



Fall Schedule
2026



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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.



FRIENDS
OF WARNER PARKS



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Center for ADA
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Birds of Nashville
Art Exhibit
by artist
Liz Clayton Fuller
September through
October

Program	Date/Time	Registration	Information
September			
Bird Migration Walk Along the Little Harpeth River	Saturday, September 5 7 -9 a.m.	Age level: 13 years and up Registration opens August 22	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 and migrating birds. Leader: Chris Sloan, BIRD Volunteer
Hummingbird Celebration	Saturday, September 5 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. (Hummingbird banding 9am-11am)	Age level: All ages Registration not required	Ruby-throated hummingbirds are migrating south and busy visiting our feeders and flowers! This free event features fun and educational activities for people of all ages, including hummingbird banding from 9-11 a.m., hummingbird observation and education stations, face painting, art activities, tips on attracting hummingbirds, and much more. Leaders: Nature Center Staff and Volunteers
Birds and Art with Liz Clayton Fuller	Saturday, September 5 1 - 2 p.m.	Age level: 13 years and up Registration is now open	“Birds and Art” is a discussion focused on Liz's work as a scientific illustrator and fine artist, sharing the story of how she became an artist focused on birds. Liz will demonstrate her approach to “bird art” and participants will also be able to try their own hand at drawing birds. Presenter: Liz Clayton Fuller
Native Nature Share	Saturday, September 12 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.	Age level: 13 years and up Registration is now open	Bring in a September 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. Enjoy the opportunity to learn from each other about our local habitats and to build community in an informal, supportive gathering. Leaders: Joanna Brichetto and Vera Roberts
Curious Naturalist	Saturday, September 12 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: Rachel Anderson
Vol Call: Twilight Trail Crew	Saturday, September 12 7 - 9 p.m.	Age level: 13 years and up with an adult or 18 years and up Register at warnerparks.org	Let’s get out and hit some calmer, cooler trails. Bring a headlight and join the crew for a little after-hours work to clean up and take care of our trails. Leader: Paul Fowler

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Fall Star Party	Saturday, September 12 8 - 10:30 p.m.	Age level: All ages Registration is now open	Join local astronomers for a view of the late summer night sky through a telescope. Featured astronomical objects will include a peek at the Andromeda Galaxy, Hercules Star Cluster, and maybe a glimpse at Saturn. Coordinators: Barnard-Seyfert Astronomical Society and Nashville Astronomy Club
Hummingbird Happy Hour	Tuesday, September 15 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.	Age level: 21 years and up Purchase tickets at warnerparks.org	This annual event takes place at the height of hummingbird migration season at the Warner Park Nature Center. Guests enjoy cocktails and hors d'oeuvres while hummingbirds buzz about, visiting flowers and feeders before starting their tremendous migration south. Proceeds from ticket sales support the Warner Park Bird Information Research and Data (B.I.R.D) program.
Wildflowers of Field and Forest	Friday, September 18 9 a.m.	Age level: 13 years and up Registration opens September 4	Saunter through the fields and forests of Warner Parks in search of beautiful fall wildflowers and the many butterflies, bees, and other specialists who rely on them for their survival. Leader: Vera Roberts
River Critter Exploration	Saturday, September 19 9 - 11 a.m.	Age level: 10 years and up Registration opens September 5	Even the quietest-looking creeks can be full of life, and fall is a great season to observe it! Join us as we survey the Little Harpeth River for macroinvertebrates and learn more about these fascinating creatures. Leader: Kayleigh Winston
Birding the Interior of Warner Parks at Beech Grove	Thursday, September 24 7 - 9 a.m.	Age level: 13 years and up Registration opens September 10	Beech Grove is located within the interior section of Percy Warner Park. With an ephemeral creek, forest edges, and an adjacent field, it is an ideal birding location. Join Graham as we search for both resident and migratory birds like warblers dressed in their fall plumage. Leader: Graham Gerdeman
Easy Birding at Spring Hollow	Friday, September 25 8:30 - 10 a.m.	Age level: 12 years and up Registration opens September 11	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 begin with a short informative discussion about some of the birds we may encounter. Although birds are not as "vocal" at this time of year, we will listen for calls and chips to spot them. Spring Hollow is a beautiful and quiet place for birding. Leader: Susan Bradfield, BIRD Volunteer

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Full Moon Pickin' Party	Friday, September 25 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
Ask a Master Gardener	Saturday, September 26 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
Curious Naturalist	Saturday, September 26 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 at the Burch Reserve	Saturday, September 26 7 - 9 p.m.	Age level: 13 years and up Registration opens September 12	Join us at the Burch Reserve for a 2-mile hike with only lanterns to guide our way as the sun sets over the park. Leader: Elyse Dilks
October			
Curious Naturalist	Saturday, October 3 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: Lili Wrenne
Sensing Together: A More-than-Human Community	Wednesday, October 7 6 p.m.	Age level: 13 years and up Registration is now open	Join us for an evening with Humans & Nature Press's Gavin Van Horn, as we celebrate and discuss their newest book, Sensoria: Attending to the Wonder and Vitality of Nature. This timely volume offers readers new ways of understanding relations in everyday encounters that link our inner and outer awareness - embodied experiences that shape what we see, hear, touch, taste, and smell, and the way these perceptions can help us to attend more closely and respectfully to the lifeworlds of other-than-human creatures. After a presentation, reading, and Q&A, Gavin and other contributors will be on hand to sign books. Presenter: Gavin Van Horn, PhD, Executive Editor of Humans & Nature Press

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Lookin' for Lichen	Friday, October 9 1:30 - 3 p.m.	Age level: 13 years and up Registration opens September 25	Join us on a treasure hunt for one of nature's most fascinating organisms- lichen! Fall is the best time to search high and low for these symbiotic organisms. Come along as we hike through Warner Parks and learn about what makes lichen so special! Leaders: Kayleigh Winston and Lili Wrenne
Migration Birding at the Little Harpeth River	Saturday, October 10 7 - 9 a.m.	Age level: 13 years and up Registration opens September 25	The Greenway path along the Little Harpeth River is a prime location to search for resident and migratory birds. Leader: Graham Gerdeman
Native Nature Share	Saturday, October 10 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.	Age level: 13 years and up Registration is now open	Bring in an October 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. Enjoy the opportunity to learn from each other about our local habitats and to build community in an informal, supportive gathering. Leaders: Joanna Brichetto and Vera Roberts
Migratory Bird Day	Saturday, October 10 10 a.m. - noon	Age level: All ages Registration not required	Tanagers, warblers, vireos, thrushes, and many other songbirds are moving through Warner Parks on their way to their wintering habitats. Observe and explore these amazing travelers through hands-on activities and bird banding research. Leaders: Rachel Anderson and BIRD Team
Family Bird Walk at Warner Park Nature Center	Tuesday, October 13 10 - 11:30 a.m.	Age level: All ages Registration opens September 29	Search the Warner Park Nature Center campus, fields, and hills for migratory birds. Edwin Warner Park has a nice mix of native fields and hilled forests, making it a perfect place to search for migratory birds as they make their way to their southerly wintering grounds. How many kinds of birds can we find? Leaders: Amy Pardo and family, BIRD Volunteers
Fall Foliage Hike	Wednesday, October 14 10 a.m. - noon	Age level: 8 years and up Registration opens September 30	Fall is the perfect season to slow down and appreciate the many different types of trees throughout Warner Parks. Join us to learn some basic Tree ID skills and put them to the test on a foliage-focused hike. Leader: Kayleigh Winston

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Fall Flower Floray	Thursday, October 15 10:30 a.m. - noon	Age level: All ages Registration opens October 1	Fall flowers are blooming! Come meander through one of our lovely meadows, taking in the sights and smells and then build your own fall bouquet to celebrate the season. Leaders: Vera Roberts and Elyse Dilks
Family Fungi Walk	Friday, October 16 10 - 11:30 a.m.	Age level: All ages Registration opens October 2	Come on a short walk with Mr. Will and look for fascinating fungi in the woods and fields. Leader: Will Chamberlain
Autumn Sound Bath Meditation	Friday, October 16 6:30 p.m.	Age level: 13 years and up Registration opens October 2	Join us for an autumn sound bath meditation inspired by the beauty of the changing season - a time to slow down, let go, and welcome transformation. Nestled in nature behind the Nature Center, we'll combine crystal sound bowls, live instruments, breathwork, and light Qigong movements to connect with the nature around us. Lean into autumn's invitation to slow down, root into the earth, and reconnect with the rhythms of nature and yourself. Leader: Madaline Spinks, Zen Tiger Healing
Vol Call: Hiker's Euonymus	Saturday, October 17 10 a.m. - noon	Age level: 13 years and up with an adult or 18 years and up Register at warnerparks.org	Learn what you can do to identify and remove invasive plants along the trails. We'll target new growth in areas previously cleared and, with your help, ensure a thriving future forest. Leader: Paul Fowler
A Fall Bees' Mead	Saturday, October 17 2:30 - 4 p.m.	Age level: 21 years and up Registration opens October 3	Discover the world of native bees - who they are, why they matter, and how they help out 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, October 24 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
Nashville's Native Orchids	Saturday, October 24 1 p.m.	Age level: 13 years and up Registration is now open	The city of Nashville is surrounded by delicate, colorful native orchids. From the larger mammals of the fire to the tiniest insects, a society is flourishing. Join scientist Soraya Cates Parr on a journey to discover this fascinating world and the ecology that surrounds it. Presenter: Soraya Cates Parr

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A Haunted House in Warner Woods	Friday, October 30 5:30 - 8:30 OR 6:30 - 9:30	Age level: 16 years and up Registration opens October 15	Something creepy has entered the woods of Warner Park. Hike a short trail deep into the forest and solve a nature mystery while escaping from the haunted cabin. And enjoy a campfire, s'mores, ghost stories, and more! Leaders: Rachel Anderson and Elyse Dilks
Creature Casualties	Saturday, October 31 10 - 11:30 a.m.	Age level: 8 years and up Registration opens October 17	Do you know what kind of creature casualties happen within Warner Parks? Join us on the day of Hollow's Eve for some trivia fun and candy rewards all while learning how brutal nature can be. Leader: Elyse Dilks
November			
Squirrel Survival Games	Tuesday, November 3 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.	Age level: 8 years and up Registration not required	If you were a squirrel living in Warner Parks, would you have what it takes to survive the winter? Prepare yourself during fall, adapt to challenges throughout the winter, and (hopefully!) survive to see spring in this fun, staff-made challenge. Leader: Kayleigh Winston
Seed Saving Season	Friday, November 6 10 - 11 a.m.	Age level: 13 years and up Registration is now open	Now is the time to let your garden "go to seed" in preparation for next year's planting. Participants will learn all about the ins and outs of seed saving and get some hands-on experience, too! Leader: Vera Roberts
Native Nature Share	Saturday, November 7 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.	Age level: 13 years and up Registration is now open	Bring in a November 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. Enjoy the opportunity to learn from each other about our local habitats and to build community in an informal, supportive gathering. Leaders: Joanna Brichetto and Vera Roberts
Vol Call: Pullin' Party	Saturday, November 7 10 a.m. - noon	Age level: 16 years and up Register at warnerparks.org	It's that time of year again. Put on your weekend warrior outfits and join the good fight as we team up to stop the spread of our most pesty plants. Leader: Paul Fowler
Helping Wildlife Through Winter	Saturday, November 7 10 a.m. - noon	Age level: All ages Registration opens October 24	Meet Harmony Wildlife staff and discover how animals adapt to the cold and prepare for the winter season ahead. From storing nuts to building warm homes, we'll explore ways wildlife stays fed and safe through the winter. Leaders: Harmony Wildlife Rehabilitation Center

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Searching for Owls of Warner Parks	Saturday, November 7 4:45 - 7:00 p.m.	Age level: 13 years and up Registration opens October 24	Warner Parks is home to several owl species including Great-horned Owl, Barred Owl, Screech Owl, and during migration/winter even Northern Saw-whet Owls. Join Graham as we search for owls near the Little Harpeth River and up to forest edges of Ridgefield in Edwin Warner Park. Leader: Graham Gerdeman
Early Winter Birds of Edwin Warner Park	Saturday, November 14 7:30 - 9:30 a.m.	Age level: 13 years and up Registration opens October 31	Mid-November is a great time to find migratory birds who will spend the winter with us. Join Graham as we search the meadows, trails, and forests of Edwin Warner Park. Leader: Graham Gerdeman
Curious Naturalist	Saturday, November 14 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: Lili Wrenne
Nashville Collage Collective's "Wintery Dreams" Opening Reception	Saturday, November 14 3 - 5 p.m.	Age level: 21 years and up Registration not required	The Nashville Collage Collective is a local group that has put together art displays following the theme "Wintery Dreams". Be the first to view these 35 mixed media artists' work during their gallery display opening, located in the Warner Park Nature Center classroom. "Wintery Dreams" will be displayed November - December. Coordinators: Lisa Haddad and Nature Center Staff
Curious Naturalist	Saturday, November 21 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: Will Chamberlain
Thankful for the Hill Forest	Tuesday, November 24 9:30 a.m. - noon	Age level: 13 years and up Registration opens November 10	Explore the hills and hollows of the Hill Forest on a rugged hike through this undisturbed ecosystem. Leader: Vera Roberts

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BIRD BANDING

Open to the public but organized groups **MUST** call or email ahead to attend a bird banding session. Banding may be cancelled in the event of inclement weather. Please call ahead if weather is questionable.

Fall Bird Banding Research (8am-12pm unless noted otherwise)	- September 1 - September 9 (noon - 4 p.m.) - September 15 - September 22 - September 29 - October 6 - October 10 - October 14 (noon - 4 p.m.) - October 20 - October 27 - November 4 (noon - 4 p.m.) - November 10
Hummingbird Migration Banding Research (7:30 - 9:30 a.m.)	- September 2 - September 5 - September 9 - September 16 - September 23 - September 30

NATURE CENTER HOLIDAYS

Labor Day	Closed September 8
Veteran’s Day	Closed November 11
Thanksgiving	Closed November 26-28