



Boy Scout Programs

at Douglas-Hart Nature Center



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Visiting

Douglas-Hart Nature Center

Douglas-Hart Nature Center maintains 70+ acres of restored Illinois habitat, including woodlands, prairie, and wetlands. The visitor center contains live animals, interactive exhibits, a library, and a playroom.

The Douglas-Hart Nature Center is a private, 501(c)3 non-profit. We receive no tax support.

You may visit the Nature Center with your scouts to explore on your own. Please call ahead to find out if other groups are expected that day.

The trails and visitor center can be enjoyed by all visitors at no cost. Programs led by our educators have fees to cover basic expenses and to remain sustainable.

While we encourage you to bring your scouts to Douglas-Hart, our educator is also happy to travel to your site if you prefer. Adjustments to the program might be necessary, and a travel fee may apply.



The classrooms, campfire, and other areas are available to rent, for a fee. Overnight camping is not available.

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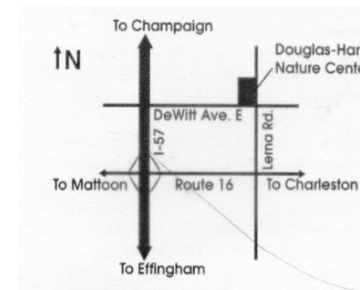
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Programs are led by trained & talented Douglas-Hart Nature Center environmental educators.

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Visitor Center Hours
Monday – Friday... 8am-4pm
Saturday... 10am-4pm
Sunday... 1pm-4pm
Closed Sundays in Dec. – Feb.
Closed all major holidays

Grounds and Trails Hours
Daily... Sunrise to Sunset



Visit us online at: www.dhnature.org

Program Key

The numbers listed below each program correspond to the badge requirements, as listed in the most recent Boy Scout Requirements book or online at www.scouting.org. **Scouts should bring a blue card with them to class, signed by their scoutmaster.**

On your Own:


These requirements should be done **before or after** the program. If you do them before the program, **BRING YOUR WORK** with you to get signed off.


Program

These requirements will be completed within the scheduled program time.



Follow-Up:


These are requirements that **we will start** during the program but that you will need to finish afterwards on your own.




 = daylight hours needed


 = warm seasons only




The hours listed with each program are the recommended length for that program. 4-hour programs can be split into two 2-hour sections (2/2), on separate days or on the same day with a 1-hour lunch break in between. You may request a campfire for preparing your lunch, have your troop pack sack lunches, or to go into Mattoon for lunch.




 **Bird Study** 
 \$50 per group
 4 hours (2/2)
 On your Own: 2
 Program: 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8
 Follow-Up: 5




 **Camping**
 \$50 per group
 4 hours (2/2) (all seasons)
 On your Own: 1, 2, 4, 8, 9, 10
 Program: 3, 5, 6, 7
 Follow-Up:



 **Environmental Science**  
 \$50 per group
 4 hours (2/2)
 On your Own: 2, 3f(1), 6
 Program: 1, 3a-e, 3g, 4, 5
 Follow-Up:



 **First Aid**
 \$50 per group
 4 hours (2/2)
 On your Own:
 Program: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
 Follow-Up:




 **Fish and Wildlife Management**  
 \$60 per group
 (includes a group take-home aquarium)
 4 hours (2/2)
 On your Own:
 Program: 1, 2, 3, 4, 8
 Follow-Up: 5c, 6, 7



 **Forestry**  
 \$50 per group
 4 hours (2/2)
 On your Own: 7
 Program: 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
 Follow-Up: 1




 **Gardening**  
 \$50 per group
 (includes take home mini gardens)
 3 hours
 On your Own: 2
 Program: 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
 Follow-Up: 8c




 **Geocaching** 
 \$50 per group
 4 hours (2/2)
 On your Own: 7, 9
 Program: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
 Follow-Up: 8b


 **Hiking** 
 \$30 per group
 2 hours
 On your Own: 5, 6, 7,
 Program: 1, 2, 3, 4
 Follow-Up:



 **Insect Study**  
 \$50 per group
 4 hours (2/2)
 On your Own: 7, 11
 Program: 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10
 Follow-Up: 4




 **Mammal Study** 
 \$50 per group
 4 hour class (2/2)
 On your Own: 1, 2
 Program: 3c, 4d, 5
 Follow-Up:


 **Nature**  
 \$50 per group
 4 hours (2/2)
 On your Own: 3
 Program: 1, 2, 4b, 4c, 4e
 Follow-Up: 4a, 4g

 **Plant Science**  
 \$70 per group
 6 hours (3/3 or 2/2/2)
 Option 3: Field Botany
 On your Own: 1, 2, 3, 5, 6
 Program: 4, 7A-D, 7F(5)
 Follow-Up: 7E,

 **Reptile and Amphibian Study**
 \$50 per group
 4 hour class (2/2)
 On your Own: 7, 4
 Program: 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10
 Follow-Up: 1, 8b

 **Soil and Water Conservation** 
 \$50 per group
 4 hours (2/2)
 On your Own: 1, 6
 Program: 2, 3, 4, 5, 7e, 7f
 Follow-Up:

 **Wilderness Survival**  
 \$50 per group
 4 hours (2/2)
 On your Own: 1, 2, 6, 8
 Program: 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12
 Follow-Up:

 **Sustainability**
 Independent counseling only

Planning your Program

Troops may request badge programs at any time. The Douglas-Hart Nature Center offers public programs, including Boy Scout programs, which individual scouts may register for. Check online at www.dhnature.org. Scouts may request independent badge counseling at no charge.

It is a good idea to start planning your troop's trip 3-6 months in advance. Dates fill quickly.

To schedule, please call the Douglas-Hart Nature Center with your interest.

Each program accommodates 4-12 scouts. Larger groups may require an additional fee.

Your troop may choose to pay for the program with group funds, or by dividing the cost among the scouts. If your group is small, consider coordinating with another small local troop to share the cost.