



# John James Audubon Center at Mill Grove



*Connecting  
PEOPLE  
with  
NATURE  
and  
ART*

Located in southeastern Pennsylvania near Valley Forge Park, the John James Audubon Center at Mill Grove (JJAC) serves people of all ages and abilities by providing premier art and environmental experiences. From 1803 to 1806 Mill Grove, a National Historic Landmark, served as the first home in America of artist and naturalist John James Audubon.

Today, the Center exhibits and interprets a large collection of Audubon's art, including his highly celebrated *Birds of America* – 435 life-sized images of birds. An educational center of the National Audubon Society, JJAC is also dedicated to connecting people with the natural world by encouraging guests to explore the 175-acre estate nestled along the Perkiomen Creek.

## EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING

The combination of art, nature, and history allows the professional education staff at the John James Audubon Center to offer a variety of multi-disciplinary programs for schools, youth groups, and lifelong learners. Groups often schedule more than one program on the same day to take full advantage of Center's diverse range of activities, including guided hikes, museum scavenger hunts, drawing and journaling exercises, and introductions to the Center's non-releasable birds of prey. These owls and hawks serve as environmental ambassadors, teaching lessons about their species and the importance of biodiversity on the planet. Except for specific seasonal programs, education programs can be scheduled during any time of the year and may be adapted for specific age ranges. Advanced reservations must be made for ALL PROGRAMS.

## HOURS

**Programs may be scheduled during the following times:**

Tuesday through Saturday from 10 am to 4 pm

Sunday from 1 pm to 3 pm

*Please note: JJAC is closed Mondays and Major Holidays.*

## PROGRAM FEES

All fees for Environmental and Museum Programs are calculated on a per person basis. The program cost is due upon arrival. All onsite program fees include admission to the museum. Outreach education programs use an alternate pricing structure. The fees for outreach programs are listed with the program descriptions. Outreach program fees are due upon arrival of JJAC educators. Please make all checks payable to the John James Audubon Center at Mill Grove.

## ENVIRONMENTAL & MUSEUM PROGRAM FEES

**One 90-minute program (half day):**

Student: \$4 per student (K-College)

Senior: \$5 per senior

Adult: \$6 per adult

**Two 90-minute programs (full day):**

Student: \$6 per student (K-College)

Senior: \$7 per senior

Adult: \$8 per adult

*There is a minimum fee of \$40 for all groups smaller than 10 people.*

*Add live birds of prey to any program for an additional \$75.*

## Regular Self-Guided Museum Admission:

Adults: \$4

Seniors (60+): \$3

Children (5-17): \$2

Under 5: FREE

## REGISTRATION

All programs are coordinated by JJAC's Education Manager. Reservations must be made at least two weeks in advance over the telephone.

### All Programs

Contact: Education Manager  
Phone: 610-666-5593 x109  
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## CANCELATION POLICIES

Programs may be cancelled and/or rescheduled up to TWO weeks in advance without penalty fees. Any cancellation occurring less than two weeks before a scheduled program will be subject to a \$25 cancellation fee. Any program may be rescheduled due to inclement weather without penalty.

## FACILITIES

The museum and grounds of the John James Audubon Center at Mill Grove offer limited accessibility to physically challenged guests. Please call the Center to discuss any special needs you may have.

Also, JJAC does not provide food or beverage vending facilities. However, picnic tables are available for group use, please request your spot when making reservations. Please note that the John James Audubon Center has a carry in/carry out trash policy.

The museum gift shop offers environmentally and bird themed novelty items, books, and much more. Please specify if your group would like to visit the museum shop.

# Environmental Programs

## TAKING FLIGHT

This program is designed as a beginning bird course. Activities are chosen according to grade and skill level. This program provides a hands-on approach to bird feathers, wingspans, adaptations, behavior, field marks, and much more.

*Program Length: 90 minutes*

## WINGS ON THE WIND

This intermediate program is for groups who have completed *Taking Flight* or any basic bird lesson. Activities focus on bird migration, the mechanics of flight, and advanced identification techniques.

*Program Length: 90 minutes*

## LIVING WITH SIX LEGS

Join us for a first-time hands-on look at insects. This program focuses on invertebrates, their adaptations, and interactions with the environment. Groups can request a visit to the honeybee hives. *Program Length: 90 minutes*

## A PLANT'S LIFE

This program is designed as an introduction to what plants need to survive, identifying plant parts, the life cycle, and reproduction.

*Program Length: 90 minutes*

## Seasonal Environmental Programs

### WET YOUR FEET AND FINGERS

An introduction to watersheds, this program immerses participants in the world of stream ecology by exploring the chemical components of water, the importance of aquatic insects, and its connection to human health.

Program available in late spring and summer.

*Please call for exact dates. \*\*Limit of 20 students per session\*\* Program Length: 120 minutes*

### MAPLE SUGARING

Experience the process of tapping maple trees for sugar and syrup. The program includes folklore, maple tree biology, taste tests, and much more. Program available during the end of February through early March.

*Please call for exact dates. Program Length: 90 minutes*



# Museum Programs

## MEET MR. AUDUBON

Learn about John James Audubon through an interactive scavenger hunt focusing on his legacy and the history of the conservation movement. This is fun way to learn the history behind of one of the world's most famous wildlife artists. All learning levels accommodated.

*Art Scavenger Hunts are also available. Program Length: 90 minutes*

## IN AUDUBON'S FOOTSTEPS

### Session 1:

Learn the history of this extraordinary Frenchman and how his artwork was developed.

### Session 2:

Explore Mill Grove's grounds and travel to the spots where Audubon found his inspiration. Participants will practice Audubon's observation, drawing, and journaling techniques.

*Program Length: 90 minutes per session*



## MUSEUM TOURS

Guided tours of the museum are available for a variety of age groups including adults and seniors.

*Museum tours require a minimum fee of \$60. Program Length: 90 minutes*



## ATTENTION SCOUT LEADERS!

Do you need help completing Try-Its, Badges, and Achievements? Please call for the list of badges offered. Programs can be scheduled on weekends or after the school day, beginning no later than 4 pm.

# Outreach Programs

Our staff travels to your venue to present these exciting programs. All Outreach Programs can be tailored to meet your classroom or community needs. Please contact us to discuss other ways John James Audubon Center at Mill Grove can become involved in your school or community.

## AUDITORIUM SETTING

### WILD ABOUT BIRDS

Students get an introduction to the amazing world of winged creatures. Live birds of prey are used to teach the concepts of environmental health, predation, human threats to the environment, the food web, and much more.

*Up to 150 students: 60 minutes, \$300 Up to 300 students: 60 minutes, \$600*

*Please note: a surcharge of \$6 per child will be applied to groups of 151-165 students. This surcharge is added to the \$300 base fee. Groups of more than 165 students will be charged at the 300 students rate.*

## CLASSROOM SETTING

### JOHN JAMES AUDUBON BIRDING SERIES

This interactive program includes hands-on activities for understanding the concepts of flight, field markings, habitat requirements, the predator prey relationship, and more.

*Class size: up to 35 Classroom only: 60 minutes, \$125*

*Classroom & field: 90 minutes, \$175*

*(includes bird feeding station, binoculars training, and more)*

### JOHN JAMES AUDUBON ARTIST SERIES

Students learn about the great American naturalist John James Audubon and his contribution to art and the conservation movement. Emphasis is placed on developing journaling skills used by naturalists.

*Class size: up to 35 Classroom experience: 90 minutes, \$125*

*Classroom & field experience: 120 minutes, \$175*

*(includes bird feeding station, binoculars training, and more)*

### ARE YOU REALLY WHAT YOU EAT?

Hands-on activities engage students in understanding the relationship between insects, habitat, and birds. Students learn how these creatures are needed as a food source and understand the integral part they play within the ecosystem.

*Class size: up to 35 Classroom experience: 60 minutes, \$125*

*Classroom & field experience: 90 minutes, \$175 (includes bird feeding station, binoculars training, and more)*



## FESTIVALS, COMMUNITY DAYS, OR SPECIAL EVENTS

Live birds of prey liven up any public or private event. This program comes with an interactive table display, two live raptors, and a trained educator.

*Half-day event (up to 3 hours): \$250*

*Full-day event (4-6 hours): \$500*



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