



shelby bottoms nature center

Fall 2020 Events

The Nature Center is open and programs are resuming!

We are pleased to be open and serving our visitors once again - with just a few modifications! To keep you, and ourselves safe, events will be fewer in number; will offer very limited registration; and will require a quick health screening, social distancing and wearing of masks or facial coverings as stated by Metro Nashville Order Number 8.

Additionally, Nature Center public restrooms are cleaned or disinfected several times daily during our hours of operation, as are the interior "touch surfaces" of the Nature Center's visitor areas. We ask you to please be patient with Metro Parks services and staff across the park system as the increased visitation with no increase in staffing puts pressure on trash cans, restrooms, litter, parking and more.

So please, sign up and attend a virtual or onsite program! This is an experiment but we hope to continue to keep offering program opportunities. Please do note that most programs require registration and walk-ins will not be admitted to those. We do this for safety to limit the number of people in a gathering. The park is still open from dawn to dusk in Shelby Bottoms Greenway and from dawn to 11 pm in Shelby Park. Get out and safely enjoy what is shaping up to be a beautiful autumn!

We look forward to seeing you - again!

On Repeat

These programs repeat weekly or monthly and may require registration. Please read the description below for more information.

Drop by any Saturday this fall and pick up free seeds for your fall and winter gardens! (And maybe some for your spring and summer gardens too...)

First Saturday Bird Friendly Coffee

1st Saturday of the Month
9 am - 12 pm
All ages
No registration

Want to try a free cup of shade-grown, Fair Trade, certified "Bird-Friendly" coffee to fuel your morning on the trail? Bring your own mug or use one of our recyclable or compostable disposables. We'll fill it up for you so you'll have a hands-off and safe service experience. In November, [Friends of Shelby Park and Bottoms](#) will co-host, bringing a hot grab and go single-serve breakfast as a thank you to members and volunteers. Not a Friends of Shelby member? This is a great opportunity to find out about the organization and all the ways you can get involved in supporting the park. Host: John Michael Cassidy, Jim Hicks, and Friends of Shelby



Young Birder's 4-H Club



2nd Saturday of the Month
9:30 - 11:30 am
Ages 10 - 18
No registration

Youth interested in taking their appreciation for birds and conservation to the next level will love this club. Each monthly meeting may include guest speakers, community service, and birding. Dress for the weather, wear your mask, and we'll meet together at the feeders below the nature center, keeping 6 feet apart as we go birding for the foreseeable future. All birding equipment will be sanitized and available to borrow, and we'll register you as a [4-H](#) member for free when you show up at the Nature Center. Leader: Andy Lantz, [UT-TSU Extension](#) Agent

Zoom Into Nature Storytime

3rd Wednesday of the Month
10 am
All ages
Registration required (email required for registration)

Sign up for a live, yet safe-from-home (maybe even in your jammies!) virtual story time using Zoom! We'll read a nature-themed book or two and we just might (we will) have a few fun puppet characters accompany our story. We'll even see if Maize the Corn Snake is interested in attending the event... Leaders: Maize the Corn Snake and SBNC Staff/Volunteers

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Tues/Thurs/Sat: 9 am - 4 pm
Wed/Fri 12-4pm, Sun/Mon: Closed
Shelby Bottoms Greenway:
Dawn to dusk 365 days per year!

 To register for programs, call, email, or sign up online. Programs could be cancelled due to inclement weather or low participation.

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FAR-OUT Full Moon Hike	Thursday, October 1 8 - 9 pm All ages Registration required	Join us for a classic full moon hike around the 1-mile loop, while we stay socially distanced and wearing our facial masks! The attendee with the most “far-out” universe or nature themed protective mask gets a little prize. Leader: Christie Wiser
Nature Detectives	Wednesday, October 7 11 am - 12 pm All ages Registration required	Fall is a perfect time to see signs of wildlife preparing for colder temperatures. We’ll look for clues on a kid-friendly hike, and share what we find with each other. Expect to get a little muddy...especially if it’s been raining. We’ll be looking for tracks! Registration required due to especially limited space, small family/friend groups recommended. Leader: Amanda Healan, Volunteer Naturalist and Julie Henry, Seasonal Naturalist
Nature Walk @ Cornelia Fort Trailhead	Friday, October 9 10 - 11:30 am All ages - Stroller-Friendly Registration required	We will meet at the former airpark for a leisurely socially-distanced stroll along the paved paths and learn about the natural history of the bottomlands with open views of wetlands, meadows, and mature hardwood trees. Leader: John Michael Cassidy
Sound-ON Saturday!	Saturday, October 17 1 - 3 pm All ages Registration required	If you’ve not had the chance to get acquainted with our own special little “sound garden” located near Nature Play, this is the time to do so. We’ll introduce a couple new features for the day! Creating music in nature is a great way to embrace the changing of seasons while enjoying the autumn air! Host: Christie Wiser
Volunteer Trail Work Day	Saturday, October 24 10 am - 12 pm Ages 16+ Registration required	Join us for an introduction to the nature center and volunteering on our campus, we will hit the local trails and Nature Play to tidy up! Get outside, be social (and distant), and feel good about it! Leader: John Michael Cassidy, Julie Henry, & Volunteers
Wild and Nutty!	Saturday, November 7 10-11:30 am All ages Registration required	Let’s take a fall hike through Shelby Bottoms and search for wildlife who call it home and the nuts and seeds they depend upon! If we find and collect enough fall forage, we can donate it to east Nashville’s two wildlife organizations: Lillie Birds Wildlife Rehabilitation and Nashville Wildlife Conservation Center! Leader: Julie Henry
Sunset Soiree: Ladies’ Bluegrass Night	Saturday, November 7 4 pm All ages Registration required	Come pick a socially-distanced pre-marked spot on the lawn and enjoy the sounds of live bluegrass music provided by local lady musicians on our back porch as the sun sets! Hosts: Christie Wiser and Amanda Healan
Wintering Wildlife	Saturday, November 14 2 - 3 pm All ages Registration required	Learn how different animals at Shelby Bottoms adapt to survive the winter...and meet real wildlife ambassadors from Nashville Wildlife Conservation Center! We will also make mini bird feeders together to support backyard wildlife this winter. (Participants will each make their own to support social distancing.) Leaders: Debbie Sykes (NWCC) and Amanda Healan (Volunteer Naturalist)
Bike Ride: Fall Colors	Saturday, November 21 10 am - 12 pm Ages 10+ Registration required	Cooler weather should provide us with a slow and colorful ride through the parks to a few highlighted areas: Lake Sevier, the hills of Shelby Park, and Shelby Bottomlands. Bring your own bike. Helmet required. Leader: John Michael Cassidy



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