

GO WILD

WOODFORD CEDAR RUN
WILDLIFE REFUGE



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Our Mission

Woodford Cedar Run Wildlife Refuge is a 174-acre wildlife refuge, wildlife rehabilitation hospital and nature center whose mission is to serve as a community resource on the importance of protecting and enhancing healthy ecosystems for all.

To that end, Cedar Run engages in: ecologically based land management; the operation of a Federally and New Jersey State licensed hospital facility that cares for nearly 4,000 injured, orphaned or displaced native wild animals each year; the education of over 20,000 students annually through our various environmental education programs, both on- and off-site; and serves as an active resource to the greater New Jersey community on all wildlife and habitat related questions and issues.

Elizabeth and James Woodford

founded Woodford Cedar Run Wildlife Refuge in 1957, on land they purchased in 1951 in what was then the wilds of Medford. Over the next 40 years they devoted their lives to Pinelands wildlife rehabilitation, environmental education and preservation. In 1997, the Woodford's dream was realized when a Green Acres grant helped to preserve 174 acres of the original habitat and buildings.



The Refuge is open to the public

Monday—Saturday: 10-4, Sunday: 12-4
Adults \$5, Children 4 and up \$3,
3 and under are free.

“Wildlife Ambassadors” available for programming at your site includes:

Eastern Screech Owl

Barred Owl

Red-tailed Hawk

American Kestrel

Eastern Box Turtle

Corn and Pine Snakes

Please note: Not all “wildlife ambassadors” are available for all events. Their health and safety is our primary concern.



What can we do at the Refuge?

Walk our trails to discover 174 acres of uplands and wetlands surrounding Cedar Run Lake. Visit wildlife up-close and personal in our outdoor wildlife housing area with over 60 residents including hawks, owls, foxes, and more!

“Slither on Inn” to our reptile room in the nature center.

Discover carnivorous plants on the trail!

Picnic in our covered pavilion!

Come to the Refuge for a lively experience. Explore the Pinelands with our expert teacher-naturalists, observe native animals, and immerse yourself in the unique ecology of the NJ Pinelands.

Call the Refuge or check the website for details and monthly themes:

Walks on the Wild Side:

Join one of our naturalists on the third Sunday of each month at 1:30 pm for a themed hike through our many trails. Included with admission fee.

Night Hikes:

These hikes, presented on the second Saturday night of August, October, February and May, will take participants through our trails from dusk to dark in search of some of our nighttime visitors. Please call for times. Preregistration is required; \$10 adults, \$5 child.

Homeschool Programs:

On the second Thursday of the month, running September to June, one of our naturalists will teach your child about wildlife, plants, and more. 1:00 – 3:00 pm. Classes for ages 6 and up. Preregistration is required, \$7 per class.

Knee-high Naturalists:

On the second Thursday of the month, running September to June, one of our naturalists will help you and your child explore nature through songs, skits, crafts, and more. 1:00 – 2:30 pm. Classes for ages 3-5. Preregistration is required, \$7 per class.

EcoClub-Stewards of the Refuge:

Designed for youth ages 8-15, this program explores the ecology of the Pinelands while teaching the importance of environmental stewardship. Second Saturday of the month, 10:00 – noon, \$5 per month or \$45 per year.

Call 856-983-3329 ext. 103 for pricing or to book a program.

Visit us at: www.cedarrun.org

Concerned about funding?

We can help you find grants. Call us for more information.

Adopt a Wild One!

Did you know that more than 4,000 animals a year are brought to our wildlife rehabilitation hospital for care? The animals stay with us for up to 20 weeks and health care costs can climb to nearly \$500.

Symbolic adoptions are a great way to show you care. They also make a great gift for nature lovers.

All adoptions include a certificate of adoption, a beautiful color photograph, and a life story of the adopted animal.

Visit our website for a complete list of animals available for adoption.

On-and Off-site Custom Experiences

School Groups (pre-school through college) Day Care Centers

Community Festivals

Homeschoolers

Hobbyists: photography, gardening, etc.

Senior Centers

Religious Organizations

Camps

After-school programs

Birthday Parties



Adventures at the Refuge

Bring your group to explore Woodford Cedar Run Wildlife Refuge. Programs are suitable for all age groups and can be adapted to meet your needs. Our teacher-naturalists will help you get the most from the experience. Stay to enjoy lunch in our picnic pavilion!

Our 3 1/2 hour (or 2 hour) programs include:
Hands-on activities related to the theme

A hike through Pinelands habitat with stations along the trail

A topic-specific presentation, including images and artifacts

A guided tour of the wildlife housing area

1/2 hour for brown-bag lunch

2-hour programs include the same topics but will include only hands-on activities, a brief hike, and a guided tour of the Wildlife Housing Area.



Topics:

Where are They?

Exposes students to the wide variety of adaptations and camouflaging techniques that animals in the Pinelands employ for survival.

Healthy Habitats

Students will become more connected to the human impact on the environment with this program that discusses Leave No Trace, toxic spills, pesticide use, and more.

Who's Eating What?

Carnivores, omnivores and herbivores abound in this program that focuses on food chains and food webs within the Pinelands. Students will learn how a problem with one link in the chain can cause a ripple effect throughout.

Reptiles and Amphibians

Students will get an up close and personal look at the scaly and slimy creatures that hide right under our feet.

Exploring Microhabitats

Students will focus on a world of wonder packed into the tiny spaces that surround them. We investigate logs and cracks and crevices to discover a world teeming with life.

Survival

Take a hike, learn how to construct a fire, build a debris hut, and discover other skills needed to survive in the forest.

Preschool and Kindergarten Groups

You may couple Owl Stories, Winged Wonders, or one of our Seasonal Selections from Refuge on Wheels with a tour of our Wildlife Housing Area for a 75-minute program.

Special Needs

Cedar Run's active education programs are easily adapted to the requirements of special needs groups. Live animals, hands-on artifacts, and leisurely trail explorations provide stimulation and enjoyment as well as a learning experience. Call us to discuss your needs and interests.

Don't see what you're looking for? We can tailor our programs to suit your needs. Just call and ask!

Please call to reserve a program at least two weeks in advance. All programs meet NJ State Core Curriculum Standards. See www.cedarrun.org for correlations.

Refuge on Wheels

If you can't come to the refuge, we'll bring the animals to you! Call to reserve a program at least two weeks in advance. Discounts for 2 or more programs at the same site, the same day.

Auditorium-style programs specifically designed for school-age groups.

Programs last approximately one hour.

Hunters of the Sky

Live hawks and owls visiting your school make for a dramatic presentation where students participate while learning about the animals' amazing adaptations and why we need to protect and conserve their habitats.

Raptors and Reptiles

A bird of prey, a snake, and a turtle all make the journey to your school for this exciting program. Observe each species' unique characteristics and learn about their habitats and adaptations for survival.

Predator and Prey

This program focuses on the everyday struggle for survival in the forests of South Jersey. We'll discover who is eating whom and how each animal fights for life while trying to fill its belly. Animals will include at least one raptor and one reptile.

Endangered Species

Students will meet live animals who are listed as NJ Threatened or Endangered species and learn why many animal populations are on the decline, and how to help prevent them from becoming extinct.

Classroom and small group programs specifically designed for children ages 3-7. These programs include group participation, a story and a live animal encounter. Programs are 30-minutes long.

Winged Wonders

This lively program, geared for the younger set, teaches the characteristics of our bird friends while introducing the children to two of our resident raptors.

Snake, and Frogs, and Turtles, Oh My!

Students will learn first-hand that forest friends are nothing to fear as they meet some of the scaly and slimy creatures that live among us.

Owl Stories

Young students are fascinated by the songs and stories that teach them about these nocturnal creatures, and are truly amazed when they meet a live owl.



Seasonal Selections

Younger children will delight in seasonal stories of wondrous animals and experience a live animal encounter.

In the fall, Preparing for Winter leads children through the preparations that many of our forest friends need to make before the first snow falls.

In the winter, Where Did the Animals Go? examines hibernation and other methods animals and trees use to survive the cold weather.

In spring, Over in the Meadow presents students with a peek into the lives of animals and insects that live in the grasses, ponds and nearby trees of the meadow.

Classroom and small group programs for ages 7 and up. All programs include a live animal encounter.

Programs last from 45 - 60 minutes

Water, Water Everywhere

Where does your water come from? Is there enough to go around? Enjoy an interactive science lesson using an Enviroscape®— every student gets to participate.

Sights, Sounds, and Scents

Students will use their senses to identify some of the creatures living in the forest. They'll learn tricks to distinguish owl calls, what antlers feel like, who really smells like a skunk, and more.

With a Little Help from My Friends

In this program about the plant life cycle, students will uncover how plants are adapted to use water, wind, and even the animals of the forest to continue growing and reproducing.

Science Expo

Fascinate students at your next science expo with live animal presentations, interactive lessons about water, or experiments with animal adaptations. Call to discuss your specific program needs. Programming up to 4 hours is available.

Community Speakers

Woodford Cedar Run has a variety of speakers available for adult audiences.

Presentations can include:

Wildlife Gardens; Living with Wildlife; Wildlife Rehabilitation; Wildlife Populations; Habitats of NJ and Non-profit Management.

Don't see what you're looking for?

Call and ask, we probably have someone to help!

Scout Programs

Woodford Cedar Run is the perfect place to complete a variety of your scout requirements for Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts and Brownies. Our naturalists can tailor a program to meet many of the requirements you are looking to fulfill.

We're also a great place to perform service projects! Call or check out our website for more details.

