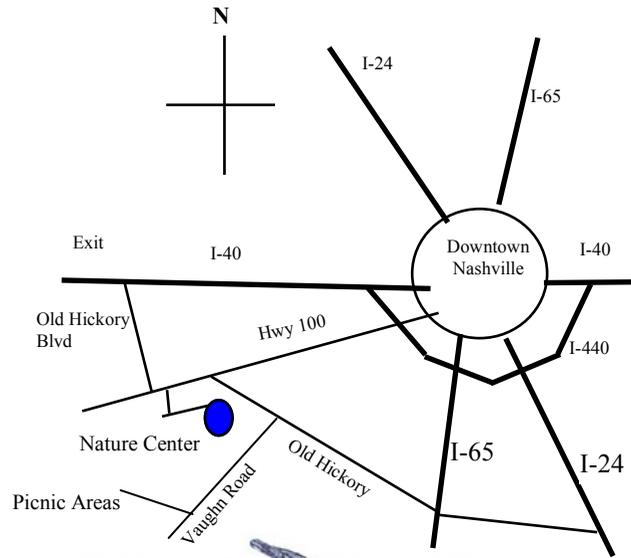


Getting to Warner Park Nature Center

From Nashville, take Interstate 40 west to exit 199 (Old Hickory Blvd.). Turn left and follow Old Hickory Blvd. for 4 miles to Hwy. 100. Turn left and go 0.2 miles to the Edwin Warner Park entrance and turn right into the Park. Follow the Park drive to the left for 0.3 miles to the Nature Center.

Coming from the south or southeast, follow Old Hickory Blvd. north to Hwy. 100. Turn left and go 0.3 miles to the Edwin Warner Park entrance and turn left into the Park. Follow the Park drive to the left for 0.3 miles to the Nature Center.

The Nature Center is open Tuesday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Percy and Edwin Warner Parks are open seven days a week from sunrise to 11 p.m.



Warner Park Nature Center

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Nashville, TN 37221

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wpnc@nashville.gov

<http://www.nashville.gov/Parks-and-Recreation/Nature-Centers-and-Natural-Areas/Warner-Park-Nature-Center.aspx>



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Warner Park Nature Center

2014-2015 programs for schools and other educational groups

About the Nature Center

Warner Park Nature Center is a place where people and nature come together. Serving as the gateway for Nashville's Percy and Edwin Warner Parks, the Nature Center offers a wide range of free programs, activities and services to Park visitors. Since its creation in 1973, the Nature Center has become the area's foremost provider of environmental education and outdoor recreation programs.

As a facility of the Metropolitan Nashville Board of Parks and Recreation, the Nature Center receives most of its funding from the City. However, without the help of the non-profit support group, FRIENDS OF WARNER PARKS, the Nature Center would not be able to offer such a wide variety of programs and services.

Metro Parks' Nature Centers Mission

- To provide quality environmental education and responsible recreation
- To help protect, preserve, restore and manage the Park ecosystem and all natural resources
- To raise awareness, foster respect and share enthusiasm for the natural environment

<http://nashville.gov/parks/nature/index.asp>

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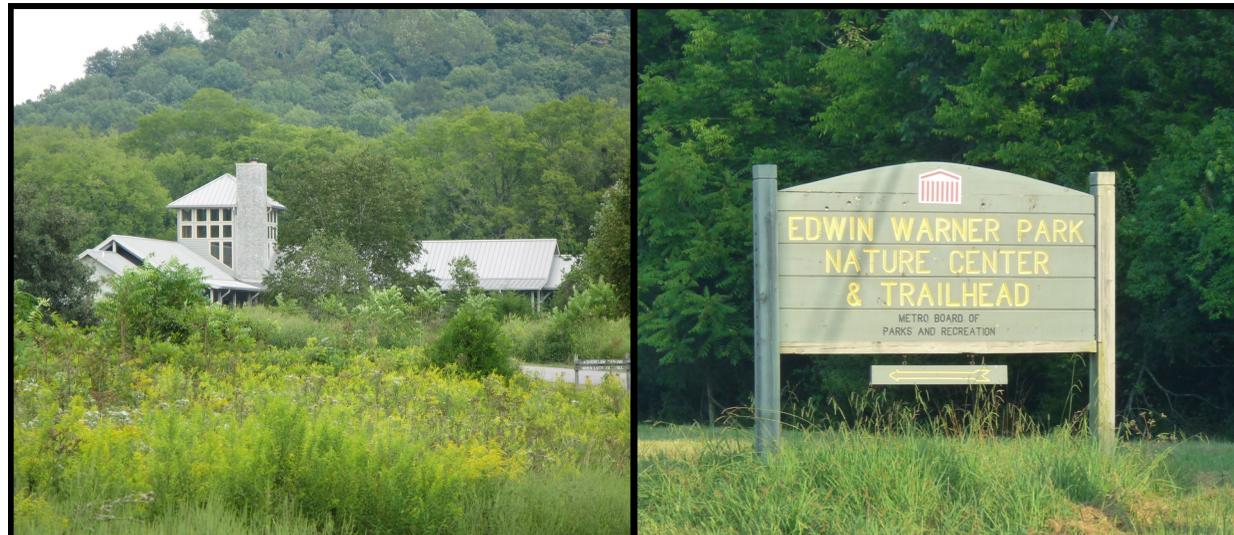


we offer free teacher workshops?

Teacher Workshops

Nature Center staff are certified to lead educator workshops that directly correlate with state science standards. These workshops are designed for all learners, encouraging outdoor exploration, nature study, and reflection. Call the Nature Center to schedule a teacher workshop!

- Project WET
- Project WILD
- Project WILD Aquatic
- Project Flying WILD
- Project Growing Up WILD-pre-K
- Project Archaeology
- Project Learning Tree
- Geology of Middle Tennessee
- Exploring your Outdoor Classroom
- Birds of Middle Tennessee



Beaman Park Nature Center

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Ashland City, Tennessee, 37015
beamanpark@nashville.gov
(615) 862-8580

Bells Bend Outdoor Center

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Nashville, Tennessee, 37218
bellsbend@nashville.gov
(615) 862-4187

Shelby Bottoms Nature Center

1900 Davidson Street
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Warner Park Nature Center

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Labs for high school and college

Labs are offered by the Nature Center to meet the needs of students enrolled in biology, ecology, and environmental science. Lab field trips are available for high school and college students. These programs incorporate important curriculum requirements with outdoor study and investigation during a 1-3 hour lab. The Vaughn's Gap Field Station is also available to be used by instructors interested in teaching field courses on their own or in combination with a naturalist-led lab. Instructors may choose from the list of currently available courses or call the Nature Center at 615-352-6299 to discuss an alternative program.

- Wildflower Hikes
- Bird Banding Research
- Forest Succession and Tree ID
- Ecology Night Hikes
- Watershed Mapping
- Macroinvertebrate Stream Survey
- Ecosystem Comparison Study
- Amphibian Monitoring
- Geology and Soils of Warner Parks
- Natural Resource Management
- Animal Signs and Tracking
- Nature Journaling



How to Make a Field Trip Reservation

Reservations for Nature Center field trips are easy to make by calling **615-352-6299**. Field trips are free of charge. Reservations are accepted in **January for the spring** and in **August for the fall**. Winter and summer field trips are offered on a limited basis; call for availability. Educators may schedule one field trip per season (one in spring and one in fall) for their classes.

To maintain the quality of our programs, the naturalist to student ratio is kept at 1 to 15 and only four groups may tour the grounds at one time. Our maximum group size per time slot is 60. Larger groups must be divided among time slots. Programs are offered rain or shine.

Home School Groups interested in educational programs are welcome to schedule one field trip per season. Groups must have a minimum of 10 students spanning a two grade range (i.e., 10 children from 3rd and 4th grades) with a maximum of 60 students. One adult chaperone must accompany every 10 students. Siblings may not accompany students during the program. For more information about these programs, please check out "Educational Programs for Groups" on our website.

Information to have ready when you call:

- Contact name, two phone numbers, & email
- Organization name & address
- Number of students and grade
- Date and time, & alternate dates and times
- Topic
- Any information about students with special needs



Student Programs:

Grades K - 8

The Nature Center's field trips are designed to provide students with meaningful, enjoyable outdoor experiences which enhance their study of science in the classroom and appreciation of nature. The field trip curriculum was developed in alignment with Tennessee State Science Curriculum Standards. Special requests will be accommodated to the greatest extent possible.



SIGNS OF THE SEASONS

(GRADES K-1)

During this guided exploration of the Nature Center museum, garden, pond, and trails, students will identify and describe the characteristics of the four seasons, and look at how each season affects plants, animals and people. **1 hour**

LIVING THINGS IN NATURE (GRADES 1-2)

Students will observe differences between living and non-living things while exploring the forest, field, pond, stream and garden. Characteristics of plants and animals, life cycles, and basic needs of organisms will be discussed. **1.5 hours**

INVESTIGATING INSECTS (GRADES 2-3)

Students will review the common characteristics of insects, identify interesting local insect species and examine how the life cycles of these creatures are linked with Nashville's environment.

1.5 hours

THE GREEN MACHINES— PLANTS! (GRADES 3-8)

While exploring forest, field and aquatic habitats, students will investigate distinct stages in plant structure and life cycles, review plant reproductive strategies, examine pollination and pollinators and re-create the process of photosynthesis.

1.5 hours

SUITABLE SURROUNDINGS

(GRADES 3-8)

Students will analyze physical and behavioral adaptations that enable organisms to survive in distinct habitats in the Park - forest, field, stream, and pond. They will also identify basic ecological concepts in these habitats such as competition, energy transfer, and life cycles.

1.5 hours

GEOLOGY ROCKS! (GRADE 5)

Students will learn the geology of Middle Tennessee by visiting rock outcrops, examining local fossils and observing geologic processes happening today. This program will focus on the geologic history of the Nashville Basin and identification of local sedimentary rocks and fossils. **1.5 hours**

WHAT IN THE WORLD IS AN ECOSYSTEM? (GRADES 5-12)

This inquiry-based ecosystem study allows students to work in teams gathering field data about the living and non-living components of three different ecosystems; then teams compare, contrast, and report their findings. **2 hours**

CLASSIFICATION 101 (GRADES 8-12)

Through an exploration of the various habitats surrounding the Nature Center, students will identify characteristics used by scientists to classify organisms and use a simple key to identify specific organisms. **1.5 hours**



Red-eared slider in the pond

Carolina Bluebells in spring



Call 615-352-6299 to schedule a field trip

Field trip reminders

- Call early to schedule your trip
- All participants should dress for the weather
- Maximum group size is 60
- Have one adult per 15 students
- Divide your group in advance
- Arrive on time; call if you are running late
- Programs are offered rain or shine
- Plan to picnic elsewhere in the Park- call 862-8408 between 8 a.m.-noon to reserve a site

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