



Who We Are

Dedicated in March, 1979 as Kentucky's first State Nature Preserve, Blackacre offers nearly 300-acres of unique outdoor laboratory for environmental education. Originally settled in the 1790's by Moses Tyler and his family, Blackacre was operated as a family-owned farm for over two-hundred years before Judge Macauley L. and Emilie Strong Smith donated the land and historic buildings to the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Blackacre includes an 18th century historic homestead and offers visitors a view of life on the farm, with an emphasis on natural areas including farm animals, agricultural fields, community gardens, nature trails, ponds and wet-lands.



Topic Program Offerings

Blackacre offers three unique programs; Water & Woods, Down on the Homestead, Amazing Arthropods and Work & Play in the 1800's. These programs cover activities such as candle and butter making, nature hikes, pond & stream studies and more!

The goal of the educational programs at Blackacre is to:

- Provide opportunities for students to learn about & experience natural & historic features of the land,
- Explore the cultural heritage of Kentucky,
- Become environmentally literate citizens.

Blackacre programs for Catholic, private and independent schools are designed to accommodate students from pre-school through grade 8. Programs can be customized to meet the needs of students and teachers. The cost of the program is only \$9.00 per student or child which includes all program materials. Teachers and chaperones are free. Blackacre also offers a variety of service hour projects for upper grade class groups or individual students.