

# 2024 SCHOOL PROGRAMS

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## GUIDED SCHOOL EXPERIENCES BY FRIENDS OF RIDING MOUNTAIN NATION PARK & THE RIDING MOUNTAIN BIOSPHERE RESERVE

#### "CACHING RIDING MOUNTAIN"

grades K-12

This program showcases GPS technology and the activity of Geocaching as a means of participating in innovative learning. GPS and Geocaching programs are designed specifically for each group.

Length: 2 hours

Fee: \$6.00 per student

#### LIVING BY THE WATER EDGE

grades 6-8

The water's edge is a busy place. Animals, birds, bugs and humans all required healthy lakes and rivers to survive. What happens in one area of the watershed affects the health of another area! Learn about our roles and responsibilities in maintaining our waterways and help us ensure our waters stay healthy for future generations. This year's focus will be on Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS).

Length: 1.5 hours

Fee: \$5.00 per student

#### **MARSH MARVELS**

grades K-6

Follow the floating boardwalk through Ominnik Marsh and discover what lives in this water wonderland. Be prepared to get a little wet as we go critter dipping and learn the value of wetlands for wildlife and people.

Length: 2 hours

Fee: \$6.00 per student









#### **GUIDED SCHOOL EXPERIENCES CONTINUED...**

Friends of Riding Mountain Park is a non-profit organization, committed to increasing awareness and appreciation of the natural and cultural heritage of Riding Mountain National Park. Through innovative programming in partnership with Parks Canada and other like-minded organizations, Friends of Riding Mountain National Park provide valuable educational opportunities that inspire environmental stewardship.





#### **PLANT A WILDFLOWER**

grades K-3

Enlighten students in a fun hands-on way about biodiversity and the importance of native species of plants for wildlife and for us. Plant a wildflower, make wildflower seed bombs or have a wildflower drawing lesson.

Length: 1 hour

Fee: \$5.00 per student

### SPECIES AT RISK: BATS IN THE BIOSPHERE grades 5-8

Bats are more than just scary creatures of the night. They play an important role in our ecosystems. Unfortunately, many of our bat species are currently in decline because of White Nose Syndrome. Through awareness and understanding, we can all play an active role in the protection of Manitoba's bats and those the live in the Riding Mountain Biosphere Reserve region.

Length: 1 hour Fee: \$4.00

#### **UNEARTHING THE PAST**

grades 3-8

The clues to Manitoba's precontact period lay just beneath our feet! Examining real artifacts unearthed from archaeological sites in Manitoba, students will discover how bones, stones and pottery are puzzle pieces used by archaeologists to understand our past. Using precontact methods, students will make and take home their own replica Laurel or Blackduck pot.

Length: 2 hours

Fee: \$8.00 per student

ADD ON: FAT TIRE BIKE RENTALS

grades 8 - 12

Fat Tire Bikes are also available to rent from the Friends of RMNP Learning Centre. Helmets are included in the cost and mandatory to be worn by those under the age of 17. Ideal for smaller group sizes or shared amongst classes as number of bikes available are limited.

Fee: \$10.00 per bike / hr

Must be booked & paid for in advance

The mission of the Riding Mountain Biosphere Reserve is to foster and encourage a sustainable community based regional economy, with high biodiversity, landscape, and social values, with the national park as a key component.

