

K-12 Field Trip Options

Data Library Archives (DLA)

Dive into the history of ocean science at WHOI. This tour highlights our unique collections, including historic instruments, WHOI memorabilia, cruise data, a rich manuscript collection, and a vast archive of photographs, film, and media documenting WHOI's legacy.

Max Group Size: 10

Grades: K+

Duration: varies

Campus: Quissett

Building: McLean

DeepTech Collaborative

A collaborative and innovative marine science and engineering support facility with an everchanging array of underwater vehicles, sensors, custom technologies, and other projects. Tour our work spaces and DunkWorks, our rapid prototyping facility, to see our active projects and learn more about ocean science and engineering.

Max Group Size: 40

Grades: 6+

Duration: 45-60 min

Campus: Quissett

Building: The David Center

for Ocean Innovation

Discovery Center

Take a self-guided tour of WHOI's Ocean Science Discovery Center where exhibits highlight some of the amazing research, exploration and ocean technology central to WHOI's mission. This two-level educational facility (located in an old church) includes exhibits focused on the Ocean Twilight Zone, HOV Alvin, Ocean Worlds, technology used to study sharks, AUVs, the discovery of the wreckage of the Titanic and much more.

Note: closed Thanksgiving week through mid-January.

Max Group Size: 25

Grades: 1+ (Ability to read

is helpful)

Duration: ~30 min (self

guided)

Campus: Village

Address: 15 School St., Woods Hole, MA 02543

Marine Careers Discussion

Ever wonder what it's like to build a career at WHOI or in other ocean research organizations? This session, hosted by WHOI's People Ops & Recruiting team, provides an inside look at the wide range of career paths in ocean science, engineering, research administration, and institutional support. From scientists and engineers to communicators, technicians, and business professionals, WHOI depends on diverse talents to support its mission of advancing knowledge of the ocean.

Participants will explore career pathways, learn about education and training opportunities, and hear real-world advice for navigating careers in ocean research organizations. Max Group Size: *

Grades: K+

Duration: 15-20 min

Campus: Village or

Quissett

Address: *

*this discussion can take place in several different conference rooms/auditoriums across WHOI. The room booked will be chosen to fit your group size and the other locations that you may be visiting.

Seafloor Samples Lab

A curated collection of samples from the world's seafloor: rocks, marine sediment, corals, shells, peat, wood, and more! Discuss how different samples are collected and tour where the samples are housed. Show-and-tell style tours including hands-on interactions with samples from the collection can be expected.

Max Group Size: 20

Grades: K+

Duration: 30-45 min

Campus: Quissett

Building: McLean

WHOI Guided Tour

Spend an hour with a knowledgeable WHOI guide exploring our village facilities and learn about the history and future of the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution. This tour includes exclusive access to our dock facilities. Most tours end at our Ocean Science Discovery Center where you can explore various exhibits.

Max Group Size: 15

Grades: 7+

Duration: 60 min

Campus: Village

Address: 93 Water St., Falmouth, MA 02543