

**Suggested Pre-Field Trip Activities
for Introduction Critter Walk at Wood Lake Nature
Center**

Vocabulary

- Senses
- Hibernation
- Adaptation
- Observation
- Migration

*Review vocabulary list.

*Introduce what a nature center is and what a naturalist does.

*Discuss with students how a nature center is different than a zoo.

*Ask students to share what animals they see around their home and predict what animals they may see on their field trip.

*Talk with students about fall and how animals behave when the weather gets cold.

*Have students act out hibernation (curl into a ball and sleep) and migration (fly to a warmer location).

*Book Suggestion: *Animals in Fall: Preparing for Winter* by Martha Rustad

**Suggested Post-Field trip Activities
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*Review vocabulary list

*Have students pick their favorite animal from the field trip and draw a picture.

*Have students share a way they used their senses to learn about an animal.

*Review with students about fall and the ways animals prepare for winter.

