

Guided Programs

Docent Led Tour

Learn about the wildlife on Gray Lodge!

A docent will teach your class about the plants and animals found along a 0.3-mile walk to our Viewing Platform. At the platform, a spotting scope gives students the opportunity to view wildlife up close. Tours can be adjusted to meet your curriculum. Most tours run approximately 2 hours. Reservations are required.



Self-paced Experiences

Wetland Discovery

Self-guided Nature Trail

This self-guided walk will introduce you to many aspects of habitat management, utilized on Gray Lodge Wildlife Area. You may observe the remarkable array of life along this 0.85-mile looping trail, which leads to a wheelchair accessible, viewing platform. Fourteen stations correspond to an illustrated pamphlet, available at the trailhead. This is a self-paced tour. Reservations are requested for groups over 25 people. This helps us minimize group overlap.

The Waterfowl Loop

Self-guided Auto Tour

Our 3-mile auto tour runs through the heart of the Gray Lodge sanctuary. During the winter months, the number of migratory waterfowl present in this area can be breathtaking. This is a self-paced vehicle tour. A wildlife identification guide and binoculars are recommended.



Additional Opportunities

Nature Bowl

Semi-finals – Gray Lodge WA
(Spring Event)



The Nature Bowl is a team competition for all 3rd - 6th grade students. Activities focus on environmental science and issues, correlating to the State Science Framework. Winning teams will compete in the finals, held in Sacramento. An educator's workshop is usually held in December. Reservations are required for this annual event. Interested educators should make contact early to enter their team in the semi-final competition held on Gray Lodge WA.

Wild About Wetlands Resource Kits

Teach your class about wetlands and wildlife with this collection of hands-on activities. Each activity correlates with your classroom lessons – English, social science, math and biology. The kits, sponsored by CWA, are available for loan to educators who have completed the educator's workshop.

Exploring the Wetlands Environmental Education Program

Our Exploring the Wetlands program takes groups through a hands-on discovery of birds, mammals, invertebrates and vegetation. Following the learning stations, your class may take part in our Docent Led Tour (above). Programs can be adapted to accommodate groups from 1st - 6th grade. This program runs a little over 2 hours. Program dates are limited, so make your reservation early.

General Information

Migratory Waterfowl

The migratory waterfowl are abundant from late October through early February. During this time, we suggest you make group reservations at least two months in advance.

Mosquitoes

During the fall and spring, the mosquitoes are abundant. For your comfort, you may want to bring mosquito repellent.

Charges

There is a day use fee for Gray Lodge Wildlife Area. Fees are waived for persons possessing a DFG Annual Lands Pass, valid CA sport hunting license, fishing license, or trapping license, or visitors that are under 16 years of age. **There is no charge for school groups possessing fee waivers issued by us.** If groups want to conduct their own programs, they may, but please notify the Naturalist Office at Gray Lodge Wildlife Area of the date, time and size of group. This will help us stagger the use of this resource, allowing a better experience for all groups concerned.

Contact Information

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