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## Your field trip to Audubon What to Expect - For teachers and students

This script accompanies a slideshow available at [auduboncnc.org/schools](http://auduboncnc.org/schools). It is designed to help you and your students prepare for your fieldtrip to Audubon.

Slide	Script	Note to Teachers
1	We are going on a fieldtrip to Audubon Community Nature Center located in Jamestown, NY on ____(date of trip)_ Here are some pictures to get us excited and help us prepare.	You could ask students if they have been to Audubon before or remember Audubon lessons in the classroom.
2	We are going to take _____ (a bus, cars) to Audubon. The trip from the school will be about ____ minutes.	Is there anything else you want to tell students about travel?
3	We will pull up in front of the nature center.	Cars can park in the lot. Buses will stop in front of the nature center.
4	A naturalist greets you on the bus. They welcome you to Audubon and give you directions about getting off the bus and where to go.	This is a time to confirm the schedule and any changes with the naturalist.
5	If you are staying for lunch, Audubon unloads your lunches and stores them inside.	If you pack the lunches in boxes or coolers, they are easier to carry.
6	You break up into smaller trail groups, each with an animal name and an Audubon trail guide and adult chaperone.	Typically, a class divides into two trail groups. Refer to the confirmation email and discuss with other teachers what groups your class be. This will also be when any parent chaperones meet their children.



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7 – 8 You head out on you Discovery Walk.

9 – 13 On your Discovery Walk, what do you think you will see?  
(The next 4 slides include photos of different habitats at  
Audubon — a pond, a forest, a field and a garden.)

14 If it is raining hard you will have indoor programs. You  
will explore Audubon’s rainy day stations in the nature  
center or have a large group program.

15 After the walk, you use the bathrooms (if you need to)  
and wash hands (especially if you touched things on the  
walk and/or you will be eating lunch). There is also hand  
sanitizer to use if that is adequate.

**Note to Teachers**

A Discovery Walk is typically one and a half hours. Refer to the confirmation email. Each trail group has an Audubon trail guide, students and an adult from your school. If you are unable to provide an adult for each group, groups are combined and co-led by two trail guides.

You can use the photos to brainstorm with your students what they think they will see. You can tell them stories about things you have seen on a previous fieldtrip or outside in this area. But remember, every walk in nature is different. That’s the exciting part. This may also be a time to talk about any fears students have.

If the rain is light or scattered, you will go outside. If there is thunder and lightning or if the rain is heavy, indoor activities are provided.



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16      Lunchtime! If you are staying for lunch, you eat outside in either the front or back yard picnic tables.

17      You may have some self-guided time inside the building.

18      This is the end of your fieldtrip but Audubon is open for you to return with your friends and family another time.

18      Let's discuss how to dress for a fieldtrip to Audubon. How you dress will determine if you are comfortable outside on the field trip.

19      Check the forecast to find out what the weather will be.

**Note to Teachers**

If you arrive in the afternoon, your lunch may be before your walk. If the weather is rainy or cold, an indoor eating space is arranged. Compost and recyclables may be left at Audubon but please bring a garbage bag to take your trash back to school with you. Is there anything else you want to tell your students about lunches?

You will be given a map, rules and suggestions for activities. Please have appropriate adult supervision and go over rules with students. (We recommend staying in trail groups.) You may also do activities outside during your self-guided time.

You can discuss any other details about the return trip, arrival at school, etc.

You can do this as a class. There is also a letter to parents and guardians available at [auduboncnc.org/schools](http://auduboncnc.org/schools) that will help them prepare their children.



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20 – 25    Let's see what other students wear in different weather.  
(The next 5 slides include photos of what students may wear in different weather.)

27            The End

**Note to Teachers**

Note that it can be muddy or wet after significant rain or early morning dew. Footwear that can get dirty and wet (while keeping feet dry) is recommended. If biting insects are a concern, insect repellent containing 25% DEET applied at home helps prevent insect bites up to 8 hours.

Audubon is excited you are coming on a field trip to Audubon. If you have any questions, please call (716) 569-2345 and ask to speak with one of the naturalists.