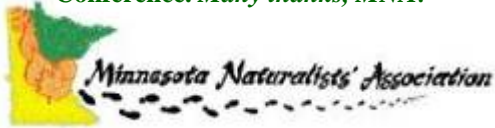


Wednesday, June 17 Field Trips

Tours are arranged and coordinated by the Minnesota Naturalists Association (MNA) as a service to the MAEE Conference. *Many thanks, MNA!*



The Minnesota Naturalists' Association is a professional organization of naturalists that exists to advance natural and cultural resource interpretation for the purpose of fostering wise stewardship of all resources. MNA's members work in nature centers, environmental learning centers and other educational settings throughout the state.

All tours are \$10.00 per person per tour.
All tours begin and end at the Conference Registration desk, Jeffers Pond Elementary School.
See the descriptions for times and special requirements such as clothing. For most tours, we will carpool.
Lunch will be available upon your return if registered.
Registration will be accepted on a first-come basis.
You must register for at least one conference day to attend a tour.

Register online www.naaee.org/maee

Note to MNA members: you may attend a field trip at no charge without registering for the conference; this is your MNA benefit. Please submit the registration form in this packet to sign up. Of course, you are encouraged to register for the conference also.

Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, Chaska

From bursting blooms of spring to autumn's blazing palette, the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum delivers vibrant, postcard-quality experiences you will be raving about all year long. An increasingly popular destination for small and large-group visits, the Arboretum offers a multitude of sights and sounds to delight and inspire.

- Leave Jeffers Pond School at 8:30 am, return by 1:00 pm
- Tour begins at the Arboretum at 9:30 and lasts 90 minutes. Participants are welcome to stay after the tour to explore independently. Car-pools will return as independently arranged.
- Dress for the weather and walking. Consider sunscreen, insect repellent, hat, water bottle.
- Maximum of 30 participants.
- For more information, visit the web site at www.arboretum.umn.edu/



Canoe the Chain of Lakes, Lake Calhoun, Minneapolis

Canoe with a naturalist from the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board. Learn about the Lakes, the wildlife they support and water quality. Visit an island habitat restoration site. Canoes, paddles, lifejackets, and basic instruction provided.

- Leave Jeffers Pond School at 8:30 am, return at 12:30 pm.
- Tour begins on Lake Calhoun at 9:30 a.m. and lasts until 11:30 a.m, then travel back to the school.
- Dress for the weather, amphibious shoes recommended.
- Bring sunscreen, insect repellent, water bottle, hat.
- Canoes will be at the 36th street parking lot on East Calhoun Parkway.
- There is a pay parking lot there, plus free street parking within 5 minutes
- Please remove all valuables from vehicles.
- Maximum of 11 participants.
- www.minneapolisparcs.org





Thursday, June 18 Field Trips



Please see page 3, Wednesday Field Trips for more details.
Register online www.naaee.org/maee

Landfill and Recyclery Field Trip, Pine Bend Landfill, Inver Grove Heights

Participants will witness firsthand what happens to trash and recyclables once they leave their driveways. They will visit a working landfill to explore how it is built and maintained. Visit a recyclery and observe how materials are sorted, baled, and shipped to market. Note to teachers: this is a free field trip during the school year.

- Bus Leaves Jeffers Pond Elementary at 9:15 a.m. and returns around 12:30 p.m.
- Dress for the weather and walking.
- Maximum of 40 participants.



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- Leave Jeffers Pond School at 8:30 am, return at 12:30 pm.
- See previous page, Wednesday Field Trips for more details.
- The canoe experience is offered both days.



MinnAqua – Fishing Education Training

MinnAqua is the angling, aquatic ecology and water stewardship education program of the MN DNR. Engage students with learning that is relevant, place-based and fun. Address MN Academic Standards for grades 3-5, too! During the training, participants receive hands-on time with several lessons. There will also be an opportunity to practice your fishing skills.

- Receive the entire *MinnAqua Fishing: Get in the Habitat!* curriculum guide on CD (1297 pages, 39 lessons and more). A 3 ring binder with 10 lessons printed out will be available for purchase for \$30.00.
- The training is at Jeffers Pond Elementary and adjacent pond, from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
- Dress for the weather in clothes you don't mind getting dirty
- Bring sunscreen, insect repellent, water bottle, hat.
- Maximum of 30 participants.
- www.dnr.state.mn.us/minnaqua/index.html#



Minnesota Zoo & School of Environmental Studies Behind the Scenes Tour

Join a naturalist on a tour of the Minnesota Trail and the new Russia's Grizzly Coast. The tour will provide insight into animal behavior, animal management and conservation. One hour will be spent on the public walkway and a half an hour will be spent behind the scenes looking at the kitchens where diets are prepared or in the holding areas where the animals are kept at night. A staff keeper will answer questions and talk about animal care. Also tour the School of Environmental Studies with a site expert.

- Leave Jeffers Pond School at 8:00 am, return about 1 pm. Tour the Zoo at 9:00, then the SES at 11:00.
- Dress for the weather and walking.
- Maximum of 30 participants.
- There will be a charge for parking; those car-pooling can divide the costs (unless you are a Zoo member with free parking)
- www.minnesotazoo.org; www.district196.org/ses/

