

GENE STRATTON-PORTER STATE HISTORIC SITE PREK-12 PROGRAMS



FALL 2023-SUMMER 2024

Cabin at Wildflower Woods

Gene Stratton-Porter, an accomplished Hoosier author of novels and nature studies, was one of the foremost naturalists of her time. She also formed a production company that made eight of her own books into motion pictures. This location includes her original 1914 cabin and 148 acres of fields, woods and beautiful formal gardens with 35 beds along the shores of Sylvan Lake. Students can get hands-on with nature in the environmental resource center which focuses on Gene's passions - birds, plants, moths and more.

Programs supported by:



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SCHOOL GROUP TOURS

K-Grade 12

Fee: Admission is FREE for pre-registered, accredited schools or homeschool groups of 10 or more K-12 students. Free admission includes teachers and bus drivers, plus one additional adult chaperone per every five students. Additional chaperones pay the group admission rate of \$7/person.

Contact site for non-Indiana student rate.

Pre-registration required at least two weeks in advance.

This school group tour includes a guided tour of Gene's cabin, and students can explore Gene's garden and grounds. Students will learn how this author and naturalist infused her personality into her home during its construction and see many of the region's beautiful wildflowers Gene transplanted to her garden.

Indiana Academic Standards:

Social Studies: 3.H.4; 3.H.7; 3.G.5, 4.H.7, 4.H.8, 4.H.9, 4.H.13, 4.H.14, 4.H.15, 4.E.1, 5.H.18; 6.H.15; IS.1.15; IS.1.38, IS.5.8, IS.5.11, IS.5.11 Art: VA:Pr4.1.4, VA:Pr4.1.5, VA:Pr6.1.1, VA:Pr6.1.4, VA: Pr6.1.5, VA:Pr6.1.6, VA: Pr6.1.7, VA: Pr6.1.8, VA:Pr6.1.1, VA: Re7.11

GUIDED TOUR THROUGH SOWERS WOODS

K-Grade 12

Length: 45-60 minutes

Fee: \$2/student

Students will explore Indiana's natural heritage and see what plants and flowers are currently in bloom.

Indiana Academic Standards:

Social Studies: 3.G.8, 4.G.5, 4.G.6 Science: 3-LS2-1, 4-ESS2-1, 5-PS3-1, 5-LS2-1, MS-LS1-6, MS-LS2-1, MS-LS2-2, MS-ESS3-3, HS-LS2-7, HS-ENV2-7

EXPLORE

Whether it's at the site or outreach, we offer hands-on, exploratory and interactive programs on a variety of topics that provide your students a fun way to learn about Indiana's people, places and things. All programs fulfill select Indiana Academic Standards.

AT SITE or OUTREACH DETAILS

Length: 45-60 minutes

Max. number of students: 25

Cost: \$2/student

Travel fees: 30-60 miles=\$20; 60-90 miles=\$40; 90+ miles=\$60

SPECIAL NATURE/ART/LITERATURE PROGRAM

K-Grade 12

Available: at site, outreach

Gene Stratton-Porter wrote, drew, explored and photographed her natural surroundings. Create a similar experience for your students.

Indiana Academic Standards to be discussed at time of reservation.

TREE & LEAF ID STUDY

K-Grade 12

Available: at site, outreach

Identify the different trees that grow in Wildflower Woods and discover the different things that affect a tree's growth. Learn to age a tree through hands-on activities and discuss how to differentiate significant weather events just by the tree's growth.

Indiana Academic Standards:

Science: K.LS.1; K.LS.2; K.LS.3; 1.LS.3; 2.LS.2; 3.LS.2; 4.LS.1; 4.LS.2; 5.LS.1; 5.LS.2; 6.LS.2; 6.LS.5; 8.LS.9; s Env.1.1; s Env.1.2; Env.5.1; Env.5.5, K-LS1-1; 1-LS3-1; 2-LS2-1; 4-LS1-1; 5-LS1-1; MS-LS1-6; HS-LS1-5

WETLAND EXPLORATION

K-Grade 12

Available: at site

Engage in a discussion of what a wetland is, what it does and how it works to keep our water healthy. Then, utilize our wetland exploration backpacks to dip for macroinvertebrates. Beware - students will get muddy!

Indiana Academic Standards:

Science: K-PS3-1; K-ESS2-2; 2-LS4-1; MS-LS4-3;
MS-ESS2-4; HS-LS2-6; HS-ENVI-5, K-PS3-1; K-ESS2-2;
2-LS4-1; MS-LS4-3; MS-ESS2-4; HS-LS2-6; HS-ENVI-5

PLANT STUDY

Grades 9-12 (program can be adjusted for younger students)

Available: at site, outreach

Investigate plant identification methods by examining the plants that grow in Wildflower Woods. Take an up-close look at the various parts of a plant.

Indiana Academic Standards:

Science: B.2.1, ENV.1.1, ENV.1.3, ENV.1.6, ENV.5.2, ENV.5.5,
ENV.5.6, ENV.7.3, ENV.8.2, K-LS1-1; 1-LS3-1; 2-LS2-1; 4-LS1-
1; 5-LS1-1; MS-LS1-6; HS-LS1-5

DESIGN YOUR VISIT

Educators may request a specialty program or activity for an additional fee. Programs include art, history, nature, science, engineering and multidisciplinary learning. Call 812.988.2785 for details.

PLAN YOUR VISIT TO OUR STATE HISTORIC SITES

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The Indiana State Museum and Historic Sites is 12-location museum system. The museum is centrally located in Indianapolis and the 11 historic sites are scattered across the state. Each location has a unique story to tell and offers programs that satisfy many of the Indiana Academic Standards. [Click the name of the location to learn more about their PreK-12 educational offerings.](#)

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Angel Mounds, Evansville
New Harmony, New Harmony
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Limberlost, Geneva

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