

Bells Bend Outdoor Center

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Tuesday-Friday: 12-4pm
Saturday: 9am-4pm
and by appointment
Please join us on Facebook

Bells Bend Park is open 7 days a week from dawn until dusk



March, April, and May 2021 Programs

During the COVID-19 pandemic, please remember to wear a facemask and socially distance 6 feet away from program leaders.

Plant Hike at Bells Bend Park



Friday, March 12 9:00-10:00am Age level: Adults. 13+ Call to register Bells Bend Park has many unique tree and flower species if you know where to look. Join a naturalist to search for them on and off-trail. Leader: LinnAnn Welch

Bells Bend Night Hike



Friday, March 12 7:00-8:30pm Age level: All ages Call to register Come out for a night hike at Bells Bend. Hear the call of the wild. We will explore and listen for animals of the night. Leader: Chris Guerin



Saturday, March 13 9:30-10:30am Age level: Adults, 13+ Call to register Come learn about iNaturalist to explore and share your observations from the natural world! Every observation can contribute to biodiversity science, from the rarest butterfly to the most common backyard weed. We share your findings with scientific data repositories to help scientists find and use your data. All you have to do is observe.

Leader: Chris Guerin

Geocaching 101



Saturday, March 27 9:00-10:00am Age level: All ages Call to register Geocaching is a treasure hunting game using GPS coordinates to find hidden caches in the park (and elsewhere). After this class you will be able to program your GPS unit and enjoy the fun game of geocaching.

Leaders: Chris Guerin

Storytime and Activity at Bells Bend



Saturday, March 27 10:30-11:30am Age level: All ages Call to register Get in the spirit of spring and join us for a reading of *It Starts with a Seed* by Laura Knowles on our back patio! After our storytime we will talk about seeds and plant some of our very own for you to take home!

Leader: Krista Allen



For assistance or accommodation, please contact the Bells Bend Outdoor Center, 615-862-4187.

April and May 2021 Programs

During the COVID-19 pandemic, please remember to wear a facemask and socially distance 6 feet away from program leaders.

Bells Bend Night Hike



Friday, April 2 7:30-9:00pm Age level: All ages Call to register Come out for a night hike at Bells Bend. Hear the call of the wild. We will explore and listen for animals of the night.

Leader: Chris Guerin

Bells Bend Day Hike Saturday, April 3 1:00-2:30pm Age level: All ages Call to register Enjoy the beauty of the season on a guided day hike around Bells Bend Park. Let's see what kinds of flora and fauna we can find this time of year!

Leader: Krista Allen

City Nature Challenge 2021



Friday, April 30 9:00am-12:00pm Age level: All ages Call to register Biodiversity is everywhere, even in thriving cities. Because a few scientists can't catalog all the plants and animals, we need YOU to be a citizen scientist to document nature in your backyard, schoolyard, or local park April 30-May 3. Snap a photo and upload your nature observation to the iNaturalist app. Visit the park on April 30 and help us document as many species as possible. Coordinators: Cumberland River Compact and Metro Parks Nature Centers

Spring Bird Count

Saturday, May 1 8:00am Age level: Adults, 13+ Call to register Each spring members of the Tennessee Ornithological Society (TOS) conduct a bird count. You don't have to be a great birder to lend your eyes and ears to this worthy endeavor.

Leader: TOS

Bells Bend Night Hike



Friday, May 7 8:00-9:30pm Age level: All ages Call to register Come out for a night hike at Bells Bend. Hear the call of the wild. We will explore and listen for animals of the night.

Leader: Chris Guerin

Birding at Bells Bend



Friday, May 7 8:30am-9:30am Age level: Adults, 13+ Call to register Grab your binoculars and join park Staff for a morning of spring migration birding. Target species will be the Henslow's Sparrows, but you never know what we'll find.

Leader: LinnAnn Welch

Animal Tracks



Saturday, May 15 1:00-2:00pm Age level: 6-10 years Call to register

Learn how to find and follow animal tracks. We will also learn about animal habitats. Put on your hiking boots and we'll hit the trail.

Leader: Chris Guerin

Please call to register: 615-862-4187 Check out programs at other Metro Parks Nature Centers, too.

For Safety and Security Needs Contact:

Non life-threatening emergencies: 615-862-8600 Life-threatening Emergencies: 911

