



Save The River® / Upper St. Lawrence RIVERKEEPER®

Protecting the St. Lawrence River now, and for generations to come

Wellesley Island & On the Ice Virtual Field Trip

A Distance Learning Guide for Educators and Guardians

Save The River is committed to providing quality educational programs and resources for formal and informal educators throughout our region. *Distance Learning* has become an additional tool due to the global pandemic. While Save The River plans to host in person educator training, field trips and K-12 educational programs when we are safely able to come together once again, we have developed Virtual Learning Field Trips and Resources for students, parents, and educators who are interested in learning more about the St. Lawrence River.

Close your eyes. Imagine you are at the Minna Anthony Common Nature Center, getting into your snowshoes for a cold adventure on the trails. Along our hike, you notice that the once busy summertime [habitat](#) is now still. You can see [sheet ice](#) forming on the river along the snowy riverbanks. You look down the shore and notice a [muskrat](#) in its [lodge](#) made out of [cattails](#). You look up and hear the calls of [waterfowl](#) flying away for [migration](#). What was that noise coming from the river? It must be a fisherman using an [auger](#)!



By attending this virtual field trip to South Bay on Wellesley Island, your students will become engaged in learning about the St. Lawrence River, hibernation and migration, and the changing habitats above and below the ice. Your students will discover the importance of island habitats and the relationship between plants and animals during the winter. Your students will also learn how Save The River and the Minna Anthony Common Nature Center work together to protect the river and educate students.

The Wellesley Island virtual field trip can be integrated into classroom curriculum and addresses New York State Science and(or) ELA Learning Standards with a focus on K-3 grade levels. Save The River can work with you to tailor pre-and post discussion content to meet your classroom needs.

There are many additional fun and educational activities you can use to engage your students with St. Lawrence River island habitats both in the classroom or during distance learning. In addition make sure to visit our website: www.savetheriver.org and follow our [Facebook Page](#) to learn more about what Save The River is doing to protect our waterways, and to stay up to date on upcoming adult and youth educational opportunities.

CURRICULUM RESOURCES



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