

Factors to Consider

- Inexpensive—No Preserve Entry Fees or Facilities Rental Fees
- Open Year ‘Round—Weather Permitting
- Nearby—Easy Access from N Wilson Road in Radcliff
- Numerous Educational Opportunities
- Educational Programs Coordinator Available to Assist in Planning
- Reinforce Classroom Instruction with Hands-on Experiences
- Combine Physical Activity (Walking/Hiking) with Instruction
- A Truly Unique Educational Environment

Physical Resources

- Saunders Springs Nature Preserve is only 26 Acres in Size
- Springs and Cascading Streams
- Lake (Reservoir) Stocked with Fish
- Two Pavilions—Possible Classroom/Lunch Locations
- Two Sets of Restroom Facilities
- Remnants of Former Fort Knox and Radcliff Water Plant
- Three Restored 1800s Vintage Log Cabins
- Multiple Ecosystems Offer Great Diversity in Flora and Fauna
- KY Native Plants Garden—More than 100 Different KY Plant Species
- Numerous Picnic Tables with BBQ Grills
- 200 Foot Elevation Change in a Small Area/Two Overlooks
- Three Miles of Nature Trails within the Preserve (> 800 steps/stairs)
- Saunders Springs Annex (Adjacent to the Preserve) is 73 Acres in Size with 7-10 Miles of Hiking/ Biking/ Running Trails and a Mountain Biking Skills Development Area

Specific Programs/Guided Tours (Grade Specific)

- Saunders Springs Area History
- Kentucky Native Trees, Shrubs, Ferns and Wildflowers
- Lake/Reservoir and the Animals Found There
- Former Radcliff Water Plant Operations
- How Caves and Springs Are Formed
- Storm Water Management (Where Does Rain Go?)
- Forestry Management and Forest Fire Control
- The History and Construction of Three 1800’s Vintage Log Cabins
- Kentucky Native Animals
- Mountain/Off-Road Biking Orientation

Materials Available to Assist with Instructional Programs

- Hand-held, 10 Power Magnifying Glasses for Viewing Small Flowers and Animals
- Wood Samples for all 100 Species of KY Native Trees
- Numerous Flora and Fauna Posters
- Tree Height Estimation Devices
- Various Brochures, Worksheets Sheets
- Resources Booklets, Materials, Water Testing Equipment
- Preserved Animal Remains
- Curriculum Guide Developed by Hardin County School System
- Resource Personnel Available to Assist (Subject Matter Experts)

One Possible Educational Program Scenario

8:30-9:00--School Buses Arrive at Upper Pavilion Area

8:45-9:15--Assemble Students in Upper Pavilion for Orientation

9:00-9:30--Walk down the Eagle Trail to Lower Level of Preserve

9:15-9:45--Meet with Tour Guides (3-6 Groups of Students)

9:15-11:45--Conduct Round Robin Tours (25-45 Minutes Each)

11:30-11:45--Return to Upper Pavilion Area via Canyon Trail

11:30-12:30--Lunch at Upper Pavilion Area

12:15-12:45--Walk to Log Cabins via Cabin Trail

12:30-1:00--Tour Log Cabins

12:45-1:00--Load Buses at Cabins for Return to School

1:00-1:15--Depart Preserve for School

What to Do Next

To learn more about how your school or organization might best utilize the Saunders Springs Nature Preserve to enhance the educational opportunities offered to your students, contact the City of Radcliff at (270) 351-4079.

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Saunders Springs Nature Preserve

Radcliff, KY

Offering Exciting and
Inexpensive Outdoor
Educational Opportunities
for Student Groups

