

Living Prairie Museum

Environmental Education Programs 2026-2027

ABOUT US

The Living Prairie Museum is an urban nature preserve that protects tall grass prairie and welcomes people to visit and learn from this special habitat. We are located in west Winnipeg, and are accessible by car, bus, or active transportation. Our site includes:

- Trails through the prairie
- Interpretive Centre with interactive displays
- Medicine garden and demonstration prairie gardens
- Picnic areas, and Nature Playground

Self-guided visits are free and we offer a variety of environmental education programs. Please contact us to discuss any group visits.



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SCHOOL and GROUP PROGRAMS OVERVIEW

We introduce learners to the tall grass prairie with interactive and engaging programs:

- A mix of indoor and outdoor activities.
- Available for ages 5 to adult.
- 1.5 hours in length.
For full-day visits, you can book 2 programs or spend half the day on self-guided activities.
- Bookings are first-come, first-served.
May and June are our busiest months.
- \$3.50/participant/program
(minimum charges may apply for smaller groups)
- Available at our site year-round,
or at your Winnipeg location from November-March.

Picnic tables and a nature playground are available on-site for groups wishing to use them before or after their programs.

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FOR GROUPS LARGER THAN 30 PARTICIPANTS:

- Our indoor space is small so only half the participants will be indoors at once, except in unsafe weather.
- Please note that we do not have an indoor eating space.

SEE PAGE 5 FOR FULL DETAILS ON HOW TO BOOK EDUCATION PROGRAMS WITH US

Children's Programs at Living Prairie Museum

Kindergarten-Grade 2

OUR PRAIRIE HOME (Year-round)

What makes a prairie a prairie? Learn about the prairie and the plants and animals that call it home. Enjoy a fun presentation followed by a guided scavenger hunt on the prairie. Content will change seasonally through the year.

Science Curriculum Learning Outcomes - 2026

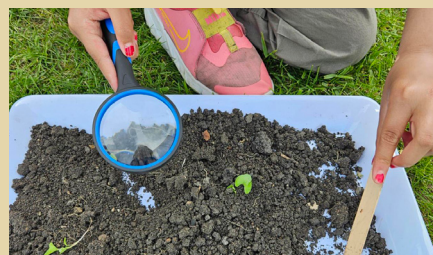
SCI.K.SK.4 and SCI.1.SK.10 Demonstrate an understanding that living things have basic needs
SCI.K.SK.5 and SCI.1.SK.11 Demonstrate an understanding of the large diversity of living things on Earth.
SCI.2.SK.7 Demonstrate an understanding that animals must obtain energy by eating plants or other animals.
SCI.2.SK.8 Demonstrate an understanding that plants are able to capture energy from the Sun to produce and store their own food.

SCOOP ON POOP (Year-round)

Why learn about poop!? Find out what poop can tell us, and keep your group giggling along the way. Take a guided walk after to find some poop clues on the prairie!

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SCI.2.SK.7 Demonstrate an understanding that animals must obtain energy by eating plants or other animals.



Grades 3-4

SECRETS OF THE PRAIRIE (Year-round)

The prairie has special secrets that make it a truly amazing place! Learn all about the secrets of the prairie, and then uncover more with guided outdoor activities.

Science Curriculum Learning Outcomes - 2026

SCI.3.SK.12 Demonstrate an understanding of the basic needs of living things.
SCI.3.SK.13 Demonstrate an understanding of the processes involved in the life cycles of most living things.
SCI.4.SK.13 Demonstrate an understanding that every living thing is adapted to survive in a specific habitat.
SCI.4.SK.14 Demonstrate an understanding of the cycling of matter and flow of energy among living and nonliving parts of an ecosystem.

FROM ROOT TO SHOOT (May-October)

Learn how plant diversity supports life on the prairie. Become familiar with the unique ways that prairie plants survive. Then take a guided walk to get up close and personal with some prairie plants.

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GETTING THE DIRT ON SOIL (May-October)

Learn about what's underground, and how all living things are connected to the soil. This fun presentation is followed by hands-on soil stations.

Science Curriculum Learning Outcomes - 2026

SCI.4.SK.9 Demonstrate an understanding of the nature and types of soil.
SCI.4.SK.10 Demonstrate an understanding of the properties of fertile soil.
SCI.4.SK.12 Demonstrate an understanding of weathering and erosion of rock and its relation to soil formation.

Looking for more options
for children's programs?
See page 4 for fun programs
suitable for all ages!

Youth Programs at Living Prairie Museum

Grades 6-8

PRAIRIE RELATIONSHIPS (Year-round)

On the prairie, everything is connected. Learn about the relationships that hold diverse prairie life together. Program includes outdoor activities to build relevant personal connections to the prairie ecosystem.

Science Curriculum Learning Outcomes 2026

SCI.6.SI.1, SCI.7.SI.1, SCI.8.SI.1: Develop a sense of agency, identity and belonging in science by building a personal connection to nature
SCI.7.SK.17 Demonstrate an understanding of the concept and nature of a self-sustaining ecosystem.
SCI.7.SK.20 Demonstrate an understanding of the roles of organisms at various trophic levels, and their importance in sustaining an ecosystem.
SCI.7.SK.23 Demonstrate an understanding of the potential affects on plants and animals in an ecosystem when conditions change.
SCI.8.NOS.7 Demonstrate an understanding that technologies that improve human life can have predictable as well as unforeseen detrimental consequences.

Grades 9-12

PRAIRIE INTRODUCTION (Year-round)

This prairie introduction covers prairie history, habitat changes, biodiversity, and conservation of tall grass prairie. After a presentation, an outdoor activity provides the chance to personally experience this endangered ecosystem.

Science Curriculum Learning Outcomes 2026

SCI.9.SK.24 Demonstrate an understanding of the role of natural and sexual selection in the evolution of life on Earth.
SCI.9.SK.27 Demonstrate an understanding that environmental changes cause changes in the selective pressures acting on populations.
SCI.10.SK.20 Demonstrate an understanding of the nature and functioning of resilient ecosystems.
SCI.10.SK.21 Demonstrate an understanding that many human activities have a detrimental effect on natural, healthy ecosystems.

Adult Programs at Living Prairie Museum

TALL GRASS PRAIRIE INTRODUCTION (Year-round)

An introduction to the prairie that is Winnipeg's natural legacy. This program shares prairie history, human relationships with prairie, and the processes and changes that shape our tall grass prairie today. It will also highlight the many unique plants and animals that make the tall grass prairie home. Program includes a guided walk to get up close and personal with the prairie.

GUIDED WALK (Year-round)

Bring your group or team to visit this rare ecosystem with an experienced naturalist. This extended walk will introduce you to the history, living things, and conservation of the tall grass prairie.

MANITOBA'S NATIVE POLLINATORS (Year-round)

Explore the amazing diversity of Manitoba's native pollinators! Learn about the importance of bees and other insects. Discuss how we can ensure conservation of these important insects. Program includes recommendations for creating pollinator habitat in your community.



Fun Programs at Living Prairie - Ages 5-Adult

EAGER BEAVERS (Year-round)

Learn about how beavers shape their habitats and affect the world around them. Explore what is special about these keystone species, then build your own beaver dam!

BUTTERFLIES AND BEES (May-September)

Learn about our native bees and butterflies, including their life cycles, where they live, what they eat, and how we can help keep them safe. This interactive program includes an outdoor pollinator habitat hunt activity.



OWL PROWL (October-March)

Learn about what makes owls unique, and about Manitoba's different owl species. Afterwards, go for an Owl Prowl hike to try to find nearby owls, or learn more about owls at our interactive activity stations.

SPECIAL WINTER PROGRAM

SNOWSHOE EXCURSION

Learn how to snowshoe on the prairie! We cover snowshoe basics followed by a guided snowshoe excursion on the prairie. No experience required, this program is great for beginners!

Available for ages 5 to adult.

Contact us for available snowshoe sizes.

Snowshoe programs depend on enough snow on the prairie preserve.

Nature Comes to You

Living Prairie Museum naturalists hit the road and visit your school or location!

Available **November to April**, each one hour program includes an interactive presentation with hands-on learning or an outdoor activity.

Available Programs:

- Owl Prowl
- Eager Beavers
- Our Prairie Home
- Secrets of the Prairie
- Tall Grass Prairie Introduction (Teen or Adult)
- Manitoba's Native Pollinators (Adult)

See back page for booking details.



Self-Guided Group Visits

Group visits are welcome throughout the year.

- The prairie preserve is always open to visitors. This includes the self-guided trails, picnic areas, and playground.
- If your self-guided group would like to visit the Interpretive Centre or use indoor facilities like washrooms or water fountains, **please contact us in advance of your visit** so that we can ensure that staff are available to provide access and that there are not other large groups expected on site. Indoor access will depend on staff availability outside of our public open hours. Please note that large groups may have to take turns when visiting the Interpretive Centre, as we cannot comfortably host more than 30 people indoors at once.

We can provide information and self-guided activities, like scavenger hunts, to groups. Contact us to request.

Please request program bookings by email or phone.

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Bookings are first-come, first-served.

We book up quickly for May and June programs, so please contact us as early as you can for bookings in those months.

PROGRAM FEES

On-site programs:

\$3.50 per participant per program (includes GST)
No charge for teachers, assistants, chaperones, or parent volunteers.
\$40 minimum charge per program

Nature Comes to You programs

\$3.50 per participant per program (includes GST)
No charge for teachers, assistants, and parent volunteers
\$70 minimum charge per 1 hour program

Programs at other nature parks

Programming at other Winnipeg Nature Park Locations (Assiniboine Forest, Little Mountain Park, LaBarriere Park) is dependent on staff availability. Please contact us if you are interested in programs at these locations.

\$3.50 per participant per program (includes GST)
No charge for teachers, assistants, chaperones or parent volunteers
\$70 minimum charge per 1 hour program

ACCESSIBILITY INFORMATION

Our programs on-site usually include the following:

- Indoor presentation with images, sounds, with learners seated on floor or chairs in large groups,
- Guided walks on wood-chipped trails in all weather conditions,
- Movement between several different indoor and outdoor areas.

Please inform us in advance of your trip if any participants may require accommodation or alternate activities during your program. We will do our best to provide accommodations or alternate experiences so all can participate.



CONTACT US!

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Interpretive Centre Hours

May - June, September:
Saturdays 10-5
July and August: Tues.-Sun. 10-5
October - April by appointment

FIND US

We are located in west Winnipeg, along Ness Ave., west of Moray St. We are next door to Sturgeon Heights Collegiate.

