ✓ Gorham Mountain ecology hike for geology, botany, and birding
- ✓ Field journaling atop Gorham Mountain
- ✓ Wetland ecology at The Bowl
- ✓ Ecology by kayak at Hadley Point

Return to Knox Road

- ✓ Day's end field journaling



Day 3 — Thursday, 20 June

Morning meeting

- ✓ Knox Road morning meeting — Look at the map of MDI to make the day's plan

In the field

- ✓ Mailboat to Great Cranberry Island where we will visit Preble-Marr Historical Museum, then hike the trail to Whistler's Cove for birding and botany
- ✓ Field journaling at Whistler's Cove
- ✓ Back on MDI, monitoring Eastern Bluebird and Tree Swallow nest boxes



Return to Knox Road

- ✓ Day's end field journaling

The Natural History Center provides:

- ✓ A fun, outdoor, nature experience
- ✓ Regular water breaks
- ✓ Mid-day and mid-afternoon snack breaks
- ✓ Lunch as close to noon as possible
- ✓ 2017 Toyota Sienna minivan where all kids will be buckled every time we travel
- ✓ Field journals (for the junior naturalists to keep)
- ✓ Loaner naturalist tools, including binoculars, field guides, and dip nets
- ✓ Personal Flotation Devices for swimming and paddling
- ✓ Kayaks, associated gear, and instruction

Young Naturalists will need to bring:

- ✓ Lunch, snacks, and water
- ✓ Sunblock
- ✓ Walking shoes with closed toes and heels (sneakers are fine)
- ✓ Water shoes
- ✓ Swimsuit
- ✓ towel
- ✓ Sweat shirt or fleece
- ✓ Rain coat (rain pants are a good idea, too)
- ✓ Snorkeling/diving mask (a good idea but not required)

