

Spring Schedule 2026

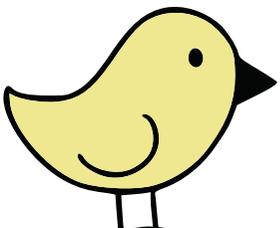


**WARNER
PARK
NATURE
CENTER**

7311 Highway 100
Nashville, TN 37221
615-862-8555
wpnc.nashville.gov

Warner Park Nature Center is open
Tuesday - Saturday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Percy and Edwin Warner Parks are open
7 days a week from sunrise to 11 p.m.

 Hello
Spring

Upcoming Author Events

*How Flowers Made Our World: The Story of Nature's
Revolutionaries*

An Evening with Author David Haskell

Thursday, March 26

6 p.m.

"The Weedy Garden"

Children's Book Event with Margaret and Billy Renkl

Saturday, March 28

10 - 11:30 a.m.

Email wpnc@nashville.gov to register



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**FRIENDS
OF WARNER PARKS**



Contact the Nature
Center for ADA
accommodations

Program	Date/Time	Registration	Information
March			
Microscope Exploration	Friday, March 6 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.	Age level: 8 years and up Registration not required	Microscopes are one of the coolest tools that scientists use to explore and gather information. Come learn how to use a microscope, explore some interesting specimens, and even solve a microscopic mystery! Leader: Kayleigh Winston
Native Nature Share	Saturday, March 7 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.	Age level: 13 years and up Registration open now	Bring in a March natural wonder to share with fellow backyard naturalists. What kind of wonder? Anything native and fascinating, such as a leaf, plant, seed, fruit, bug, bone, rock, or fossil. "Native Nature Share" is an opportunity to learn from each other about our local habitats and to build community in an informal, supportive gathering. Leaders: Vera Roberts and Joanna Brichetto
Spring Break Insect Safari	Thursday, March 12 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Age level: All ages Registration not required	Insects are everywhere - under rocks, in the creek, and even in the soil! Search high and low for insects of all shapes and sizes during this Spring Break program. Leader: Vera Roberts
Winter's End Evening Hike and Picnic	Friday, March 13 5 - 7 p.m.	Age level: All ages Registration opens February 26	Celebrate the end of winter! Pack up a picnic dinner and join us on a family-friendly hike where our destination is a hidden campfire on the hill. What wonderful evening creatures will we see and hear as we snack on s'mores? Hike is about 1/2 mile on both paved and dirt trail. Leaders: Rachel Anderson & Elyse Dilks
In Search of Nashville Mustard and other "Yard Flowers"	Saturday, March 14 9 a.m.	Age level: 13 years and up Registration opens February 28	Nashville Mustard is special, endemic to the glade ecosystems of Middle TN, and we are lucky to have it growing in Warner Parks. Go on a search for Nashville Mustard blossoms and other "yard flowers" of spring! Leaders: Vera Roberts and Joanna Brichetto
The Curious Naturalist	Saturday, March 14 1 - 3 p.m.	Age level: All ages Registration not required	What curious nature mystery will we explore today? Stop by the Nature Center and discover fascinating wildlife, plant life and more with a Naturalist. Adults and families welcome. Leader: Rachel Anderson
Wildflower Walk	Friday, March 20 9:30 - 11 a.m.	Age level: 12 years and up Registration opens March 5	Celebrate the first day of spring with a hike among the early spring wildflowers in Edwin Warner Park. Leaders: Melissa Donahue & Kim Bailey

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Wild Neighbors: Sharing Space with Wildlife	Saturday, March 21 10 a.m. - noon	Age level: 12 years and up Registration opens March 6	Wildlife is all around us - even in our own neighborhoods. This program explores the animals we live alongside of and how to peacefully and responsibly coexist with them. Leaders: Harmony Wildlife
Searching for Sallys	Saturday, March 21 3 - 4:30 p.m.	Age level: 8 years and up Registration opens March 7	Come search for salamanders in Warner Parks! Will we find them in the forest? Under logs? In the water? Let's find out together! Leaders: Elyse Dilks and Rachel Anderson
Bloom Spotting: Spring Wildflower Walk	Wednesday, March 25 10 - 11:30 a.m.	Age level: 13 years and up Registration opens March 10	Join us for a relaxed walk around the Nature Center as we closely explore what early spring wildflowers are in bloom. Leader: Rachel Anderson
How Flowers Made Our World: The Story of Nature's Revolutionaries - an Evening with Author David Haskell	Thursday, March 26 6 p.m.	Age level: 13 years and up Registration now open	Renowned biologist and author David Haskell will share his exploration of the power of flowers through his new book, "How Flowers Made Our World". We live on a floral planet, yet flowers don't get the credit they deserve. We admire them for their aesthetics, not their power. In this exquisite exploration of the role flowers played in creating the world we know today, David George Haskell observes, smells, and studies flowers such as magnolias, orchids, and roses, as well as fascinating but less celebrated flowers such as seagrasses and tea to show us what we've been missing. Presenter: David Haskell
"The Weedy Garden" Children's Book Event with Margaret and Billy Renkl	Saturday, March 28 10 - 11:30 a.m.	Age level: All ages Registration opens February 28	Join acclaimed and New York Times best-selling author Margaret Renkl and her brother, fine artist Billy Renkl, as they share their debut picture book, The Weedy Garden: A Happy Habitat for Wild Friends, which describes the vibrant ecosystem of a wildlife friendly backyard garden. This family-friendly event will include storytime, an outdoor search for "Weedy Garden" friends (squirrels, rabbits, and others), and all participants will be able to pot a native seedling to plant at home. Books will be available during the program for purchase and signing. Space is limited and registration is required for this program. Presenters: Margaret and Billy Renkl
Ask a Master Gardener	Saturday, March 28 10 a.m. - noon	Age level: All ages Registration not required	Drop in with your questions and curiosity. Members from the University of Tennessee Extension Master Gardeners of Davidson County will be available to share their wealth of knowledge. Leaders: Master Gardeners of Davidson County

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Moss March Madness	Saturday, March 28 1:30 - 3 p.m.	Age level: All ages Registration opens March 14	March our trails as we learn about the importance of moss and how incredibly diverse it is. Be prepared to touch lots of moss. Leaders: Elyse Dilks & Kayleigh Winston
April			
A Blue Hike	Wednesday, April 1 10 a.m. - noon	Age level: 13 years and up 10 a.m. - noon	Don't be blue, spring is here! Enjoy bluebirds, blue jays, bluebells and the blue trail during this early spring hike with a Naturalist. Leader: Rachel Anderson
Wildflower Journaling	Friday, April 3 10 a.m. - noon	Age level: 8 years and up Registration opens March 20	Calling all poets, artists, and nature enthusiasts! Slow down and enjoy the spring wildflowers on this naturalist-led hike with elements of nature journaling. Leader: Kayleigh Winston
Native Nature Share	Saturday, April 4 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.	Age level: 13 years and up Registration open now	Bring in an April natural wonder to share with fellow backyard naturalists. What kind of wonder? Anything native and fascinating, such as a leaf, plant, seed, fruit, bug, bone, rock, or fossil. "Native Nature Share" is an opportunity to learn from each other about our local habitats and to build community in an informal, supportive gathering. Leaders: Vera Roberts and Joanna Brichetto
Wildflower Wander	Saturday, April 4 1 - 2:30 p.m.	Age level: 13 years and up Registration opens March 21	Explore the hollows and hills of Warner Parks in search of spring ephemerals during the peak of the spring wildflower bloom. Leader: Vera Roberts
Turtles, Toads, and Tiny Things	Saturday, April 4 1 - 3 p.m.	Age level: All ages Registration opens March 20	Discover the small creatures that make a big difference! This program explores turtles, toads, and other tiny things and how they're important to nature. Leaders: Harmony Wildlife
Spring Migration Bird Walk	Friday, April 10 8 - 10 a.m.	Age level: All ages Registration opens March 27	Search the campus, fields and hills of Edwin Warner Park for migratory birds. Edwin Warner Park has a nice mix of native fields and hilled forests making a perfect place to search for migratory birds as they make their way to their northern breeding grounds. How many kinds of birds can we find? Leader: Kim Bailey, BIRD Program Volunteer
Family Wildflower Walk	Friday, April 10 10 a.m. - noon	Age level: 8 years and up Registration opens March 27	Enjoy a stroll through the forest searching for the beautiful blossoms of spring. Leader: Will Chamberlain

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Easy Spring Birding	Saturday, April 11 9 - 10:30 a.m.	Age level: 8 years and up Registration opens March 28	Some of the most gratifying birding moments happen while one sits quietly on a favorite perch. This bird “walk” will be a bird “sit” and ideal for those who find birding on the trail a challenge. We’ll meet to listen to bird songs and calls and watch for migratory and resident birds to come into view . Leader: Amy Pardo, BIRD Program Volunteer
The Curious Naturalist	Saturday, April 11 10 a.m. - noon	Age level: All ages Registration not required	What curious nature mystery will we explore today? Stop by the Nature Center and discover fascinating wildlife, plant life and more with a Naturalist. Adults and families welcome. Leader: Vera Roberts
Lantern Hike	Thursday, April 16 7 - 8:30 p.m.	Age level: 10 years and up Registration opens April 2	Enjoy the chance to experience Warner Park at night as we walk the trails with only the light of our lanterns to guide the way. Leader: Elyse Dilks
Bird Migration Walk Along the Little Harpeth River	Saturday, April 18 7 - 9 a.m.	Age level: 12 years and up Registration opens April 4	Join us as we walk along the Greenway path next to the Little Harpeth River in search of birds. This river corridor offers an abundant mix of resident, breeding, and migrating birds. Leader: Chris Sloan, BIRD Program Volunteer
What’s the Buzz with Native Bees	Saturday, April 18 10 a.m. - noon	Age level: All ages Registration not required	Discover the world of native bees—who they are, why they matter, and how they help our gardens and wild spaces thrive. You’ll meet bees you’ve probably never noticed, learn cool facts, and find easy ways to help these local pollinators feel right at home. Leaders: Rachel Anderson and Elyse Dilks
The Bee’s Mead	Friday, April 24 5:30 - 7 p.m.	Age level: 21 years and up Registration opens April 10	Discover the world of native bees—who they are, why they matter, and how they help our gardens and wild spaces thrive. You’ll meet bees you’ve probably never noticed, learn cool facts, and find easy ways to help these local pollinators feel right at home all while sipping upon the delicacies they offer. Leaders: Elyse Dilks and Rachel Anderson
Ask a Master Gardener	Saturday, April 25 10 a.m. - noon	Age level: All ages Registration not required	Drop in with your questions and curiosity. Members from the University of Tennessee Extension Master Gardeners of Davidson County will be available to share their wealth of knowledge. Leaders: Master Gardeners of Davidson County
Spring Vol Call	Saturday, April 25 10 a.m. - noon	Age level: 13 years and up with an adult or 18 years and up Register at warnerparks.org	Join Friends as we look to pick up litter, clear obstructions, and clean up the parks. Leader: Paul Fowler

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May			
Springtime Serenade	Friday, May 1 8:30 - 10 a.m.	Age level: 12 years and up Registration opens April 17	Who is singing in the forest? Let's gather to listen to different songs and calls of the birds in the beautiful Warner Parks. We'll follow those calls to confirm our answers! Leader: Susan Bradfield, BIRD Program Volunteer
Native Nature Share	Saturday, May 2 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.	Age level: 13 years and up Registration now open	Bring in a May natural wonder to share with fellow backyard naturalists. What kind of wonder? Anything native and fascinating, such as a leaf, plant, seed, fruit, bug, bone, rock, or fossil. "Native Nature Share" is an opportunity to learn from each other about our local habitats and to build community in an informal, supportive gathering. Leaders: Vera Roberts and Joanna Brichetto
Spring Sound Bath Meditation	Saturday, May 2 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Age level: 13 years and up Registration opens April 17	Join us for a spring sound bath meditation that celebrates the magic of rebirth and renewal that blooms around us. Nestled in the peaceful setting behind the Nature Center, we'll combine crystal sound bowls, breathwork, and light Tai Chi movements to welcome in and align with the new season. Leader: Madaline Spinks, Zen Tiger Healing
The Wonder of Wood Warblers	Friday, May 8 9 - 10:30 a.m.	Age level: 13 years and up Registration opens April 23	Northern parula, Kentucky, Yellow-throated, Black-and-white -- these are all warblers that can be found in our forest in late spring. Join us as we explore their habitat and discover their secrets. Leaders: Rachel Anderson
Evening Cave Tour	Friday, May 8 6 - 8 p.m.	Age level: 8 years and up Registration opens April 23	Join us for a rare opportunity to Explore a natural cave and learn about how it was formed and what creatures live inside. Leader: Rachel Anderson
Gardening for Butterflies, Bees, and Birds	Friday, May 15 9:30 a.m.	Age level: 13 years and up Registration opens May 1	Spring is the perfect time to start a native pollinator garden! Tour the Nature Center's pollinator garden to learn about plant and site selection for attracting native bees, butterflies and birds, and the benefits of creating a native habitat in your own backyard. Leader: Vera Roberts
An Evening Paint Date	Friday, May 15 6 p.m. - sunset	Age level: 21 years and up Registration opens May 1	Sit back, relax and connect to nature all with the flick of a brush. Learn tips, tricks, and enjoy some sips as we paint lovely scenery in Warner Parks till sundown. Leaders: Elyse Dilks, Jenna Atma, and Kayleigh Winston

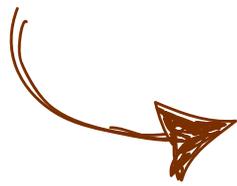
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Old Time Jam	Saturday, May 16 10 a.m. - noon	Age level: All ages Registration not required	Bring your instrument and join the round for some Old Time strumming and picking on the back porch, or just sit back and enjoy the tunes. Coordinator: Daniel Carlton
Spring Vol Call	Saturday, May 16 10 a.m. - noon	Age level: 13 years and up with an adult or 18 years and up Register at warnerparks.org	Join Friends as we look to pick up litter, clear obstructions, and clean up the parks. Leader: Paul Fowler
Ask a Master Gardener	Saturday, May 23 10 a.m. - noon	Age level: All ages Registration not required	Drop in with your questions and curiosity. Members from the University of Tennessee Extension Master Gardeners of Davidson County will be available to share their wealth of knowledge. Leaders: Master Gardeners of Davidson County
Fire Building 101	Saturday, May 23 10 a.m. - noon	Age level: 8 years and up To register call 615-642-9745 or email outdoorrec@nashville.gov	Learn the basics of fire building at Warner Park, including fire safety, materials, structure, and strategies. We will attempt multiple methods from traditional to modern techniques in this hand-on class. At the end we will roast smores with the fires you help to create. Space is limited. Leader: Krista Allen, Outdoor Recreation
The Curious Naturalist	Saturday, May 23 1 - 3 p.m.	Age level: All ages Registration not required	What curious nature mystery will we explore today? Stop by the Nature Center and discover fascinating wildlife, plant life and more with a Naturalist. Adults and families welcome. Leader: Will Chamberlain
Spring Star Party	Saturday, May 23 8:30 - 10:30 p.m.	Age level: All ages Registration open now	View the night sky through telescopes shared by local astronomers! Jupiter, the Summer Triangle and views of star clusters and nebulae will all be visible during this free public event. Coordinators: Barnard-Seyfert Astronomical Society & Nashville Astronomy Club
Full Moon Pickin' Party	Friday, May 29 5:30 - 10 p.m.	Age level: All ages Purchase tickets at warnerparks.org	This unique, bluegrass music series is one of Nashville's most popular outdoor events, attracting families, friends, and dog lovers from all over to hear local musicians play together under the full moon, in one of Nashville's most picturesque settings: Percy Warner Park Equestrian Center. Join us for a night of traditional bluegrass music and dinner from local food trucks. Coordinators: Friends of Warner Parks
Spring Butterfly Bonanza	Saturday, May 30 1 - 2:30 p.m.	Age level: All ages Registration opens May 16	Do you love butterflies? Come have fun as we learn how to observe and identify butterflies in Warner Parks. Leader: Elyse Dilks



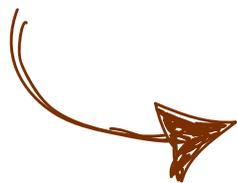
BIRD BANDING

Open to the public but organized groups **MUST** call or email ahead to attend a bird banding session



<p style="text-align: center;">Spring Bird Banding Research (8am-12pm unless noted otherwise)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March 3 • March 31 • April 8 (12 - 4 p.m.) • April 14 • April 21 • April 28 • May 5 (8 a.m. - 2 p.m.) • May 12 (8 a.m. - 2 p.m.) • May 27 (8 a.m. - 2 p.m.)
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NATURE CENTER CLOSINGS



<p style="text-align: center;">Iroquois Steeplechase</p>	<p>Closed May 9</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Memorial Day</p>	<p>Closed May 26</p>

<p style="text-align: center;">Discover the Nature Center Library</p>	<p>Every Wednesday 10am-12pm</p>
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