



Summer Schedule
2026



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SUMMER

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Nashville, TN 37221
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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.

SAVE THE DATE

**Hummingbird
Celebration**

**Saturday,
September 5**

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM



**METRO
PARKS
NASHVILLE**



**FRIENDS
OF WARNER PARKS**



Contact the Nature
Center for ADA
accommodations

Program	Date/Time	Registration	Information
June			
Adopt an Insect Craft	Saturday, June 6 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Age level: All ages Registration not required	Do you love insects and crafts?! Come learn about, build, and take home your very own insect made from natural resources! Leader: Elyse Dilks
Vol Call: Creek Cleanup	Saturday, June 6 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Age level: 13 years and up with an adult, or 18 years and up To register, visit warnerparks.org	Put on the water shoes and dress to get wet as we take a walk down Vaughn's Creek looking for litter and clearing debris left behind by Winter Storm Fern. Leader: Paul Fowler
Family Lantern Hike	Tuesday, June 9 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.	Age level: All ages Registration opens May 26	Come experience Warner Parks at night with only the light of our lanterns to guide the way. Leader: Elyse Dilks
The Curious Naturalist	Saturday, June 13 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Age level: All ages Registration not required	What curious nature mysteries 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: WPNC Staff
Summer Solstice Fairy Houses	Saturday, June 20 10 - 11:30 a.m.	Age level: All ages Registration opens June 5	Capture the magic of the summer solstice with a short walk through the forest, where we will gather fallen leaves, mossy twigs, and other natural items to create a whimsical fairy house village. Leader: Kayleigh Winston
Shape a Better Future for Tennessee: Short Films + Live Panel	Wednesday, June 24 6 p.m.	Age level: 21 years and up Registration is now open	Grab a drink and dive into an evening of powerful storytelling and real conversation. We'll screen three short films tackling the environmental challenges impacting Tennessee right now – then shift from watching to action with a live panel on how you can make a difference locally. Connect with others, share ideas, and leave inspired to help shape what's next for our state. Refreshments included. Presenters: Ryan Gentle & Austin Quarles, Physically Awkward Films, and Vera Roberts
Full Moon Pickin' Party	Friday, June 26 6 - 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

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Ask a Master Gardener	Saturday, June 27 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Age level: All ages Registration not required	Drop in with your questions and curiosity. Members of 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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July			
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Summer Sound Bath Meditation	Saturday, July 11 6 - 7:30 p.m.	Age level: 13 years and up Registration opens June 27	Join us for a summer sound bath meditation that embraces the warmth, vitality, and expansive energy of the season. Held inside the peaceful Nature Center, we'll blend crystal sound bowls, breathwork, and gentle restorative movements to help you soften into the present moment, soak up the golden light, and align with summer's vibrant, full-bodied rhythm. Leader: Madaline Spinks, Zen Tiger Healing
Adult Lantern Hike	Friday, July 17 7:30 - 9 p.m.	Age level: 18 years and up Registration opens July 3	Come hike Warner Parks at night with only the light of our lanterns to guide the way. Leader: Elyse Dilks
Vol Call; Rise and Shine Trails	Saturday, July 18 6 - 9 a.m.	Age level: 13 years and up with an adult, or 18 years and up To register, visit warnerparks.org	Get up early and join us in the woods as we look to beat the heat and give our beloved trails a little TLC. Leader: Paul Fowler
Curious Naturalist: Crawdad Creek	Saturday, July 18 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Age level: All ages Registration not required	Cool off in the creek while fishing for crawdads! Explore these amazing invertebrates while discovering what role these little pinchers play in the creek habitat. Leader: Rachel Anderson

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Moth Watch at Warner Parks	Wednesday, July 22 8 - 11:30 p.m.	Age level: All ages Registration not required	It's Warner Parks' very first Moth Watch! Drop on by to observe, partake, and enjoy the delights of community driven science relating to all things moths and other nighttime insects. Leaders: Elyse Dilks, Rachel Anderson, & Dr. Steve Murphree
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Wild Neighbors: Sharing Space with Wildlife	Saturday, July 25 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Age level: All ages Registration opens July 10	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
Ask a Master Gardener	Saturday, July 25 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Age level: All ages Registration not required	Drop in with your questions and curiosity. Members of 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
Vaughn's Gap Cave Tour	Saturday, July 25 4:30 - 7:30 p.m.	Age level: 10 years and up Registration opens July 10	Join us for a rare opportunity to explore a natural cave and learn about how it was formed and what creatures live inside. Leader: Kayleigh Winston
August			
River Critter Exploration	Saturday, August 1 9 - 11 a.m.	Age level: 10 years and up Registration opens July 17	Even the quietest-looking creeks can be full of life. Join us as we survey the Little Harpeth River for macroinvertebrates and learn about this amazing group of river-dwelling creatures. Leader: Kayleigh Winston
Radical Reptiles	Saturday, August 1 1 - 2:30 p.m.	Age level: All ages Registration opens July 18	Love reptiles? Even if you love, fear, or are unsure of our scaly friends, join us in getting an up close look of one of our naturalist's very own reptiles. Let's learn about how incredible and totally radical reptiles truly are. Leader: Elyse Dilks

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Bat to School	Thursday, August 6 7:30 - 8:45 p.m.	Age level: 6 years and up Registration opens July 22	Spark your curiosity before school begins with this fun deep dive into the world of bats! Go behind the scenes with researchers as they attempt to temporarily catch bats for science, and help us understand why these winged wonders deserve an A+ in awesome. Leaders: Sara Samoray, Bat Biologist and Naturalist Rachel Anderson
Last Day of Summer at Nature Play	Friday, August 7 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Age level: All ages Registration not required	With summer coming to a close, join us for one last big Nature Play party before the school year starts! Prepare for water, mud, sand, and sun as we celebrate the joys of summer fun. Leader: Kayleigh Winston
Old Time Jam	Saturday, August 8 9 - 11 a.m.	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. Leader: Daniel Charlton
Collage Workshop with the Nashville Collage Collective	Saturday, August 8 1 - 3:30 p.m.	Age level: All ages Registration not required	Join us for a unique opportunity to work alongside the Nashville Collage Collective as you create an original piece of art. Supplies and light guidance/advice will be provided. This is a Do-It-Yourself project. Leaders: Nashville Collage Collective
Gardening for Butterflies and Hummingbirds	Thursday, August 13 9 - 10:30 a.m.	Age level: 13 years and up Registration is now open	Discover how to create a colorful haven for butterflies, hummingbirds, and other native pollinators by choosing the right plants, creating inviting spaces, and supporting native biodiversity - all in your own backyard. Leader: Vera Roberts
Full Moon Pickin' Party	Friday, August 14 6 - 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
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Vol Call: Splash the Trash	Saturday, August 22 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Age level: 16 years and up To register, visit warnerparks.org	Join us for our annual river stewardship day as we jump in and get wet while working to clean up the Little Harpeth as it snakes its way along the edge of the park. Leader: Paul Fowler
The Curious Naturalist	Saturday, August 29 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Age level: All ages Registration not required	What curious nature mysteries 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: WPNC Staff



BIRD BANDING

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

Summer Bird Banding Research (8am-2pm unless noted otherwise)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • June 2 • June 16 • June 23 • July 7 • July 14 • July 28 • August 4 • August 25 (8 a.m.-12 p.m.)
Hummingbird Migration Banding Research (7:30 - 9:30 a.m.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • August 5 • August 12 • August 19 • August 26

NATURE CENTER CLOSINGS

Juneteenth	Closed June 19
Independence Day	Closed July 4

Discover the Nature Center Library!	
Every Saturday 10am-12pm	