

"Promoting compassion, empathy and respect for all life through wildlife rehabilitation, ecological teachings, and wildlife conservation."



Wildlife Center Field Trip Outline

Organization: Wildlife Center of the North Coast

Location: 89686 Hwy 202, Astoria, OR 97103

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Field Trip Overview:

Join us for an engaging and educational experience at the Wildlife Center of the North Coast! Students will get a behind-the-scenes tour of our wildlife clinic and meet our ambassador birds up close. This is a unique opportunity to learn about local wildlife, conservation efforts, and the vital role our hospital plays in rehabilitating injured and orphaned animals.

Itinerary:

- **Welcome & Introduction (10 minutes):**
 - Overview of the Wildlife Center of the North Coast and our mission.
 - Brief safety guidelines for the tour.
- **Clinic Tour (30 minutes):**
 - Guided walk through our wildlife hospital.
 - Explanation of the rehabilitation process, from intake to release.
 - Please note that in order to keep stress levels down, rehab patients will not be on display in the clinic. We also work to keep noise levels down to help with stress reduction, and will appreciate you joining us in this effort by using quiet voices.
- **Meet the Ambassador Birds (15 minutes):**
 - Introduction to our resident ambassador birds.
 - Learn about each bird's story and species-specific behaviors.
 - Discussion on the importance of these species in our ecosystem.
- **Q&A and Wrap-Up (5 minutes):**
 - Open floor for student questions.
 - Recap of key learning points.
 - Information on how students can help local wildlife.

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Logistics:

- **Grade Levels:** Suitable for K-12
- **Group Size:** Up to 20 students per group (larger groups are welcome, but might be split into smaller groups).
- **Duration:** Approximately 1 hour
- **Suggested Donation:** \$5 per student (We believe in making this experience accessible to all students; if any students are unable to make the donation, they are still welcome to participate.)

Preparation:

- **The Wildlife Center will provide introductory materials to instructors prior to the field trip.**
- **Teachers:** Please review and discuss the materials provided and basic wildlife safety with your students before the trip.
- **Students:** Encourage students to think about questions they might have about wildlife and conservation.
- **Attire:** A good part of your tour will be outdoors, and the trails on our property are not paved, so please keep this in mind when choosing footwear. Comfortable, weather appropriate clothing and closed-toe shoes are recommended.

Directions to our Facility:

Our address is 89686 Hwy 202, Astoria OR 97103. If you are coming from Astoria on Hwy 202, we are the first driveway on the right after milepost 9 (keep an eye out for the green marker). If you come to the Olney General Store, you have missed the driveway and need to turn around. There will be a sign out by the road to help you find us. As you make your way down the gravel road, the first building you come to is the clinic, if you keep driving to the left you will come to a blue building, and we will meet you there.

Booking:

To schedule your field trip or for more information, please contact us at info@coastwildlife.org. We look forward to sharing this memorable experience with your students!