

Spring, Summer & Fall Programs

Beaver Exploration (Grades 1 to 3)

Tickets please! Hop on board the Beaver Express and explore the world of one of nature's most industrious creatures—the beaver! Students will see where a beaver builds its lodge and dam and discover the features that make beavers so unique. (2 hours)

Plant Growth and Changes: UFO's Have Landed and Planted! (Grade 4)

Students will lend a hand to help target the serious threat to native plant communities in Cypress Hills Interprovincial Park, namely UFO's (Unwanted Floral Organisms—invasive plants). Learn about the basics of plant growth, structure and future conservation. (2.5 hours)

The Land Speaks (Grade 4)

The Cypress Hills are rich with stories. Through hiking, games, investigations and story-telling, students will see the land as a source of life for people, plants and animals. Students will study the relationships between people and nature, and reflect on their own sense of place in the hills. (2.5 hours)

Fire: Friend or Foe? (Grades 4-6)

Fire is a hot topic! Stories, games and discussion will spark to life the history of fire in the Cypress Hills. Students will investigate the importance of fire in forest and grassland ecosystems, and will observe the result of its absence. Pros and cons of fire management will be debated. (2.5 hours)

Wetland Discovery (Grade 5)

Immerse your group in a spring-fed Cypress Hills wetland. Water sampling, pond dipping, and plant and animal identification will reveal the living and non-living parts of wetland ecosystems. Underwater species, interactions and adaptations will be observed. (2.5 hours)

Sky Science (Grade 6)

Staying for the night? Let us introduce you to the darker side of the Cypress Hills. This program will illuminate your group to astronomy, the nocturnal environment, and the Cypress Hills Dark-Sky Preserve. (2 hours)

Trees & Forests (Grade 6)

Through a series of activities, students will understand the role and value of forests for humans and wildlife. Students will learn general characteristics that distinguish trees from other plants, deciduous trees from coniferous and learn to identify four tree species. (2.5 hours)

Teacher-Guided Opportunities

Nature Investigation Backpacks (Nat Packs)

You provide the plan and enthusiasm, we can provide the tools! Sign-out our backpacks full of investigative equipment and materials. Maximum of 30 students.

Our "Nat-Packs" provide focused study for investigations of:

- Wetlands
- Animal Evidence



Booking a Program

Most environmental education programs are \$3 per student. Please contact for pricing details on specialty programs. Cheques may be made payable to the **Minister of Finance**. Debit and credit card payments are also accepted. Assistance is available for high needs groups.

Program bookings begin on March 3, 2008. The maximum number of students per program is 30. There must be at least 1 adult supervisor for every 10 students.

Spring programs are available on weekdays from May 12 - June 24, 2008. Depending on staff availability, youth group bookings are available on weekends in June and weekdays in July and August. Fall programs are available on weekdays, beginning September 15, 2007.

Our staff can also assist you in designing a self-guided field day, and can provide contact information to help you organize accommodation or meals.

Programs can be booked by calling the Cypress Hills Visitor Centre at 403-893-3833, or by emailing cypresshills@gov.ab.ca.

For further information about education programs and
Cypress Hills Interprovincial Park, please visit:

www.cypresshills.com

Or contact us at:
(403) 893-3833