

2015-16 Winter Schedule

DECEMBER

Winter StoryWalk® Kickoff	Saturday, December 5 Trail open during regular park hours	Age level: All ages Registration not required		Say hello to our newest book by meandering along the Little Acorn Trail! Enjoy our winter story revealed to you page by page. This is a self-guided activity. Coordinator: Rachel Koch
Hike the Hill Forest	Wednesday, December 9 10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	Age Level: Adults Registration opens November 25		Come prepared for a strenuous hike up and down the ridges of this special forest that is home to some beautiful old trees. Leader: Kim Bailey 
Organic Gardening 101	Friday, December 11 9-10:30 a.m.	Age Level: Adults Call to register		It's time to get ready for next year! Learn all about planning for and growing a beautiful organic garden. Leader: Deb Beazley
Burch Reserve Family Bird Hike	Saturday, December 12 10-11:30 a.m.	Age level: 6 years & up Registration opens November 25		Explore the Burch Reserve as we search for our favorite winter birds! From finches to hawks, we'll discover just how these amazing animals survive the cold winter months. Leader: Rachel Anderson
Homeschool Journeys: Soils & Decomposers	Thursday, December 17 10 a.m.-noon or	Age level: 5-13 years (Grades K-8) Registration opens December 2		Study a rotting log, sift through soils, and observe natural decomposers up close at this science-based program offered just for the homeschool audience. Leaders: Nature Center Staff and Volunteers
Nature Story Time	Friday, December 18 10:30-11 a.m.	Age level: Pre-K Call to register		Join us in the museum for nature-themed books and stories! Leaders: Nature Center Volunteers or Staff
Organic Garden: Prepare for	Saturday, December 19 10-11 a.m.	Age level: All ages Registration opens December 4		We've got a list of things to do to prepare the garden for next spring! Learn all about getting ready for next year's garden. Leader: Heather Gallagher
December Star Party: Geminid Meteor Shower	Saturday, December 19 7-9 p.m.	Age level: All ages Call to register		Meet at the Special Events Field in Edwin Warner Park for the Geminid meteor shower! Astronomers will be on hand with knowledge and telescopes for viewing the night sky. Coordinators: Warner Park Staff and Volunteers, Sudekum Planetarium at Adventure Science Center, and Barnard-Seyfert Astronomical Society

<p>Warner Park Nature Center 7311 Highway 100 Nashville, Tennessee 37221 Phone: 615-352-6299 Fax: 615-880-2282 Email: wpnc@nashville.gov Web: nashville.gov/Parks-and-Recreation/Nature-Centers-and-Natural-Areas/Warner-Park-Nature-Center.aspx</p>	<p>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, sunrise-11 p.m. Friends of Warner Parks: 615-370-8053 www.warnerparks.org</p>
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Winter Solstice Celebration



Sunday, December 20
4:30-6:30 p.m.

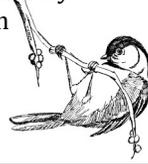
Age level: All ages
Call to Register

Celebrate Winter Solstice, the shortest day of the year. Enjoy warm beverages, a toasty fire, wreath making, songs and stories, and take a magical walk along a luminary-lit trail through the forest.
Coordinators: Nature Center Staff and Volunteers

JANUARY

Winter Bird Banding

Tuesday, January 5
9 a.m.-noon



Age level: All ages
Registration not required - may be cancelled in inclement weather

The banders are ready for the cold weather! Winter bird banding focuses on catching and recording data about our winter resident bird populations. Stop by to observe and learn more about this important research project.
Leaders: Sandy Bivens and the Bird Banding Team

Nature Story Time

Friday, January 8
10:30-11 a.m.

Age level: Pre-K
Call to register

Join us in the museum for nature-themed books and stories! Leaders: Nature Center Volunteers or Staff

Oh, but it's COLD Outside!

Saturday, January 9
10-11:30 a.m.



Age level: All ages
Registration opens December 29

Come to the nature center dressed to investigate and explore the outdoors in the winter. Discover how the park animals are adapting to the cold January weather.
Leader: Melissa Donahue

Hill Forest Hike

Saturday, January 9
1-4 p.m.



Age level: 9 years & up
Registration opens December 29

Come experience winter in an undisturbed forest. This rugged, strenuous and off-trail hike is worth every step as we discover ridge tops and valleys of beautiful old beech, oak, sassafras and poplar trees.
Leaders: Rachel Anderson and Rachel Koch

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9 a.m.-noon

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Burch Reserve Exploration

Wednesday, January 13
1-3 p.m.



Age level: Adults, 13+
Registration opens December 30

Experience a winter's day on the Burch Reserve, the beautiful property across the street from the nature center. We will cross fields and climb ridges looking for exposed treasures that only winter can provide.
Leaders: Cammie Claybrook and Kim Bailey

Winter Tree Identification



Friday, January 15 OR
Saturday, January 16
9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Age level: Adults, 13+
Call to register

Try something different: learn to identify trees just by looking at their twigs! During the morning session we stay inside and learn all the parts of a twig and how to key out trees to species. In the afternoon we will go outside and become familiar with many other features useful in identifying our trees.
Instructor: Deb Beazley

Winter Trail Treasures

Saturday, January 16
10-11:30 a.m.

Age level: All ages
Registration opens December

Join us as we explore some of winter's treasures along the trails of Warner Park.
Leader: Kim Bailey

Nature Story Time

Friday, January 22
10:30-11 a.m.

Age level: Pre-K
Call to register



Join us in the museum for nature-themed books and stories!
Leaders: Nature Center Volunteers or Staff

Toolin' on the Trail



Saturday, January 23
10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Age level: Adults
Call to Register

Get outside more in 2016! Join the volunteer crew for a hike through the woods and a chance to get your hands dirty with stewardship of these much loved and heavily used trails.
Leader: Paul Fowler

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Create a Naturalist's Journal



Saturday, January 23
11 a.m. - noon

Age level: 6 years & up
Registration opens January 8

Almost any dedicated naturalist will tell you it is very important to journal! That can mean anything from detailed sketching to jotting down a couple of words on a calendar. Learn why this is so beneficial, then make a small journal of your own. We will even learn a bit about one of our most revered naturalists and journal-keepers...Dr. Charles Farrell.
Leader: Rachel Koch

Winter Bird Banding

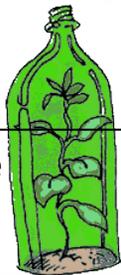


Tuesday, January 26
9 a.m.-noon

Age level: All ages
Registration not required - may be cancelled in inclement weather

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Leaders: Sandy Bivens and the Bird Banding Team

Organic Gardening



Friday, January 29
9-10:30 a.m.

Age level: Adults, 13+
Call to register

Learn how to grow an organic garden. We will discuss topics such as composting, starting seeds indoors, planting dates, insects, soil preparation, plant care, etc.
Instructor: Deb Beazley

Greenhouse Growers



Saturday, January 30
10-11 a.m.

Age level: All ages
Registration opens January 15

The greenhouse is growing at the Nature Center! Come on out to learn about what we grow, our methods for planting, and more.
Leader: Heather Gallagher

FEBRUARY

Winter Bird Banding



Tuesday, February 2
9 a.m.-noon

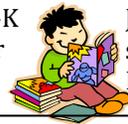
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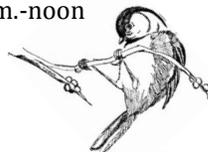
Friday, February 5
10:30-11 a.m.

Age level: Pre-K
Call to register



Join us in the museum for nature-themed books and stories!
Leaders: Nature Center Volunteers or Staff

Winter Bird Banding



Saturday, February 6
9 a.m.-noon

Age level: All ages
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Birds in the Backyard

Saturday, February 6
11 a.m. - noon



Age level: All ages
Call to register

If you've always wanted to attract birds to your backyard, even if you live in an apartment or condo, then this program is for you! Learn all about feeders, seed, suet, and native landscaping that will enhance your yard and attract wildlife at the same time.
Leader: Vera Vollbrecht

Burch Reserve "Sneak Peek" Hike

Saturday, February 6
1-3 p.m.

Age level: Adults, 13+
Registration opens January 22

Let's sneak a peek at the Burch Reserve by enjoying the afternoon hiking the newest Warner Park trails.
Leader: Melissa Donahue

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9 a.m.-noon

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Planting the Seed

Friday, February 12
10-11 a.m. or 1-2 p.m.

Age level: 3-5 years
Registration opens January 28

Vegetables have begun sprouting in the greenhouse! Join the naturalist to learn about gardening—in winter! Leader: Heather Gallagher

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"Owl" Be Your Valentine		Saturday, February 13 10-11:30 a.m.	Age level: 6 years & up Registration opens January 29	While many birds breed in the spring, our local owls start early and are incubating eggs in February! Let's celebrate these "owlsome" birds with valentine-inspired activities and crafts for the entire family. Leader: Rachel Anderson
Great Backyard Bird Count		Saturday, February 13 1-2 p.m.	Age level: All ages Call to register	Learn to identify and then count feeder birds for this national research project. You can learn how to count, then go home and participate from your own backyard! For more information visit Great Backyard Bird Count . Leader: Heather Gallagher
Homeschool Journeys:		Thursday, February 18 10 a.m.-noon or 1:30-3:30	Age level: 5-13 years Registration opens February 2 –ONLINE REGISTRATION ONLY	Winter is a wonderful time to study tree bark and twigs. Come learn about them yourself at this natural science program offered for homeschool students . Leaders: Nature Center Staff and Volunteers
Tracking Animals		Friday, February 19 9-11 a.m.	Age level: Adults, 13+ Call to register	Many animals leave behind evidence as they hunt for food and move about, and winter is the best time to search for footprints, scats, pellets, caches, digs, scrapes and many other clues to discover who has been wandering in the woods, meadows and streams. Leader, Deb Beazley
Nature Story Time		Friday, February 19 10:30-11 a.m.	Age level: Pre-K Call to register	Join us in the museum for nature-themed books and stories! Leaders: Nature Center Volunteers or Staff
Hikers Euonymus		Saturday, February 20 10 a.m.—1 p.m.	Age level: Adults, 13+ Call to register	Challenge yourself to turn hikes in the Parks into something more. Learn how you can become more involved with the on-going effort to protect native species and preserve our beautiful park. Leader: Paul Fowler
Follow in My Footsteps		Saturday, February 20 10-11 a.m.	Age level: All ages Registration opens February 5	Come to the Nature Center to follow tracks of birds, squirrels, and (hopefully) more animals in the mud or snow! Leader: Heather Gallagher
Hill Forest Hike		Saturday, February 20 1-4 p.m.	Age level: Adults, 13+ Registration opens February 5	Explore the undisturbed majesty of the Hill Forest, a designated TN State Natural Area and one of the newest additions to Warner Parks. Leader: Vera Vollbrecht
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Oh Dear Deer!	Cabin Fever Hike & Campfire	Friday, February 26 10-11 a.m.	Age level: 3-5 years Registration opens February 11	Doe, a deer, a female deer! Would you like to learn about bucks, does, and fawns? If so, please join us to talk about these iconic animals, listen to a story, and take a little hike! Leader: Rachel Koch
Spring is Just Around the Corner	Friday, February 26 5-7:30 p.m.	Age level: All ages Registration opens February 11	It's been a long winter and a hint of spring is in the air. Celebrate being outdoors with a family hike followed by fellowship around the fire.	
Spring is Just Around the Corner	Friday, February 27 10-11 a.m.	Age level: All ages Registration opens February 12	Join the naturalist for a hike looking for bursting tree buds, high water in the creek, and spring wildflowers blooming—all signs of spring! Leader: Heather Gallagher	

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