

RIVERCLASSROOM

2008 PROGRAMS

• DIRECTIONS •

CENTRAL FALLS

Central Falls Landing

For Mapquest/GPS, use 45 Madeira Avenue

From Route 146, turn onto Route 123 east to Valley Falls, take right onto Broad Street, right onto Madeira Avenue and a right into the parking lot.

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Market Square

For Mapquest/GPS, use 80 River Street

From Route 146A, turn right onto Rt. 104N (Providence St.) at the Beef Barn. Follow signs to Visitor Center.

Boat landing located on River Street across from Market Square.



Blackstone Valley Visitor Center

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RIVER-IN-THE-CLASSROOM AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS ABOARD THE BLACKSTONE VALLEY EXPLORER

*Riverclassroom offers
high quality, inquiry-based education programs.
These programs will complement your students'
classroom learning experience.*

*Contact us to find out how our programs
meet your curriculum needs.*

**Riverclassroom is an education outreach program
of the Blackstone Valley Tourism Council**



We can customize our programs to meet your teaching objectives. Book any one of the **in classroom** programs with a River Science Investigation or Heritage Exploration and save. Package Fee: \$300

DISCOVER THE BLACKSTONE! (K-12)

An informative classroom experience and introduction to the historical and natural features of the Blackstone River. Slideshow and discussion.

WATERSHED INVESTIGATION (GRADES 3-12)

Explore the Blackstone River ecosystem through a classroom-based tour of the Blackstone River Watershed. The investigation builds on the introductory program above and includes hands-on activities about river ecology, water quality, and effect human development has had on the watershed.

ECO-INDUSTRIAL LEGACY (GRADES 5-12)

This multidisciplinary program examines the development of “America’s hardest working river”, the first polluted river, the Blackstone and efforts to revitalize it. Through activities students learn how cultural and natural history are connected and what actions we can take to keep the river clean.

VIEWS OF THE VALLEY (GRADES 6-12)



Adapted from Dunn Foundation’s *ViewFinders Too*, this interactive program enhances student relationships with their heritage and local environment. **One-day teacher workshops available to present the eight-week classroom curriculum.**

PRICING:



\$150 per hour - \$200 for two hours
(within 25 miles of Pawtucket, RI)



Outside of 25 mile radius, additional travel fees apply.



ECO-DISCOVERY (GRADES 9-ADULT)

The Eco-Discovery Program is a two-hour program. The program’s content and activities are based on grade level and curriculum needs. Topics may include water chemistry, water cycle, weather, riparian habitat, local history.

Students will:

- explore the diversity of the river’s ecosystem
- discover links between people and the river
- interact in small groups

PROGRAM includes tour aboard the Explorer and activities

PROGRAM LENGTH: 2 hours • Fee:\$350

Program Maximum 35 including teachers & chaperones

RIVER SCIENCE INVESTIGATION (RSI) (K-ADULT)

Students will:

- learn about the ecosystem of the river
- perform grade-appropriate water testing and analyze results
- observe and identify species of plants and animals
- recognize pollution and what actions we can take to keep the river clean

PROGRAM LENGTH: 50 minutes • FEE: \$200.00

Program Maximum 35 including teachers & chaperones

HERITAGE EXPLORATION (ALL GRADES)

Students will observe and hear about:

- the Blackstone River, site of America’s Industrial Revolution
- the mills along “America’s hardest working river”
- pioneers of the river valley, including Native Americans, William Blackstone and the immigrants that came to the valley and how they shaped the local community

PROGRAM LENGTH: 50 minutes • FEE: \$200.00

Program Maximum 48 including teachers & chaperones

WILD ABOUT WETLANDS (ALL GRADES)

Students will learn and discover:

- the diverse habitat of a wetland
- impact of weather and floods and the role of wetlands as flood busters
- wetlands as natural filters

This program can be offered as a walk, a boat trip or a combination.

Wetland Walk: Field observations and data collection at

Lonsdale Marsh **PROGRAM LENGTH: 45 minutes**

FEE: \$100.00

Explorer Boat Tour: Meet at Central Falls Landing.

PROGRAM LENGTH: 50 minutes • FEE: \$200.00

Combination Boat/Walk: Meet at Central Falls Landing. The *Explorer* will drop off students at Lonsdale Habitat Restoration area where busses can pick up students after the 75-minute program.

Available May-August • FEE: \$275.00

Pre and Post educational material are included.

Additional educational links will be available on the website.

Reservations required for all programs.