

# National Wild Turkey Federation's Wild Turkey Center and Museum

## Guided Museum Tour

The amazing survival story of the North American wild turkey unfolds through 3-D displays and dioramas in the Winchester Museum. Robotic characters tell stories about the wild turkey, its habitat and our hunting heritage from Native American times to present day. A virtual tour of the spring turkey woods in the Harrelson Theater can be included. **Length:** 1½ hours. **\$2 fee required per student.**

## Museum Scavenger Hunt

Can you find all the answers? This self guided activity is a great way to discover the story of the wild turkey on your own. (Answer sheets provided for teachers.) **Length:** Set a time limit. **\$2 fee required per student.**

## Wildlife Management

### Tracks, Scat, and Other Animal Signs

Join us as we discover the scoop on poop, take a walk on the wild side using animal tracks or become nature's detectives looking for animal signs. The mystery of who's in our woods will be solved as we search for what wildlife has left behind. Be prepared to sample our gourmet (pseudo) poop and create an animal track to take home. **Length:** 1 hour. Grades K-6. **\$2 fee required per student.**

### Have to have a Habitat

Discover the elements necessary for a good habitat. Find out what affects wildlife and what impact humans make. **Length:** 45 minutes. **\$1 fee required per student.**

### Wildlife Biologist for a day

Ever dreamed about becoming a wildlife biologist, here's your chance. Join us as we hike around our trails looking for species to identify or trees to inspect. Students will participate in hands-on field study activities to get a better understanding of the adventures of a wildlife biologist. Teachers also learn how to create outdoor classroom stations on or near their campuses. **\$3 fee required per student.**

### Aquatic Eco-Investigation

Further investigate water as a habitat component at the Wild Turkey Center. Find out how we determine if the water is suitable for wildlife. You'll get in and muck around, so be prepared! **Length:** 1 hour. **\$2 fee required per student.**

### Self-guided Scavenger Hunt

Enjoy the outdoors and explore our 2.5 miles of nature trails and land demonstration fields on your own. Students can help one another in learning about local plants and animals, as well as wild turkey habitat, on a walk through our outdoor education center. Adults can learn about wild turkey habitat and land management techniques for increasing wildlife through interpretive kiosks. **Length:** Set a time limit.

## Art

### The Art of Turkey Calling

Wild turkeys make a great variety of sounds, each with its own meaning. In order to replicate these sounds, turkey calls are produced with materials such as turtle shells, bone, chalk, wood, rubber, or slate. Today, these calls have evolved into fine works of art. Join us as we discover the function and folk art of our collection. Creativity will soar as participants build and personalize a turkey call of their very own. **Length:** 45 minutes. **\$7 fee required per student.**

## Reduce, Reuse, & Recycle

Calling all Turkey Da Vincis. Join us and learn all about our "junk" and how it benefits animals and nature, including turkey's, to reduce, reuse, and recycle your trash. Together we will create a masterpiece using recycled materials. **Length:** 1 hour. **\$2 material fee required per student.**

## Bird Biology

### Stayin' Alive

Find out what an adaptation is, discover some amazing adaptations of the animal kingdom, and then try to turn a person into a turkey by dressing them with turkey adaptations. **Length:** 45 minutes. **\$1 fee required per student.**

### Birds of a Feather

How are animals grouped? Learn what makes birds so special, they are in their own Class, Aves. Then go on to find out what is so incredible about feathers. **Length:** 45 minutes. **\$2 fee required per student.**

### Turkey Tales

Hear a story all about turkeys and then create a take home turkey souvenir! **Length:** 30 minutes. **\$1 fee required per student.**

## Outdoor Skills and Adventures

### Nature Treasure Hunt

Use all your senses, and team work also, to search for a hidden treasure while learning a thing or two about nature! Participants will use tools such as binoculars, nets, hand lens, and compasses to hunt for clues and riddles which will send them through the forest in search of the treasure. Once the treasure is found, participants will share the fortune but group leaders will know that the true treasure gained is the knowledge that is picked up along the way! **Length:** 1 hour. **\$2 fee required per student.**

### Camouflage Hide and Seek

Explore nature's game of hide and seek! Learn how predator and prey camouflage themselves and try to hide from each other. Your eyes will be deceived as participants use camouflage to blend into their environment and slowly sneak up on you. **Length:** 45 minutes. **\$2 fee required per student.**

### Lost or Found?

Learn and practice using a compass and orienteering skills to make sure you always stay found in your explorations. **Length:** 1 hour. **\$3 fee required per student.**

### Talking Turkey

Calling all gobblers. Learn how to sound some of the approximate 28 voices of the wild turkey, and make a turkey call out of everyday items. **Length:** 30 minutes. **\$1 fee required per student.**

### Eyes on Wildlife

Find out what you need to do to see wildlife, then test your observation skills in our Outdoor Education Center. **Length:** 1 hour. **\$1 fee required per student.**

### Creek Stomp Program

Meet our educators at NWTF and follow us to Sumter National Forest to tromp, splash, and explore Turkey Creek! Students will check traps and use seine nets and hand nets to catch and identify creek inhabitants. Together, we will conduct test to evaluate the health of the stream and learn why and how humans and animals benefit for healthy water. Participants should dress appropriately for getting wet. This program is only offered seasonally. Please check with for availability. **\$4 fee per student. Length:** Allot 3-4 hours for this program. Minimum 1 chaperone per 5 students required and a maximum of 30 students.