

Apple Orchard – 1.25hrs

Students will learn the parts of an apple tree while exploring the Carpenter Nature Center Apple Orchard. With a naturalist, groups will go and pick apples to take home and try fresh apple cider.

Before You Visit CNC

Inform students they will be visiting Carpenter Nature Center to learn about apple trees and what an orchard is. Remind students that most of their time will be spent outside and that they should dress appropriately for the weather.

While You Are at CNC

*This is a loose schedule of how the field trip will go.

0:00 – 0:15	Introduction: Students will discuss what is nature and what an orchard is.
0:15 – 0:55	Visiting the Apple Orchard: Students will be learning the parts of an apple tree, sampling different types of apples, and picking two apples to take home.
0:55 – 1:15	Cider Making & Conclusion: Students will review what was discussed in the orchard and then learn how cider is made with a cider press. Samples of the cider will be handed out for those who want to try it.

Learner Outcomes: Carpenter Nature Center supplements standards by participating in benchmark activities that we update as needed. Listed below are benchmarks that students may be able to do after the field trip.

- Describe an apple orchard.
- List several animals that live in or use an apple orchard.
- Describe the parts of an apple tree.
- Be able to answer the question, “What is nature?” and distinguish the difference between nature and non-nature.
- Demonstrate knowledge of making apple cider.
- Differentiate between apples & pumpkins and how they grow differently.



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