



Kootenay Trout Hatchery Field Trips

THE NATURAL WAY TO LEARN

A visit to the Freshwater Fisheries Society of BC's Kootenay Trout Hatchery is a one-of-a-kind experience for students and teacher alike. Whichever program you choose, our interpreters will tailor your visit to your group's age and interests. Activities can include a visit to our fish and turtle ponds, nature-based crafts and age-appropriate games. Students have so much fun, they don't even know they're learning!

Our Programs



1. Learn to Fish at Kootenay Trout Hatchery

Everything kids need to know to get started, including fish biology and conservation, fishing ethics, fishing techniques, safety and equipment set-up. Students also get to test their new skills in our fishing pond. All equipment is provided. Extra volunteers required.



2. **NEW!** LEARN TO FISH AT IDLEWILD LAKE

A half-day Learn to Fish program located close to Cranbrook at Idlewild Lake. Morning (10 am–12 pm) and afternoon (12:30 pm–2:30 pm) sessions are available. Two classes are required to book the day – one class in the morning and one in the afternoon. Please note that space and days available for this option are limited.

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Our Programs (continued)

3. Hatchery Tour



Discover what goes on behind the scenes at our hatchery. Includes a close-up look at trout, char and endangered white sturgeon (the dinosaurs of the fish world) – plus a chance to learn about their life cycle, habitat and reproduction.

4. Wildlife Walk



See the wild osprey nests, swallow and bluebird boxes, and maybe even baby bluebirds! Students learn about the birds' lifecycle, habitat and nesting behaviour. Other local critters highlighted on the walk include grizzly bears and bighorn sheep.

5. Senses & Scents



Learn how wild animals use their sense of touch, taste, sight, hearing and smell to survive. It's a fun way to put your students in touch with their natural instincts.

6. Nature Walk



Following a trail to the banks of Norbury Creek, students will learn about biodiversity and local ecosystems. We'll collect aquatic insects through an on-site kick-netting demonstration, providing the perfect opportunity to discuss water quality, food sources and the inter-dependent web of life.

Hatchery programs run from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, with half hour lunch break included. (Shorter visits arranged on request.)

Remember to bring lunch and dress for the weather.

COST
\$100 per class per program (GST included)

MAXIMUM CLASS SIZE
30 students

Hatchery is located at 4522 Fenwick Road, Fort Steele V0B 1N0

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