Waterloo Region Nature- nature walk in the woods: spring wildflowers, birds, trees, etc.

tours of the WATER facility, the Earth Science Museum, the Waterloo Centre for Astrophysics, morning birding at Columbia Lake, as well as other UW facilities including the Art Museum.

***rare* Charitable Research Reserve**, with the hope you can advertise a scholarship opportunity to graduate students. If you aren’t familiar with us, ***rare***is a 1200+ acre urban land trust located in Waterloo Region with goals in conservation, research, and education. We have been a field site for over 81 projects in a variety of disciplines, at no cost to the researcher.

To support student research, we offer a scholarship and bursary program (see attached flyer) as well as accommodations to graduate students conducting field research on the property. Check out our website (<https://raresites.org/research/>) to see some of the ongoing or past research.

What we have done in the past is something like a 2 hour guided walk and activity at rare. I would have a group of 20-25 with the research department for a 1-hour tour. I would show them our monitoring programs, our trails, with an activity/ research guest. Then at the same time we would have another group of 20-25 stationed at our community gardens for a 1-hour task (help with gardening, we can do garden yoga, pollinator survey, as examples). The garden and research groups would switch and the tour repeats for the new members.

We can sort of cater the day how you like. Our rates for university or school programs are discounted at $9 a person. The timing could be in the afternoon if we also want to include our education department to get a full rare intro (maybe 2-4 pm?), but if not it can be in the morning like 10-12 pm. I can ask the garden staff what their availability is like May 2 if this 2-station scenario is of interest to you.