



Option 2: Trout in the Classroom Trout Release & Reservoir Trip

Ward Pound Ridge Reservation

Programming:

Trout Unlimited and WAC educators lead customized forestry, water quality and watershed activities (free-of-charge) that highlight the connection between healthy forests, trout habitat and clean drinking water.

Your only expense for a Trout in the Classroom field trip is the cost of transportation to the Cross River Reservoir Dam and Ward Pound Ridge Reservation.

Bus Rates:

Bus costs will vary depending on the type of bus (yellow school bus or coach), distance traveled and time of year.*

- For high school groups traveling less than 2 hours, consider hiring a yellow school bus: \$500-1000/bus.
- For elementary and middle school groups traveling 1.5 hours or more, consider hiring a coach bus: \$1,100-1,600/bus.

Contact Tyler Van Fleet from WAC at education@nycwatershed.org or 207-939-7674 or Nicki Alexander, NYC-DEP Trout in the Classroom Program Coordinator at nalexander@dep.nyc.gov, 718-595-5101 to discuss your trip.

Sample Itinerary

TIME	ACTIVITY	ADDRESS/NOTES
7:00am	Depart school: On-time departure is critical for trip success!	***text WAC with departure time and final head count
9:00am	Arrive Cross River Reservoir Dam	Reservoir Road, Katonah, NY 10536 (no street number, drive 0.5 miles up the dirt road until see reservoir on left)
9:00-9:30am	Cross River Reservoir Dam tour	Walk across the 840ft long dam to an observation deck overlooking the spillway and 10 billion gallon reservoir. Learn about the construction and function of the reservoir and the importance of the surrounding watershed forests.
9:30-9:45am	Drive to Ward Pound Ridge	6 Reservation Rd, Pound Ridge, NY 10576
9:45-10:00am	Unload, introduction, bathrooms	
10:00-10:45am	Trout release	
A. 10:45-11:20am B. 11:20-11:55am	STATIONS: Small groups rotate through: 1. Macro-invertebrates investigation 2. Forest Discovery Activity	1. Trout Unlimited volunteers lead students in discovery and identification of macro-invertebrates - the animals your trout will now eat in the river. 2. Will customize activities to fit your interests (e.g. sensory games, forest succession, tree ID, etc.)
11:55am-12:35pm	LUNCH	
C. 12:35-1:10pm D. 1:10-1:45pm	STATIONS: Small groups rotate through: 3. Engineering a Forest Filter 4. Forest hike	3. Measure the turbidity, or cloudiness, of a water sample, then engineer filters using natural forest materials to clean the water. Measure the turbidity again to evaluate filter function. 4. Hike along streams, through woods and fields to discover different habitats of the NYC Watershed.
1:45-2:00pm	Wash up, bathrooms, load buses	
2:00-4:30pm	Depart & drive back to school	

*Bus rates shown here are approximate and are for guidance only.

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