

John Babiak Presents...

Nature Rangers Summer Day Camp at Denver's Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge

Possibly the Best Urban-Based Environmental Studies Enrichment Program in America...

Seven Week-Long Summer Sessions for Children Ages 6-13



Imagine your nature-loving child spying on migrating pelicans resting on a pristine lake, exploring prairie grasslands in search of a herd of grazing bison, studying 'up close and in person' a fledgling Red-tailed hawk... This summer, the acclaimed Nature Rangers environmental education enrichment program offers these and many more opportunities for children to discover, experience and appreciate the wonders of our outdoors in nature's classroom, Denver's Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge.



Located within a few miles from the Washington Park, Hilltop, Park Hill, Lowry and Stapleton neighborhoods, and just minutes from Montbello, Aurora, Thornton, Reunion and Commerce City, the Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge (RMANWR) is the largest open space in metro Denver. It will soon become one of the largest urban national wildlife refuges in the United States. This expansive 12,000 acre Refuge boasts both aquatic, grassland and woodland ecosystems. Bald Eagles, Burrowing Owls, soaring hawks, songbirds and many other land and water birds thrive here. A bison herd, deer, prairie dogs, raccoons and coyotes make their home within the Refuge boundaries. Three large lakes serve as habitats for catfish, bass, carp, pike, and the surrounding wetlands for reptiles, amphibians and hundreds of invertebrates. The Refuge is also home to the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) National Bald Eagle and Wildlife Repository.



Environmental educator John Babiak, in partnership with the USFWS, the Odyssey Charter School and My Enrichment, returns to lead 7 week-long sessions developed for school-aged students. During their 5 day experience, Nature Rangers will be engaged in many hands-on and direct investigation activities that promote a better understanding of nature, foster wildlife conservation and environmental stewardship. Nature Rangers program highlights:

- Catch and release fishing at Lake Mary
- Surveying bees building a nest in an old Cottonwood grove
- Dip netting for crayfish, minnows and dragonflies in wetlands
- Learning to identify common prairie insects, flowers and plants
- Mastering compass use, orienteering, map making and journaling
- Identifying and following animal tracks on the shoreline of Lake Ladora
- Hiking in woodlands and discovering camouflaged animals including a doe and fawn
- Bird watching and identifying resident Great Blue Herons, Snowy Egrets, Cormorants, Belted Kingfishers and White Pelicans on Lower Derby Lake
- Dissecting owl pellets, studying Colorado raptors, grassland snakes, wetland turtles, frogs and their habitats in the Refuge Learning Laboratory
- Interacting with Refuge wildlife personnel including biologists, environmental educators, fire fighters and law enforcement
- Participating in habitat research, maintenance and restoration projects



This interdisciplinary enrichment program is closely aligned with Colorado Content Standards for Science

Choose from seven content & age specific sessions in June, July & August:

Ages 6-9: June 14-18, June 28-July 2, July 12-16, July 19-23, July 26-30. Full day. \$240
8:30am-3:30pm. Drop off + pick-up at the Refuge or optional pick-up at the Odyssey School

Ages 9-13: June 21-June 25, July 19-23, August 2-6. Full day. \$240
8:30am-3:30pm. Drop off + pick-up at the Refuge or optional pick-up at the Odyssey School

Weekly enrollment is limited to 42 campers. The RMANWR is located at 56th Ave & Havana Str. in NE Denver. The Odyssey School is located at 28th Ave & Xanthia Ct. in the Stapleton neighborhood. The RMANWR receives no remuneration for use.

For complete descriptions and to register, please visit: www.MyEnrichment.com





An Eagle's Eye View of the Denver's Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge

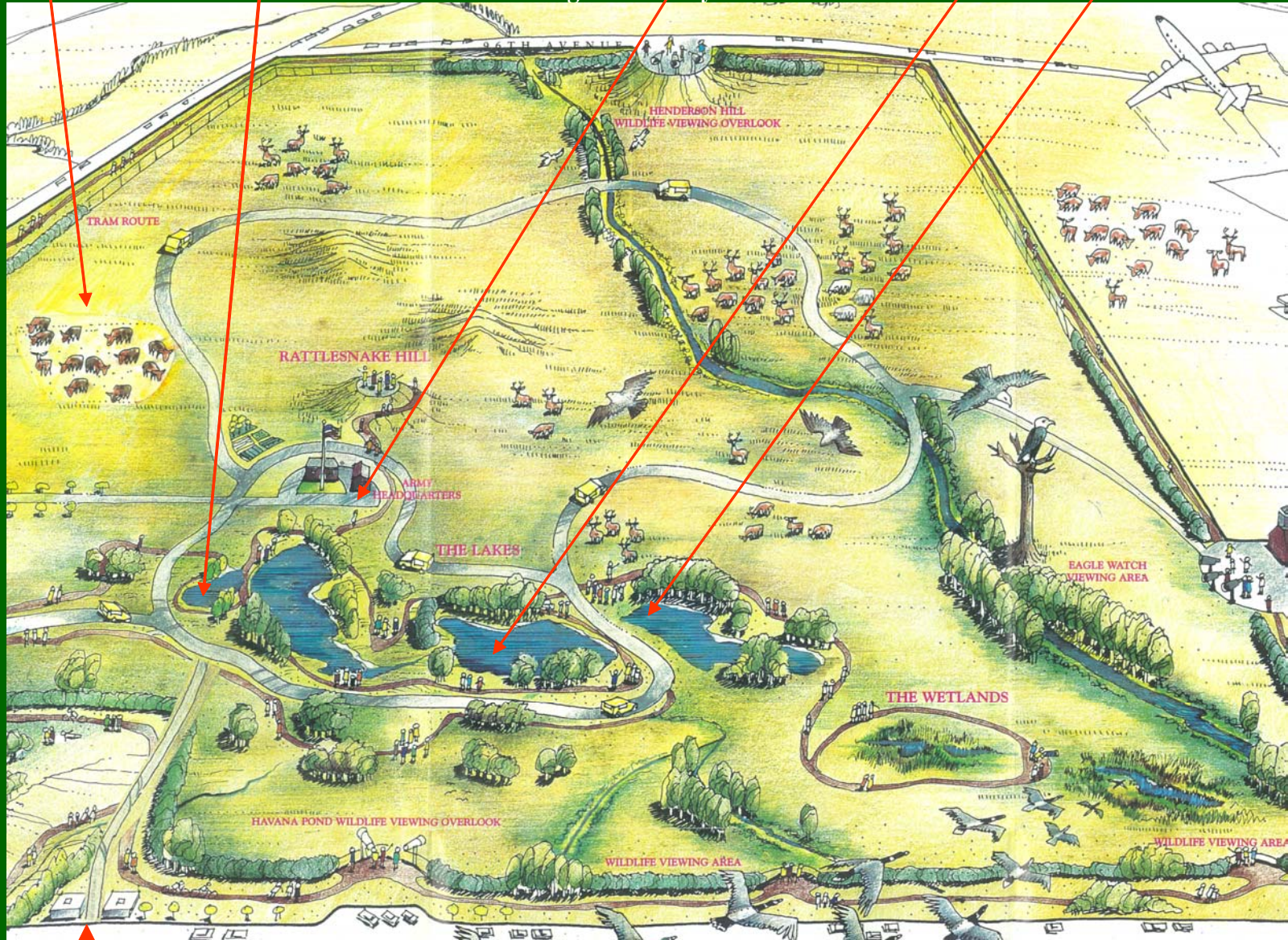
Bison Enclosure

Lake Mary

Visitor Center
Learning Laboratory

Ladora Lake

Lower Derby Lake



Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge Public Entrance at Havana Street and 56th Avenue

← To Dicks Sporting Goods Stadium & Quebec Street

↓ To Stapleton and I-70

→ To Montbello and Aurora

