



Birds

Trunk Name	Trunk Description	Price	Organization	Contact Information
<p>Build a Bird and Costume Kit</p>	<p>(Pre-School to Middle Elementary) What's a great way to learn about birds? By becoming one of course! This learning kit provides a costume to dress your students up with all the major bird adaptations to turn them into "real" birds of a feather, and real feathers for show as you create your bird.</p>	<p>FREE. Kit can also be delivered and picked up by an Audubon Volunteer free of charge.</p>	<p>Flathead Audubon Society</p>	<p>Reserve at https://flatheadaudubon.org/learn/educational-trunks/ For further info, contact educator@flatheadaudubon.org.</p>
<p>Cavity Nesters</p>	<p>(Middle Elementary to Middle School). Tell the wonderful story of life in dead trees! Students will explore the adaptations and life cycles of native birds that use dead trees for food and shelter. Kit includes puppets, activity pages, preserved bird specimens, real cavity nests, and much more!</p>	<p>FREE. Kit can also be delivered and picked up by an Audubon Volunteer free of charge.</p>	<p>Flathead Audubon Society</p>	<p>Reserve at https://flatheadaudubon.org/learn/educational-trunks/ For further info, contact educator@flatheadaudubon.org.</p>
<p>Chickadee Who's Who? Bird ID Basics</p>	<p>(Grades 3-8) Using an interchangeable-parts "Chickadee costume", students will dress each other as a Black-capped, Mountain, Boreal, or Chestnut-backed Chickadee by changing the headpiece and / or tunic front and back of the costume. The changes will be subtle, so at each change, students will learn about the habitat, habits, and vocalizations for that particular species of Chickadee – to associate the "look" of each bird with information which shows other ways of separating their identities.</p>	<p>FREE. Kit can also be delivered and picked up by an Audubon Volunteer free of charge.</p>	<p>Flathead Audubon Society</p>	<p>Reserve at https://flatheadaudubon.org/learn/educational-trunks/ For further info, contact educator@flatheadaudubon.org.</p>
<p>Common Birds of the Flathead</p>	<p>(Middle Elementary to High School) Students will learn about the most visible birds around the Flathead Valley. Learning kit includes 2 PowerPoint Presentations, CD, photos, books, activities, and worksheets.</p>	<p>FREE. Kit can also be delivered and picked up by an Audubon Volunteer free of charge.</p>	<p>Flathead Audubon Society</p>	<p>Reserve at https://flatheadaudubon.org/learn/educational-trunks/ For further info, contact educator@flatheadaudubon.org.</p>
<p>Field Studies</p>	<p>Use of these kits can help your students gain basic birding skills, including use and care of binoculars and bird identification techniques! There are two kits available: <u>Kit #1</u> (Grades 5 and Up) is a classroom set of 20 National Geographic Bird Guides and 20 Eagle Optics 6.5 x 32 binoculars.</p>	<p>FREE. Kit can also be delivered and picked up by an Audubon</p>	<p>Flathead Audubon Society</p>	<p>Reserve at https://flatheadaudubon.org/learn/educational-trunks/ For further info, contact</p>

	An extra optional 12 “7x35” power Nikon binoculars can be added for larger classes. <u>Kit #2</u> (Grades 2-5) is a classroom set of 10 Montana Birds field guides and 8 smaller-sized binoculars that are “8x28” power. The second set can also be used by older students.	Volunteer free of charge.		educator@flatheadaudubon.org .
Humming-birds	(Middle Elementary to Middle School) Did you know a hummingbird only weighs as much as a penny? Learn all about this lightweight of the bird world with the Hummingbird Learning Kit! Kit includes a 30-minute narrative with visual aids, puppets and puppet show scripts, specimens, research units on our native hummingbirds, and a “humdinger” of a resource notebook full of great lessons and activities.	FREE. Kit can also be delivered and picked up by an Audubon Volunteer free of charge.	Flathead Audubon Society	Reserve at https://flatheadaudubon.org/learn/educational-trunks/ For further info, contact educator@flatheadaudubon.org .
Loons	(Pre-School to High School) Meet “Lottie the Loon,” who plays a true loon wail, learn how to identify a loon by dressing up a student, participate in games to learn how pollution is harmful to loons through the process of bioaccumulation, examine topographic maps to determine what lakes would make a good territory for a pair of nesting loons, and more! Provided by the Montana Loon Society.	FREE. Must be picked-up and dropped-off at the Forest Supervisor's Office in Kalispell.	Flathead National Forest	Call (406) 758-5218 or email Teresa Wenum at teresa.wenum@usda.gov
Owls	(Grades K-5) Includes owl specimens, dissected pellets, tools to dissect your own pellets (you’ll need to supply the pellets themselves), a bird costume, funnels to demonstrate asymmetrical hearing, skull, talon, wing, books, and a teacher guide with lesson plan ideas.	FREE. Kit can also be delivered and picked up by an Audubon Volunteer free of charge.	Flathead Audubon Society	Reserve at https://flatheadaudubon.org/learn/educational-trunks/ For further info, contact educator@flatheadaudubon.org .
River-bottom Bird Songs and Ospreys	(Grades 7-8) Specifically designed for 7th and 8th Grade Bird Education Units, consisting of classroom presentations, a week-long kit visit to classrooms, and field trips to observe the spectacular bird life in the Flathead Valley. Osprey Biology PowerPoint, Learning Bird Songs PowerPoint, Art Projects, activities about songbirds and their river habitats. Preparation for a river-bottom field trip to do breeding bird surveys and Osprey nest observation.	FREE. Kit can also be delivered and picked up by an Audubon Volunteer free of charge.	Flathead Audubon Society	Reserve at https://flatheadaudubon.org/learn/educational-trunks/ For further info, contact educator@flatheadaudubon.org .
Sandhill Cranes	(Grades 7-8) Specifically designed for 7th and 8th Grade Bird Education Units, consisting of classroom presentations, a week-long kit visit to classrooms, and field trips to observe the spectacular bird life in the Flathead Valley. Crane Biology and Body Language narrated PowerPoints (available on YouTube), costumes, games, and art projects. Perfect for pre-loading learning for a fall field trip to the West Valley ponds to observe hundreds!	FREE. Kit can also be delivered and picked up by an Audubon Volunteer free of charge.	Flathead Audubon Society	Reserve at https://flatheadaudubon.org/learn/educational-trunks/ For further info, contact educator@flatheadaudubon.org .
Snowy Owls - Who Are They?	(Elementary to Middle School) Book and Kit – Audubon and the Owl Research Institute have joined together to develop this trunk based on the book written by Ansley Watson Ford and Denver Holt.	FREE. Kit can also be delivered and picked up by an Audubon Volunteer free of charge.	Flathead Audubon Society	Reserve at https://flatheadaudubon.org/learn/educational-trunks/ For further info, contact educator@flatheadaudubon.org .

Songbirds	(Grades K-5) This dynamic trunk has activities geared for the classroom as well as the outdoors relating to songbirds and migration. Resource materials, activities, videos, a felt storyboard, posters, recorded bird songs, and puppets help students learn more about the natural history of several Montana songbirds.	FREE. Must be picked-up and dropped-off in person at West Glacier.	Glacier National Park	Call (406) 888-7899 or email glac_education@nps.gov .
Spring Waterfowl Migrations	(Grades 7-8) Specifically designed for 7th and 8th Grade Bird Education Units, consisting of classroom presentations, a week-long kit visit to classrooms, and field trips to observe the spectacular bird life in the Flathead Valley. Ducks and Swans Identification narrated PowerPoint on YouTube, "Where's the White?" flashcards of migrating ducks in poor light, and migration highways adventures will prepare students to take a field trip to see them in early spring!	FREE. Kit can also be delivered and picked up by an Audubon Volunteer free of charge.	Flathead Audubon Society	Reserve at https://flatheadaudubon.org/learn/educational-trunks/ For further info, contact educator@flatheadaudubon.org .
Winter Birds of Prey	(Grades 7-8) Specifically designed for 7th and 8th Grade Bird Education Units, consisting of classroom presentations, a week-long kit visit to classrooms, and field trips to observe the spectacular bird life in the Flathead Valley. Starting with a Birds of Prey PowerPoint, then full-sized laminated Birds of Prey from Below flight silhouettes (with a written key to Identification) can be hung in the classroom, and perched raptors flash cards with range maps will help students learn ID skills in preparation for a bus-tour field trip in Lower or West Valley to observe birds of prey who have migrated from the north.	FREE. Kit can also be delivered and picked up by an Audubon Volunteer free of charge.	Flathead Audubon Society	Reserve at https://flatheadaudubon.org/learn/educational-trunks/ For further info, contact educator@flatheadaudubon.org .



Invasive Plants/Forest & Fire Ecology

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FireWorks	(Grades K-12) Interactive, hands-on materials to study the forces that cause change in forests, particularly wildland fire. Activities and lessons in the curriculum are tied to a collection of teaching tools to help students learn about fire ecology in three kinds of forests found in the northern Rocky Mountains. Curriculum linked to national educational standards. For more information and to download the curriculum, visit frames.gov/fireworks/curriculum/nrockies-ncascades	FREE. Can be picked-up and dropped-off at the Forest Supervisor's Office in Kalispell (FNF), OR in West Glacier (GNP).	Flathead National Forest (FNF) OR Glacier National Park (GNP)	FNF: Call (406) 758-5218 or email Teresa Wenum at teresa.wenum@usda.gov GNP: Call (406) 888-7899 or email glac_education@nps.gov

Plant Invaders	(Grades 3-5, but easily adapted to any level) Materials in this trunk were put together for upper elementary school field trips to learn about science and one way to collect data on non-native, invasive plants in Glacier National Park. They have been expanded to now include lesson plans for middle and high schoolers. Students learn about 4 species – Spotted knapweed, St. Johnswort, Houndstongue, and Oxeye daisies. There are sample data sheets, identification guides, a power point, and background information about doing science and why these plants are not wanted here.	FREE. Must be picked-up and dropped-off in person at West Glacier.	Glacier National Park	Call (406) 888-7899 or email glac_education@nps.gov .
Project Learning Tree (PLT) Activities	(Grades K-8) Have you taken a Project Learning Tree course? If so, check out this trunk that contains 15 ready-to-use PLT activities; the lessons come with all the needed materials for a class of up to 20 students. Visit http://forestry.msuextension.org/mtplt.html to find out about Montana PLT activities and upcoming trainings.	FREE	Project Learning Tree	Call Holly McKenzie at (406) 407-1591 or email glynholly@gmail.com



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Our Changing Neighborhood	(Pre-School to Primary Elementary) Use felt figures to relay the story of environmental change and the effects of change on native species.	FREE. Kit can also be delivered and picked up by an Audubon Volunteer free of charge.	Flathead Audubon Society	Reserve at https://flatheadaudubon.org/learn/educational-trunks/ For further info, contact educator@flatheadaudubon.org .
Repeat Photography	(Grades 6-8) This trunk combines photography with precipitation measurement lessons to teach students about Earth's water and energy cycles and the importance of mountain ice. Images included in this exhibit represent a sampling of the US Geological Survey's (USGS) Repeat Photography Project in Glacier, which conveys how much the glaciers have melted – indicating a warming climate.	FREE. Can be picked-up and dropped-off in West Glacier or shipped.	Glacier National Park	Call (406) 888-7899 or email glac_education@nps.gov .



History

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Art of the Railway (STEAM)	(Grades 2-8) Explore the early history and culture of the railways as shown through art. This trunk includes art reproductions, historic tickets, timetables and other railroad memorabilia, hats, pocket watches, toy trains, a working telegraph set, and reference books. The materials enhance the included science, technology, engineering, art, and math lesson plans.	FREE for Hockaday Museum of Art Member Schools, \$25 for others.	Hockaday Museum of Art	Call (406) 755-5268 ext. 226 or email education@hockadaymuseum.com
Land of Many Stories	(Grade 4, but easily adapted to any level) Created by the Montana Historical Society as part of Glacier's Centennial Commemoration. Topics include Montana's Native Tribes, the railroad and building of the park chalets, early tourism and marketing, how artists influenced information and knowledge about the park, and careers and jobs that people have had in Glacier. Lessons for this trunk are online at mhs.mt.gov/education/Footlocker/	FREE. Must be picked-up at West Glacier. A trunk is also available at the Montana Historical Society in Helena.	Glacier National Park	Call (406) 888-7899 or email glac_education@nps.gov .
Meet the Conrads	(Grade 2, but easily adapted to any level) Created for teachers to bring into the classroom to either enhance a planned field trip to the Mansion or to give dimension to an existing lesson. The trunk is filled with primary artifacts (real when possible, reproductions when necessary). These artifacts include clothing, writing tools, kitchen utensils, photos, and maps. The trunk includes a teacher's guide to help you direct activities and bring depth to the materials in the trunk.	FREE	Conrad Mansion Museum	Call (406) 755-2166 or email info@conradmansion.com

Native Peoples

Trunk Name	Trunk Description	Price	Organization	Contact Information
Home on the Plains: Artistry of Montana Indian Tribes	(Grades K-12) The focus of this trunk is the culture and art associated with historical home life of Plains Indian Tribes. Blackfeet tipi prints, a model lodge, an envelope parfleche, games, books, art prints, paintings, and raw material samples fill this trunk. The accompanying trunk guide includes artist biographies, reference materials, and an assortment of art projects.	FREE for Hockaday Museum of Art Member Schools, \$25 for others.	Hockaday Museum of Art	Call (406) 755-5268 ext. 226 or email education@hockadaymuseum.com
From Plains to Plateau: Artistic Traditions of Northwest Montana Tribes	(Grades K-12) Blackfeet and other artists from the Northern Plains share their culture through traditional, historic, and contemporary art. Items in this trunk include both one- and two-piece moccasins, jewelry, a Blackfeet doll, games, parfleche, CD's, photographs, art prints, posters, a touch and feel box of raw material samples, and a teacher's trunk guide.	FREE for Hockaday Museum of Art Member Schools, \$25 for others	Hockaday Museum of Art	Call (406) 755-5268 ext. 226 or email education@hockadaymuseum.com
Traditional Native Games	(Grades K-10) Combines fun and engaging games with the rich cultural background of the tribes that first developed them. The trunk contains the necessary equipment to play the different games, including at least one game from each of the tribes in Montana, as well as detailed instructions on how each game is played, background information, lesson plans, and the cultural significance of each game. The lesson plans were created by the Montana Office of Public Instruction in collaboration with the International Traditional Games Society.	FREE. Must be picked-up and dropped-off in person at West Glacier OR East Glacier.	Glacier National Park	Call (406) 888-7899 or email glac_education@nps.gov .
Traveling Medicine Show	(Grades K-12) This outreach program features ancient, traditional, and contemporary art and artifacts chosen in collaboration between the Hockaday Museum of Art and members of the Blackfeet Indian Nation. Explorations begin with an exhibition accompanied by a special presentation about the more than 150 items. Each visit is custom crafted for the participating group and may include artist demonstrations, art projects, games, and other student activities. When possible, visits include participation by a Blackfeet artist.	\$250/day with additional charges for out-of-area transportation and Blackfeet artist participation. Financial assistance may be available.	Hockaday Museum of Art	Call (406) 755-5268 ext. 226 or email education@hockadaymuseum.com



Snow Safety

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Snow Safety Tool Kit	(Grades 5-12) This trunk focuses on snow safety and winter preparedness. With full snow science study kits, avalanche rescue gear, and a library of books and web-based content, this trunk is a perfect introduction to the study of snow and avalanche safety.	FREE. Must be picked-up and dropped-off at the Forest Supervisor's Office in Kalispell.	Flathead National Forest	Call (406) 758-5218 or email Teresa Wenum at teresa.wenum@usda.gov



Water

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Be Aquatic Invasive Species Aware	(Grades 6-8) This unit introduces students to aquatic invasive species (AIS) that are potential threats to Montana waters. These lessons explore pathways of introduction, methods of dispersal, potential environmental impacts, distribution of AIS organisms and adaptations that make these species invasive, as well as impacts on different community stakeholder groups. All lessons and necessary materials can also be found online at https://flbs.umt.edu/newflbs/outreach/k-12-education/teaching-material/ais-materials/	FREE	Flathead Lake Biological Station	Call (406) 872-4507 or email edoutreach@flbs.umt.edu
Becoming Watershed Citizens	(Grades 3-5) A watershed education program for students to increase their understanding of the physical, biological, historical, and social components of the Flathead Watershed and their interconnections. The program includes classroom lessons and activities and is best when paired with a field trip to the Flathead Biological Station. Contains maps and information unique to the Flathead Watershed, a teacher's addition with discussion prompts, a large hand-painted floor map, wooden character figures, and mounted	FREE	Flathead Lakers	Call (406) 883-1346 or email lakers@flatheadlakers.org

	photographs used as props for telling the Wild River Journey: Clark Fork – Pend Oreille Watershed Story.			
Enviroscape	A tabletop display of a landscape that can be used to teach about point and nonpoint sources of pollution and their impacts on waterbodies.	FREE	Flathead Conservation District	Call (406) 752-4220 or email Jessie Walthers at jessie@flatheadcd.org
I'm Made of Water!	(Grades 5-12) Tracing our "water address," water quality in upstream and downstream watersheds, how clean is clear water, how pollution concentrates in birds, river hydrology changes over decades using old maps, and the impact of invasive species on wildlife and habitats.	FREE. Kit can also be delivered and picked up by an Audubon Volunteer free of charge.	Flathead Audubon Society	Reserve at https://flatheadaudubon.org/learn/educational-trunks/ For further info, contact educator@flatheadaudubon.org .
Riparian Wetlands: Birds and the River	Developed in partnership with the Flathead Conservation District (FCD) and the Flathead Audubon Society (FAS). There are two trunks available: <u>Trunk #1</u> (FCD; Grades 4-8) focuses on the importance of wetland and riparian areas for protecting or improving water quality from nonpoint source pollution, and their importance for wildlife and habitat. Contains a developed unit of study and a variety of hands-on activities that are correlated to National Science Education Standards for K-12. <u>Trunk #2</u> (FAS; Grades 4-12) was updated in 2016 to concentrate on Flathead River bottom geography, hydrology, and the importance of wetland and riparian areas for wildlife and bird habitat. Contains a developed unit of study and a variety of hands-on activities and field trips that are correlated to National Science Education Standards for K-12.	FREE	Flathead Conservation District (FCD) OR Flathead Audubon Society (FAS)	FCD: Call Jessie Walthers at (406) 752-4220 or email jessie@flatheadcd.org FAS: Reserve at https://flatheadaudubon.org/learn/educational-trunks/ For further info, contact educator@flatheadaudubon.org .
Rolling Rivers Trailer	(Grades 4-8) Several types of river systems can be modeled using this large sandbox, plastic houses, vegetation, and, of course, water! Through this interactive display, students learn how waterways and citizens can coexist. A certified trainer will accompany the trailer and lead the activity.	FREE	Flathead Conservation District	Call Jessie Walthers at (406) 752-4220 or email jessie@flatheadcd.org
Wetland Kids!	(Grades 4-6) Includes streamside art activities, origami water critters, the roles of water organisms in producing/consuming/decomposing, water food webs, making new food webs, wetland zone activities, a wetland metaphors language arts activity, and making tabletop watersheds.	FREE. Kit can also be delivered and picked up by an Audubon Volunteer free of charge.	Flathead Audubon Society	Reserve at https://flatheadaudubon.org/learn/educational-trunks/ For further info, contact educator@flatheadaudubon.org .



Wildlife

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Amphibians and Reptiles	(Grades K-6) Check out this trunk to discover what makes amphibians and reptiles so special. Snake skins, a turtle shell, books, resource guides, and a notebook full of suggested classroom activities make learning about the adaptations, conservation, and identification of Montana species fun!	FREE. Must be picked-up and dropped-off at the Forest Supervisor's Office in Kalispell.	Flathead National Forest	Call (406) 758-5218 or email Teresa Wenum at teresa.wenum@sda.gov
Bats	(Grades K-6) "Sleep all Day, Play all Night. What kids wouldn't like bats?" Trunk contains a bat box, bat detector, bat puppets, books, posters, and more to explore the life and history of bats.	FREE. Must be picked-up and dropped-off at the Forest Supervisor's Office in Kalispell.	Flathead National Forest	Call (406) 758-5218 or email Teresa Wenum at teresa.wenum@sda.gov
Bears	(Grades K-12) Background material, research guides, and props facilitate discussions about bears, their habitats, and their food sources. Emphasis is on black and grizzly bears, including how to tell them apart and how to recreate safely in bear country. Activity guides and sample lessons are included. Upper grades benefit from additional materials available on the web.	FREE. Must be picked-up and dropped-off in person at West Glacier.	Glacier National Park	Call (406) 888-7899 or email glac_education@nps.gov .
Mammal Skulls	(Grades 3-12) Provides students with the opportunity to discover the wide variety of characteristics we can learn about an animal from its skull. Contained within this kit are activities utilizing 10 skulls to focus on predators, prey, omnivores, herbivores, and carnivores.	FREE. Must be picked-up and dropped-off in person at West Glacier.	Glacier National Park	Call (406) 888-7899 or email glac_education@nps.gov .
Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (various)	There are nine trunks available: Aquatic, Bear, Big Game, Bird, Cat, Elk, Furbearer, Goat, and Wolf. Trunks contain skulls, pelts, brochures, books, and/or other materials.	FREE. Must be picked-up and dropped-off at FWP Region 1 Headquarters in Kalispell.	Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks	Call (406) 752-5501 or email Dillon Tabish at dillon.tabish@mt.gov
Predator and Prey	(Grades K-5) A great way to introduce the concepts of predator and prey relationships, food chains, and to learn specifically about wolves as predators. This trunk includes the pelts, skulls, and track samples of wolves and their prey. There are also books, puppets, and resource guides for educators. The K-2 and 3-5 Educator's Guide are	FREE. Must be picked-up and dropped-off in person at West Glacier.	Glacier National Park	Call (406) 888-7899 or email glac_education@nps.gov .

	aligned with Next Generation Science Standards and Montana State Education Standards.			
Wolves	(Grades K-12) Includes pelts, skulls, track casts, and an activity guide. Great for learning about predator/prey relationships and food chains.	FREE. Must be picked-up and dropped-off at the Forest Supervisor's Office in Kalispell.	Flathead National Forest	Call (406) 758-5218 or email Teresa Wenum at teresa.wenum@usda.gov

Trunks Outside of the Flathead Valley

Other educational trunks may be obtained (often for a fee, plus shipping) from organizations outside of the Flathead Valley. Visit the websites for more information.

Organization	Trunk Topics	Website
Montana Historical Society (Helena)	21 different topics about Montana history – including prehistoric life, First Peoples, the fur trade, the mining boom, and more	https://mhs.mt.gov/education/Footlocker/
Montana Natural History Center (Missoula)	Nez Perce Historical Trail	https://www.montanaturalist.org/nature-discovery-traveling-trunks/
Montana State Parks (various)	Furs and Hides, Birding Exploration, Lewis and Clark Expedition, Bat Education, Cave and Geology, Crow Astronomy, Paleontology, Getting the Gold	fwp.mt.gov/stateparks/education-resources
Museum of the Rockies (Bozeman)	Astronomy, Paleontology and Geology, Indian Education for All, Yellowstone	museumoftherockies.org/schools-educators/outreach-kits