

Natural Cycles

an Island Trails Ecotours Classroom

Why is Natural Cycles perfect for your class?

No matter the age or level of your class, Natural Cycles is an adaptable education program and is suitable for indoor or outdoor learning.

Who is Island Trails Ecotours:	Island Trails Ecotours offers immersive ecotours and school workshops that bring Vancouver Island's natural and cultural history to life. Through hands-on activities and storytelling, the program connects participants to the island's unique ecosystems and heritage, inspiring curiosity and stewardship.
What is Natural Cycles:	The program "Natural Cycles" delves into the interconnected history of the land, encompassing both natural and cultural aspects. In 3 hours we will cover local geology, the impact of glaciation, evolving patterns of natural forces like forest fires and flooding, and the role of local flora in the ecosystem and human history.
What will be featured in the program:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Indoor<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ We will review our mobile museum of natural artifacts, and will entertain your class with tales of wildlife, natural history and lessons in interconnectivity.● Outdoor<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Taking things out on the trail, our interactive classes aim to spark curiosity. This field experience will train our eyes to see the marks of history and open our minds to see the interconnectivity of our world. These interpretive classes will have your group think about what they are seeing during the presentation, and after, as they will learn to follow the clues of nature on their own.● Worksheets<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Both programs are offered with worksheets, provided after the activity, to inspire critical thinking and group discussion, and can be easily incorporated into the classroom.
Budget:	\$200 - \$350 (depending on grade, private class or auditorium style)
Timeline:	Both programs are offered year-round but outdoor field trips are subject to significant storm conditions. Booking 2 weeks in advance is recommended.

Contact us for more information

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Program Details

Where is the outdoor program held?

This program can be held in any park closest to your school. If you have the option to hire a bus for this, we can meet you at a park of your choice or even at the beach! We also offer hybrid program which are quite nice in the winter when the weather is less mild.

How is this relevant to my classroom?

The program comes with custom worksheets that will promote your student's curiosity and critical thinking by offering open-ended questions that will allow them to reflect on the day with no right or wrong answer. These can be completed individually or as a team and can tie into your curriculum. The classes can also be provided in French for bilingual immersion programs.

Objectives

- Spark curiosity and interest
- Provide new and interesting knowledge to raise awareness of the natural world.
- Give insight into how our world is interconnected in ways impossible to see with the naked eye, but observable through visible examples.

Price breakdown

- Single classroom indoor \$200 or outdoors \$250
- Additional Classroom \$150/additional group (2 classes per day max)
- Auditorium (multi classrooms) indoor-only \$350
- Travel fees; free around the Greater Victoria area, including Langford
\$0.68 per kilometre outside of this area (approximately \$110 to Nanaimo or Port Renfrew, around \$45 to the Sooke, and \$25 to Sydney)

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