

## Amboy 4-H Environmental Education Center

The Amboy 4-H Environmental Education Center is a 150-acre nature preserve and temporary residential camp. The mission of the facility is to promote responsible environmental stewardship by developing a greater understanding, awareness, and appreciation of the natural world and the people's relationship to it. The Amboy 4-H Environmental Education Center is a laboratory where youth and adults can observe nature first hand, alone or under the guidance of the facility's environmental educators.

All programs take place outdoors after a brief instructional period and can be adapted to any grade level.

Overnight use of the facility is available for a minimal fee. Call Linda Brosch at Cornell Cooperative Extension of Oswego County, 4-H Youth Development Program, at 963-7286 Ext. 400.

## Fees

\$2.00 per person for first program  
(\$25.00 minimum)

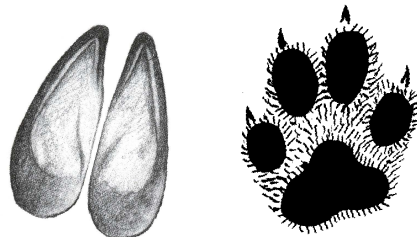
A 2nd program will cost an additional \$1  
per person.

Teacher and one adult at no charge per  
class.

## Contact Us

**Please call us to  
schedule your School  
Enrichment Program!  
We can be reached  
at  
963-7286,  
Monday—Friday,  
8:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m.**

**Or email us at:  
lcr23@cornell.edu**



## Directions

### From Parish:

Take State Rt. 69 East for 9 miles in to Amboy Center. Turn left on to State Rt. 183. Go north for 4 miles; entrance is on the right.

### From Pulaski:

Take State Rt. 13 South to Williamstown. Turn right on to State Rt. 183. The entrance will be on the left after 1 mile.

### From Camden:

Take State Rt. 13 North to Williamstown. Turn left on to State Rt. 183. The entrance will be on the left after 1 mile.

### From Oswego:

Take Rt. 104 East until it ends at the junction of Rt. 13. Turn right on to Rt. 13. Follow instructions "From Pulaski."

### From Syracuse:

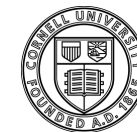
Take I-81 North to Parish; exit 33 (Rt. 69). Follow instructions "From Parish."

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## Field Trips



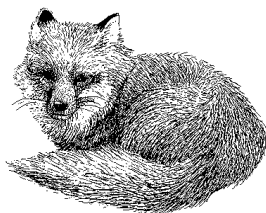
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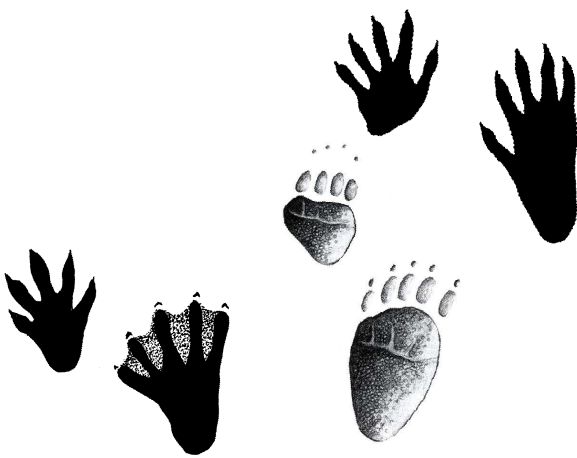
[thatscooperativeextension.org/amboy](http://thatscooperativeextension.org/amboy)



## Features



- o 150 acres of mixed woods and wetlands
- o 3 miles of marked hiking trails also suitable for cross country skiing and snowshoeing
- o Adirondack lean-to
- o Paul and Theresa Schoeck Education Building
- o Wildlife feeding stations
- o Beaver pond observation deck
- o Wetlands observation deck
- o Handicap accessible trail



## Programs Offered

### Woodland Ecosystem

#### Habitats

Audience: Grades K–2  
Length: 60–90 minutes  
Available: Year-round

Students learn that all animals and plants need homes where their survival needs (food, water, shelter, and space) are provided. After a brief instructional period, the class will go into the woods and search for habitats.

#### Animal Tracks and Traces

Audience: Grades K–2  
Length: 60–90 minutes  
Available: Year-round

Students actively investigate the woods to discover how animal tracks and traces reveal varying habits, physical characteristics, and interactions. Students will search throughout the nature preserve for animal signs.

#### Adaptations

Audience: Grades 5–6  
Length: 60–90 minutes  
Available: Year-round

Animals and plants have special behaviors and physical traits that help them survive in their environment. Students learn what an adaptation is during a brief instructional period. Afterward they will venture into the nature preserve to investigate how local fauna and flora have adapted to their environment.

### Freshwater Ecosystem

#### Aquatic Lifecycles

Audience: Grades K–2  
Length: 60–90 minutes  
Available: May–October

The water is home to a variety of animals. During an instructional period, students will learn how many aquatic animals have distinct lifecycles. A walk to a nearby waterway will allow the students to carefully discover some of these creatures in their varying life stages.

#### Pond or Stream Safari

Audience: Grades 3–4  
Length: 60–90 minutes  
Available: May–October

Students learn that the freshwater community is diverse in animals and plants. Program participants will explore a pond or stream to discover these animals and plants. Pants and shoes that can get wet and muddy are required.

#### Aquatic Adaptations

Audience: Grades 5–6  
Length: 60–90 minutes  
Available: May–October

Students will learn how animals and plants adapt to the aquatic ecosystem. After a brief introductory lesson, students will explore a waterway for living examples. Pants and shoes that can get wet and muddy are required.



## Outdoor Recreation

### Snowshoe Treks

Audience: Grades Pre-K and above  
Length: 60–90 minutes  
Available: When there is snow

After an instructional lesson on how to snowshoe, the history of snowshoes, and types of snowshoes, the environmental educator will lead the group into the woods for a hike. Program participants will be able to observe and search for signs of wildlife during the walk.

Other programs offered upon request:

Beaver Natural History  
Wood Duck Natural History  
Great Horned Owl Natural History  
Spring Woodland Ramble  
Tree ID and Folklore

