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Mississippi River Climate Change Field Trips at Fort Snelling State Park

Please join us at Fort Snelling State Park (FSSP) for a day of empowering learning on the subject of our changing climate for grades 5-8.

Field trip components (total duration: approx. 3 hours, 15 minutes)

1. **Introduction to park and activities** - including river/ecological significance, partner park within Mississippi National River and Recreation Area; divide into three groups for rotation of activities
2. **Activity #1: Collect phenology data** at FSSP, assess climate effects on plants & animals (examples); activity - record local flora/fauna observations – FSSP naturalist or other staff
3. **Activity #2: Collect & analyze weather data** from weather station, and compare to climate norms – National Park Service or other staff
4. **Activity #3: Conduct service project** – specific activity will depend on season and FSSP needs – led by Mississippi Park Connection or other staff
5. **Wrap up** – review data collected, key ideas learned, and what we can do

Time for lunch may be added.

Dates available

2016:

April 28, 29

May 5, 6, 26, 27

Cost: free

Contact information

Please contact Mary Hammes with any questions or to schedule a trip.

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Please ask about opportunities for curriculum and online classroom integration assistance, as well as scholarships for transportation