



Conservation Education at Teller Wildlife Refuge

Self Guided Field Trips and Stewardship Projects

The Teller Wildlife Refuge, situated on 1,200 acres in the Bitterroot River corridor, provides a unique setting for hands-on, outdoor learning activities. Through self-guided field trips and conservation projects, visitors engage in learning that fosters outdoor knowledge and skills. Visitors include schools, youth groups, volunteers, and conservation organizations.

Self Guided Field Trips at Teller

- Teller is set up for teacher-initiated field trips. Field trip requests may be made for the Teller Trail/Woodside Fishing Access, Tent Camp and Thomas Pond field sites.
- Schedule: During the spring/summer season, field trip requests can be made for any weekday, subject to availability. During the fall/winter season (hunting season), access to the Teller Trail/Woodside Fishing Access is restricted to Tuesdays and Thursdays only. Tent Camp and Thomas Pond field sites are subject to availability. We recommend contacting Teller well in advance to reserve a date, and visiting the site ahead of time to plan your learning day. Field trip requests must be made on Teller Field Trip Request Forms, available on our website, in our office or contact Lauren Rennaker.
- Themes: The Teller Trail site is located in a riparian area that includes mixed riparian woodlands, a pond and the Bitterroot River. Tent Camp is along restored Gird Creek and Thomas Pond is a restored pond with stocked trout. Teachers generally plan themes based on classroom studies to provide for an outdoor extension of classroom learning.
- Maps, Buses, First Aid, & Logistics: Teller can provide a map and directions to field sites. We suggest that the bus remain at the site. If the bus must leave, we require a cell phone at the site. All trips must be equipped with first aid kits and adequate field gear. There is no drinking water or bathroom facilities available at the field sites; there is an outhouse located in the Teller Trail/Woodside Fishing Access parking lot.

Service Learning—Conservation Stewardship Projects

Teachers and youth group leaders can contact Teller to learn about participating in conservation stewardship projects. Depending on time of year, ongoing projects and group objectives, projects may include weed management, planting native plants, stream or wetland projects and wildlife habitat projects. If you are considering involvement in a stewardship project, we recommend you contact us well in advance. This will allow for project planning, coordination, funding, volunteers and professional resources.

For information, contact Lauren Rennaker at (406) 961-3507 or lauren@tellerwildlife.org.

Teller Mission: To inspire, educate, and demonstrate conservation in action.