

Trailside Museum

Trailside Museum is the welcome center to the Glen Helen nature preserve, and the starting point for organized programs. The museum features many hands-on displays and exhibits that are designed for children to get an up-close experience with nature. Trailside exhibits are open to visitors daily. Organized groups of ten or more are asked to register in advance to visit the museum and if desired, to schedule a nature program.



Glen Helen

The Trailside Museum is located in Glen Helen, a beautiful 1,000 acre nature preserve with more than 20 miles of trails winding over waterfalls, through forests and to the famous Yellow Spring. The trails of the Glen are free and open to the public during daylight hours. Glen Helen is owned by Antioch University and operated by the Glen Helen Ecology Institute, as part of Antioch College. The Mission of the Glen Helen Ecology Institute is to protect the Glen for present and future generations.



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"Tell me, I forget.
Show me, I remember.
Involve me, I understand."

~ANCIENT PROVERB



Forest Community (ages 7 to 12)

Hike into the Glen for an up-close look and understanding of the neighborhoods, or biological communities, in Glen Helen. Kids can discover what it takes to make an ecosystem.

Critterville (all ages)

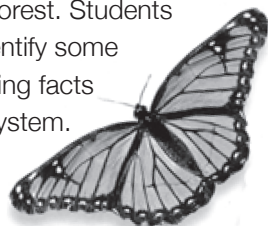
This is the opportunity to meet the resident snake and box turtles at the Trailside Museum. Listen to animal talks, and have a chance to touch the animals. Then, students can learn about tracking and search for signs of wildlife on a hike in the Glen.

Eco-Builders (ages 8 to 12)

All organisms have a place in the ecosystem, including humans. Students use creative problem solving in hands-on activities to learn about where goods we use come from, conservation, trash and recycling. Part of the program includes a hike in the Glen with activities that help nurture the student's relationship to the earth and heighten environmental awareness.

Trees! Trees! Trees! (ages 8 and older)

Get to know the quiet giants of the forest. Students discover how trees grow, how to identify some different species, and some fascinating facts about a tree's role in the forest ecosystem.



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Public Programs

Look for the public hike announcements for year round guided hikes at the Trailside Museum. Call or visit Trailside for a schedule.

Trailside is free to the general public, but organized groups are asked to register in advance for visits.

There are programs for kids at Trailside. Please call and ask about the Preschool Nature Hour, Story Hour, Nature Crafts and Reptile Feedings.



Kids are ready for a hike at Trailside

Trailside Guided Programs

Programs are designed to help participants learn ecological concepts and connections while having fun in nature. They combine games, trail explorations, and first hand observations. Programs are led by one of the Glen Helen Ecology Institute's experienced interpretative guides. They cater to smaller groups, and correspond to state and national Academic Content Standards. Programs are designed for specific ability levels. Unique programs can be developed to address specific needs for a class or group. Each program runs between one and two hours in length.

Nature Hike (all ages)

A guide can add many elements to your hike through the Glen. Enjoy stories about the Glen's remarkable history, discover native plants and animals and enjoy the scenery as the guide leads your group to the famous Yellow Spring. Groups also have the opportunity to explore a cave, marvel at the cascades, and ponder the geological mystery of Pompey's Pillar.

Natural Wonders (ages 3 to 7)

Join the fun and use your five senses to discover and explore nature. Play nature games and learn while having a good time in the forest and at the Trailside Museum.

Rock and Roll (ages 8 and older)

The Glen is full of geological surprises, from trilobites and brachiopods to rock formations that seem to defy gravity. Use the clues inside rocks to help piece together the ancient history of the Glen.

Registration

To register a group, or for more information, contact the Trailside Museum at (937)767-7798. Please register at least two weeks in advance for programs and visits. If a group is unable to attend a registered program, notify the Trailside Museum as soon as possible. Programs can be rescheduled because of severe weather, or other factors.

Program Fees

Museum visits and unguided hikes
\$2.00 per participant for organized groups.

Programs and guided hikes
\$4.00 per participant
(minimum \$25.00 fee per program)

Rent Trailside Museum for a private gathering
\$75.00 per event; non-members
\$50.00 Glen Helen members

Payment can be made on the day of a visit, or in advance. Please make checks payable to The Glen Helen Ecology Institute
Checks can be mailed to:

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Glen Helen has many offerings, including:

Extension/ Outreach Programs

SchoolCamp and EcoCamp

Gift Shop

Raptor Center

Lecture Series

Facility Rentals

Volunteer Opportunities