

Agassiz Environmental Learning Center "Combining the best of nature study, conservation education, outdoor recreation, and environmental education."

# Spring/Summer/Fall Educational Program Descriptions

# **Searching for Animal Signs** ó 45 minutes - 1 hour

Explore and discover the wonderful world of animals. Learners will participate in a nature hike to search for the seven basic signs of an animal presence tracks and trails, body parts, territory markings, sounds and smells, scat, eat marks or signs, and homes.

## Fine Tuning the Senses ó 45 minutes - 1 hour

Activities will encourage learners to sense more of the natural world using their eyes, ears, nose and hands. Learners will participate in a blindfolded hike along the Helen Keller rope trail.

#### **Lookout Point Hike** ó 45 minutes

Learners will participate in a recreational and observational hike to the scenic overview of the Sand Hill River valley.

# **Geocaching** ó 1.5 ó 3 hours

Ahoy, matesí let the treasure hunting begin! Join the international game called Geocaching! Learn to use GPS technology to find treasures, or geocaches, which have been hidden in the Sand Hills. Jot your experiences in a log book, then check out the lootí but remember, if you take something from the geocache you have to replace it with something for the next person to findí or walk the plank!

### **Dune Activities and Hike** ó 1.25 ó 1.5 hours

Hike to discover and explore sand dunes, one of the unique natural features of the Fertile Sand Hills, including a special interest study at Death Valley I, an actively shifting sand dune.

Natural Communities Study 6 1.25 6 1.5 hours (can be done in conjunction with Dune Activities

Explore the natural communities of the river, forest, prairie, and savanna. Amazingly, these four ecosystems are within a few minutes walk from one and other. Learn to identify conditions, plants, and animals of these environments. Explore the riverge physical and biological aspects as well as the nearby forest in the river valley.

# **Stream Study** ó 45 minutes

Sample the riffles and pools of the Sand Hill River for aquatic life.

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