



Outdoor Nashville Summer 2026 Program Schedule



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<p>All Ages Learn to Ride Bike Clinic x Bike Fun</p>	<p>Sunday, June 7 10:00am-1:00pm Age Level: All ages Skill: Beginner Location: Cornelia Fort Airpark Trailhead Cost: Free</p>	<p>In partnership with the Outdoor Nashville, Bike Fun is teaching a course for EVERYBODY on learning (or relearning) how to ride a bicycle. This course is meant for brand new riders and for potential riders who are anxious about getting back on a bicycle after a long time away. Registration is REQUIRED. For more information and to register, go to: https://nashvillebikefun.org/event/all-ages-learn-to-ride-june-2026/</p>
<p>Local Rivers Paddle</p>	<p>Saturday, June 13 10:00am-2:00pm Age Level: 14+ Skill: Intermediate Location: TBD Cost:\$25</p>	<p>Get ready for a fun downriver adventure! We'll meet at a local river access point for a scenic paddle trip, with the exact location chosen closer to the program date based on water levels. Plan to paddle at least 6 miles while enjoying time on the water. All gear is provided, and participants should have some previous paddling experience.</p>
<p>Canoe Only Paddle</p>	<p>Tuesday, June 16 3:00pm-8:00pm Age Level: 14+ Skill: Beginner Hamilton Creek Park Cost: \$25</p>	<p>Canoes only - meet us at Hamilton Creek Recreation Area on Percy Priest Lake to practice solo and tandem canoeing skills. We will be working on strategies to help you feel confident while out on the water, then use those skills to tour the lake. Gear provided, but if participants have their own canoes, we would prefer to instruct in what you'd normally paddle in.</p>
<p>Fire Building 101</p>	<p>Wednesday, June 17 9:00am-11:00am Age Level: 8+ Skill: Beginner Bells Bend Park Cost: Free</p>	<p>Learn the basics of fire building at Bells Bend Park including safety, materials, structure, and strategies. We will attempt multiple methods from traditional to modern techniques in this hands-on class. At the end we will roast smores with the fires you help to create.</p>
<p>Paddle the Cumberland</p>	<p>Tuesday, June 23 9:00am-12:00pm Age Level: 14+ Skill: Intermediate Cumberland River Cost: \$25</p>	<p>Spend the day exploring the Cumberland on a scenic downriver paddle! We'll meet at a local boating access point, with the exact starting location selected closer to the program date based on water levels. Gear is provided. Participants should have some previous paddling experience.</p>
<p>Campfire Cooking</p>	<p>Friday, June 26 5:00pm-7:30pm Age Level: All ages Skill: Beginner Bells Bend Park Cost: \$5</p>	<p>Tired of just eating hot-dogs on camping trips? Campfire cooking doesn't have to be intimidating! Join us at Bells Bend Park's campground to learn a simple, hearty, and fool-proof recipe you can make right over the fire—perfect for beginners and seasoned campers alike. Please let us know about any dietary restrictions when registering.</p>
<p>Archery Basics Session #1</p>	<p>Saturday, July 11 9:00am-11:00am Age Level: 5+ Skill: Beginner Bells Bend Park Cost: Free</p>	<p>Whether you're taking your first steps into the world of archery or you're a seasoned archer with a quiver full of experience, we invite you to join us at Bells Bend Park for an exciting morning dedicated to practicing this skill. Bows and arrows provided. You may bring your own equipment, but may only use practice tips. Please wear closed toed shoes.</p>



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<p>Archery Basics Session #2</p>	<p>Saturday, July 11 1:00pm-3:00pm Age Level: 5+ Skill: Beginner Bells Bend Park Cost: Free</p>	<p>Whether you're taking your first steps into the world of archery or you're a seasoned archer with a quiver full of experience, we invite you to join us at Bells Bend Park for a fun afternoon dedicated to practicing this skill. Bows and arrows provided. You may bring your own equipment, but may only use practice tips. Please wear closed toed shoes.</p>
<p>Local Waters Paddle</p>	<p>Friday, July 17 10:00am-2:00pm Age Level: 14+ Skill: Intermediate Location: TBD Cost: \$25</p>	<p>We will meet at a local river or lake-the exact location will be chosen based on water levels and temperatures as we near the program date. All gear and instruction is provided. Participants should have some previous paddling experience.</p>
<p>Pedals & Petals</p>	<p>Wednesday, July 22 6:00pm-8:00pm Age Level: 16+ Skill: Intermediate Shelby Bottoms Park Cost: Free</p>	<p>Come with us for a scenic bike ride on the Shelby Bottoms Greenway. We'll make several stops to explore the park's rich plant life. We'll focus on identifying plants not just by their flowers, but by their seeds and late-summer changes. Bring your own bike if you have one. A limited number of bikes are available to reserve.</p>
<p>Mill Creek Cleanup x Harpeth Conservancy</p>	<p>Saturday, July 25 10:00am-12:00pm Age Level: 18+ Skill: Beginner Mill Creek at Whitsett Park Cost: Free</p>	<p>Join us for a cleanup along the Mill Creek at Whitsett Park! We'll collect trash and debris and learn more about how to be a life-long clean water advocate and river steward. All necessary tools and equipment will be provided. Please wear sturdy closed-toe shoes, long pants, and weather-appropriate clothing. For more information and to register, go to: https://harpethconservancy.org/event/mill-creek-clean-up-2/</p>
<p>Learn about Lytle Bend Hike</p>	<p>Saturday, August 1 9:00am-12:00pm Age Level: 16+ Skill: Intermediate Lytle Bend Park Cost: Free</p>	<p>Join us for a guided hike through the beautiful fields of Lytle Bend Park, Nashville's newest natural area park. Along the way, we'll explore the park's rolling landscapes and emerging trail system while learning about its unique ecological features. Participants will also discover the many opportunities this new space offers for environmental education, wildlife observation, and outdoor recreation in Davidson County's growing network of natural areas.</p>
<p>Local Flat Water Paddle</p>	<p>Saturday, August 15 8:00am-2pm Age Level: 14+ Skill: Beginner Location: TBD Cost: \$25</p>	<p>Perfect for beginners looking for a fun challenge, this guided paddling adventure is a great way to explore Middle Tennessee's waterways while building confidence on the water. We will meet at a local river or lake, with the exact location selected closer to the program date based on water levels and conditions. All gear and instruction are provided.</p>
<p>See You at Stones River</p>	<p>Wednesday, August 19 9:00am-12:00pm Age Level: All ages Skill: n/a Stones Cost: Free</p>	<p>Have you ever wanted to know more about the recreation opportunities surrounding Percy Priest Lake and Stones River? Drop by and see us at the Stones River Greenway –Percy Priest Dam Trailhead to get the latest news and learn more about what we're doing with Outdoor Nashville!</p>
<p>Peeler Park and PawPaws Hike</p>	<p>Friday, August 21 5:00pm-7:00pm Age Level: 16+ Skill: Beginner Peeler Park Cost: Free</p>	<p>Come hike Peeler Park's newly refreshed and blazed trails and learn about North America's largest native fruit along the way. We'll go over the updates to the trail system, explore where pawpaw trees grow, and explain what makes both Peeler Park and pawpaw such unique local treasures.</p>
<p>Climbing Day</p>	<p>Saturday, August 29 1:00pm-3:00pm Age Level: All ages Skill: Beginner Bells Bend Park Cost: Free</p>	<p>Whether a beginner or a pro, this is the program for you! Come check out Bells Bend Outdoor Center's indoor climbing wall with our auto belay system and outdoor boulder. We'll have the crash pads set up and ready to go. Shoes, chalk, etc. not provided. We will have harnesses available for use on the indoor wall.</p>



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