

Programs and services for schools

Through Lafayette Open Space (and thus at no charge to Lafayette Schools)

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Field trips – many Lafayette Open Spaces are within walking distance or very short drive from most locations in Lafayette. Consider a walk along Coal Creek or to Waneka Lake and its nearby open spaces. A variety of local natural history and human history topics as well as general ecology and other science themes can be explored. Waneka Lake, in particular, has an amazing, interdisciplinary story blending energy, agriculture, natural history, human history, water and more!

In-school Programs – following are among topics that are offered, and other programs can be tailored to needs and interests of particular classes / schools.

- Mammals of Boulder County and Colorado
- Colorado geology (or general geology)
- An introduction to Colorado birds
- Earth is Alive!
- Art and Nature
- Storytelling – a variety of Native American and other traditional stories, often with related science lessons
- “A tour of Lafayette Open Space; Local Human and Natural History” – in-class presentation that can stand on its own or used in advance of a field trip.
- “Earth Careers” – an exploration of both “environmental careers” and how all careers can help us create a sustainable world.
- Programs built around various show and tell items – rock samples, skulls, wood samples, etc. These can correspond to specific lessons / learning standards or be used to spark interest in science and nature.

Other programs (fee based) are also available through <http://entrepreneurialearth.com/> (Click on “Services”). These include workshops for teachers on interdisciplinary education, the use of the schoolyard for education, storytelling and other topics.