



Wild Sense Safari is an interactive, multi-sensory adventure where students explore the natural world through observation and hands-on discovery. Using their senses, they'll investigate sights, sounds, textures, and smells while learning to identify living and nonliving parts of ecosystems. Along the way, they'll search for animal clues—like feathers, nests, and track casts—and uncover how these artifacts reveal wildlife behavior. Students will also meet live reptiles native to southern Alabama and discover how their unique adaptations help them survive in the wild. Designed for our youngest explorers, this program blends education, exploration, and play—with plenty fun educational activities and time on the playground to enjoy the best of both worlds!

Grades: PreK, Kindergarten, 1st grade

Group Size Limit: 30 - 40 students

Length of Field Trip: 3 hours with 30 minute break for lunch

Standards covered: SC23.K.E., SC23K.EHA

Activities:

- Short Nature Walk
- Nature Journal (stamps/stickers/crayons)
- Critter Clues: I-spy Activity
- Meet & Greet with live native reptiles
- Play ground / free time

Additional Information:

Students are encouraged to wear sunscreen and protective clothing. They should bring a water bottle and wear comfortable shoes.

Sample Itinerary

This is a sample itinerary. A customized itinerary will be created for your group based on your length of stay, students' ages, and your arrival and departure times.

Title: **Wild Sense Safari**

Location: Lake Shelby Pavilion

Time: 9 am -12 pm

Maximum Group Size: 30-40

9:00 – 9:15 AM: Arrive at Lake Shelby / Unload Lunch / Bathroom Break

- *Break into two groups, If more than 25 students*

9:15 – 9:45 AM: Senses Safari Walk along Lakeside

9:45 – 10:15 AM: Nature Journal (under pavilion)

10:15 – 11:00 AM: Playground Free Time / Lunch

11:00 – 11:30 AM: Critter Clues / What Animals Leave Behind

11:30 – 12:00 PM: Live Animal Meet & Greet

12:00 – 12:15 PM: Bathroom Break / Load Bus

Optional Self-led Activity

12:15 – 12:30 PM: Drive to Nature Center

12:30 – 1:00 PM: Explore the Nature Center / Go on a Walk

- Teacher led scavenger hunt