

# Spring Schedule 2024



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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.

We are a celebratory species. Regardless of being introverted or extroverted, we come together for things. The point isn't necessarily to be with other people, but because of shared interests, the gathering happens. Throughout the world and throughout time we have gathered for all kinds of things: solar eclipses, sporting events, religious festivals, holidays, cultural traditions, mourning, celebrations, to support causes, to show dissent, for dances, art exhibits, and possibly most of all for music.

But how often do we gather to observe and admire the sounds of nature?

Recently, we had the honor of hosting David George Haskell to discuss his latest book *Sounds Wild and Broken: Sonic Marvels, Evolution's Creativity, and the Crisis of Sensory Extinction*. It was a powerful talk and it inspired us here at Warner Park Nature Center to begin gathering together to celebrate nature's symphony of sound. We are calling them "Sound Parties". We invite you to join us beginning with our first one on Thursday, May 9th. We plan to have one each quarter in 2024, for every season offers new things to listen for in the soundscape. Spring is sure to be rich with aural sensory vibrations as life reawakens and love floods through the animal kingdom. We hope you will make a point to join us!

In the meantime, I invite you to do something seemingly simple, but surprisingly difficult...LISTEN to what you hear. Notice and observe. Make an effort to pause, maybe even close your eyes to remove the distraction of sight, be still, and allow the sounds both near and far to infiltrate your awareness. You don't need to name what you hear, that isn't the point. The point is to invite it in and accept the gift.

Rachel Carter, Naturalist



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Program	Date/Time	Registration	Information
<b>March</b>			
<b>Pullin' Party - Weed Wrangle</b>	Saturday, March 2 10 a.m.-noon	Age level: 13 and up Register at warnerparks.org	Join us for the 10th anniversary of Weed Wrangle with Friends and the Garden Club of Nashville as we battle invasive plants and help restore our native woodlands. Leader: Paul Fowler
<b>Spring Bird Banding</b>	Tuesday, March 5 8 a.m.-noon	Age level: All ages Registration not required	Join us for bird banding at our long-term banding station, on-going since 1982. Observe federally licensed bird researchers collect vital data to inform our understanding of bird populations and the importance of Warner Parks for birds. Leader: BIRD Team
<b>Madagascar - Images and Thoughts from a Tour of the "Eighth Continent"</b>	Tuesday, March 5 6:00-7:30 p.m.	Age level: 13 and up Registration opens February 20	Lemurs, Chameleons, Baobabs... Birds! The island nation of Madagascar has among the highest rates of endemism of anywhere on Earth - a breath-taking array of plants and animals which exist nowhere else. Yet it also has lost most of its natural places. Photographer Graham Gerdeman will present images of the country's stunning iconic wildlife – and offer takeaways for what we might learn from the island's conservation successes and failures. Presenter: Graham Gerdeman
<b>Astronomy in Pajamas</b>	Friday, March 8 7-8 p.m.	Age level: All ages Registration not required	Begin spring break by heading to the Nature Center for an introduction to astronomy! We will have representatives from the Nashville Astronomy Club with telescopes and equipment who will be eager to share their fascination, passion, and knowledge about the night sky. Feel free to get comfortable and wear your pajamas! Families are welcome but this will resonate most with those ages 10 and up. Presenter: Steve Hughes of the Nashville Astronomy Club and Theo Wellington of the Barnard-Seyfert Astronomical Society
<b>Ask a Master Gardener</b>	Saturday, March 9 10 a.m.-12 p.m.	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. This month's focus will be on spring gardening. Presented by the Master Gardeners of Davidson County
<b>Fantastic Fairy Houses</b>	Saturday, March 9 10 a.m.-12 p.m.	Age level: All ages Registration opens February 23	Bring your building skills and creativity to help us build homes for Warner Parks' resident fairies! Leaders: Rachel Carter and Vera Roberts

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<b>Archaeology Adventure</b>	Tuesday, March 12 10 a.m.-noon	Age level: 6 and up Registration opens February 27	Have you ever wondered what it's like to be an archaeologist? Find out what real-life archaeologists do and try your hand at solving some puzzling mysteries! Presenter: Adam Fracchia, Archaeologist, Metro Nashville's Historic Commission
<b>Living Building Design Workshop - Water</b>	Tuesday, March 12 5:30-7 p.m.	Age level: 13 and up Registration open now	Join us for an interactive Workshop to develop a Living Building Challenge project brief for a real-world project. This month's Workshop Charrette will focus on water. Virtual participation option is available. Leaders: Kim Shinn and Keith Loiseau
<b>Explore with a Geologist</b>	Wednesday, March 13 10 a.m.-noon	Age level: All ages Registration opens February 28	As you know, geology ROCKS and we have quite a collection to explore! Mr. Will will be on hand to talk geology and share his wealth of knowledge and enthusiasm. Leader: Will Chamberlain
<b>Outdoor Nature Painting</b>	Thursday, March 14 10 a.m.-noon	Age level: 8 and up Registration opens February 29	Explore nature in a creative way with "en plein air"; nature painting outside! Whether you're a seasoned artist or have never held a brush before, anyone can participate in this outdoor activity! Leader: Jenna Atma
<b>Winter's End Evening Hike and Picnic</b>	Friday, March 15 5-7 p.m.	Age level: All ages Registration opens March 1	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. Leader: Rachel Anderson
<b>Woodland Respite - A Forest Therapy Experience</b>	Saturday, March 16 9-10:30 a.m.	Age level: 18 and up Registration opens March 2	Relax, unwind, and find your peace amidst the forest landscape. Your guide will offer invitations or prompts for you to ponder or you may choose to simply sit and soak in the stillness of the morning. Either way, you are sure to feel more tranquil and grounded after this experience. Leader: Rachel Carter, certified Forest Therapy Guide
<b>Nature's Journalists</b>	Saturday, March 16 1-3 p.m.	Age level: 8 and up Registration opens March 2	Come have fun learning how to create a nature journal as we draw and write about the nature we observe throughout Warner Park. Leader: Elyse Dilks

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<b>An Evening Meditation</b>	Wednesday, March 27 6-7 p.m.	Age level: 16 and up Registration opens March 13	Join us for an evening of pure zen and soulful realignment as we connect with nature through guided meditation, Tai Chi movements, and sound therapy. You're sure to walk away feeling lighter and blissfully rebalanced! Leader: Madeline Spinks of Zen Tiger Healing
<b>Wildflower Wander</b>	Friday, March 29 10 a.m.-noon	Age level: 13 and up Registration opens March 15	Wander the hills and hollows of Percy Warner searching for our favorite spring wildflowers. Leaders: Sandy Bivens and Vera Roberts
<b>Explore with a Naturalist</b>	Saturday, March 30 10 a.m.-noon	Age level: All ages Registration not required	Stop by the Nature Center to explore nature with a Naturalist! This outdoor exploration will focus on discovery, observation, and connecting with nature. The themes will be chosen the week prior.
<b>April</b>			
<b>Spring Bird Banding</b>	Tuesday, April 2 8 a.m.-noon	Age level: All ages Registration not required	Join us for bird banding at our long-term banding station, on-going since 1982. Observe federally licensed bird researchers collect vital data to inform our understanding of bird populations and the importance of Warner Parks for birds. Leader: BIRD Team
<b>Wildflower Stroll</b>	Thursday, April 4 10-11:30 a.m.	Age level: 13 and up Registration opens March 21	Stroll through Edwin Warner Park in search of spring wildflowers like bluebells and trillium. Leader: Rachel Anderson
<b>Collage Collective: An Artistic Celebration of Springtime</b>	Saturday, April 6 1-3 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. Leader: Presented by the Nashville Collage Collective

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<b>Gardening and Composting 101</b>	Thursday, April 11 10 a.m.-noon	Age level: 13 and up Registration opens March 28	It's time to start planning your summer garden! Join us to learn about how to get started, what and when to plant, and how to start a backyard compost. Beginners and experienced gardeners welcome. Leaders: Rachel Carter and Vera Roberts
<b>Nature's Journalists</b>	Saturday, April 13 10 a.m.-noon	Age level: 8 and up Registration opens March 30	Come have fun learning how to create a nature journal as we draw and write about the nature we observe throughout Warner Park. Leader: Elyse Dilks
<b>Old Time Jam</b>	Saturday, April 13 1-3 p.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
<b>Star Party</b>	Saturday, April 13 8:30-10:30 p.m.	Age level: All ages Registration now open	Be awed by the celestial beauty of the night sky. This is a unique opportunity to look more closely at the moon, planets, and deep sky objects! This program takes place at the Special Events Field located at 61 Vaughn Rd. Leaders: Theo Wellington/Barnard Seyfert Astronomical Society
<b>Spring Bird Banding</b>	Wednesday, April 17 8 a.m.-noon	Age level: All ages Registration not required	Join us for bird banding at our long-term banding station, on-going since 1982. Observe federally licensed bird researchers collect vital data to inform our understanding of bird populations and the importance of Warner Parks for birds. Leader: BIRD Team
<b>Spring Bird Migration Stroll at Burch Reserve</b>	Saturday, April 20 8-10 a.m.	Age level: 12 and up Registration opens April 6	Join us as we explore the fields and forests of the Burch Reserve for spring migratory birds. Leader: BIRD Team

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<b>Mocktails Under the Pink Full Moon</b>	Tuesday, April 23 7:30-9 p.m.	Age level: 18 and up Registration opens April 9 \$10 donation encouraged	This fun evening will begin with a sunset hike along the lovely trails of Edwin Warner Park. We will spend the second half of the evening sipping on delicious mocktails as we wait for April's full moon (traditionally referred to as the pink moon) to rise over the horizon. Leaders: Rachel Carter and Killjoy Booze-Free Beverage Shop
<b>Bird Migration Walk Along the Greenway and Little Harpeth River</b>	Saturday, April 27 7-9 a.m.	Age level: 12 and up Registration opens April 13	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 migratory birds. Leader: BIRD Team
<b>Explore with a Naturalist</b>	Saturday, April 27 10 a.m.-noon	Age level: All ages Registration not required	Stop by the Nature Center to explore nature with a Naturalist! This outdoor exploration will focus on discovery, observation, and connecting with nature. The themes will be chosen the week prior.
<b>Vol Call- Spring Clean</b>	Saturday, April 27 10 a.m.-noon	Age level: 13 and up Register at <a href="http://warnerparks.org">warnerparks.org</a>	Help us get the parks green, clean, and ready for spring! We'll be fanning out through the Warner Parks picking up litter and beautifying the area. Leader: Paul Fowler
<b>Spring Bird Banding</b>	Tuesday, April 30 8 a.m.-noon	Age level: All ages Registration not required	Join us for bird banding at our long-term banding station, on-going since 1982. Observe federally licensed bird researchers collect vital data to inform our understanding of bird populations and the importance of Warner Parks for birds. Leader: BIRD Team
<b>May</b>			
<b>Friday Morning Bird Stroll in Beech Grove</b>	Friday, May 3 8:30-10 a.m.	Age level: 12 and up Registration opens April 19	Join us for a morning stroll in beautiful Beech Grove to look and listen for birds. Beginners and experts are welcome as we try to find at least 50 species of resident and migratory birds. Leader: BIRD Team

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<b>Nature's Journalists</b>	Saturday, May 4 1-3 p.m.	Age level: 8 and up Registration opens April 20	Come have fun learning how to create a nature journal as we draw and write about the nature we observe throughout Warner Park. Leader: Elyse Dilks
<b>Spring Bird Banding</b>	Tuesday, May 7 8 a.m.-2 p.m.	Age level: All ages Registration not required	Join us for bird banding at our long-term banding station, on-going since 1982. Observe federally licensed bird researchers collect vital data to inform our understanding of bird populations and the importance of Warner Parks for birds. Leader: BIRD Team
<b>Spring Sound Party</b>	Thursday, May 9 6:30-8:30 p.m.	Age level: All ages Registration opens April 25	Join us at Warner Parks to listen to and enjoy nature's symphony as we immerse our senses in all of the sounds of spring! Leader: Jenna Atma
<b>Easy Birding at Spring Hollow</b>	Friday, May 10 8-10 a.m.	Age level: 8 and up Registration opens April 26	Some of the most gratifying birding moments happen while one sits quietly on a favorite perch. This bird 'walk' is ideal for those who find birding on a trail a challenge. We'll meet at the Spring Hollow picnic area to listen for bird songs and calls and watch for migratory and resident birds to come to view. Lawn chairs welcome. Leader: BIRD Team
<b>Spring Bird Banding</b>	Tuesday, May 14 8 a.m.- 2 p.m.	Age level: All ages Registration not required	Join us for bird banding at our long-term banding station, on-going since 1982. Observe federally licensed bird researchers collect vital data to inform our understanding of bird populations and the importance of Warner Parks for birds. Leader: BIRD Team
<b>Living Building Design Workshop - Materials</b>	Tuesday, May 14 5:30-7 p.m.	Age level: 13 and up Registration open now	Join us for an interactive Workshop to develop a Living Building Challenge project brief for a real-world project. This month's Workshop Charrette will focus on materials. Virtual participation option is available. Leaders: Kim Shinn and Keith Loiseau
<b>Birding at the Hill Forest</b>	Friday, May 17 7-9 a.m.	Age level: 12 and up Registration opens May 3	Enjoy this rare opportunity for spring birding at the Hill Forest. With fields and forest edges, we should find a fabulous mix of resident and migrating birds. Leader: BIRD Team

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<b>The Great Cicada Catch</b>	Saturday, May 18 10-11 a.m.	Age level: All ages Registration opens May 4	The great cicada emergence has begun! Let's get up close and learn about cicadas as we see how many we can catch and release. Leader: Elyse Dilks
<b>Vol Call - Toolin' on the Trail</b>	Saturday, May 18 10 a.m.-noon	Age level: 13 and up Register at warnerparks.org	We will be hitting the trails with tools in hand giving our parks a little TLC and tackling some trail work with friends. Leader: Paul Fowler
<b>Spring Bird Banding</b>	Tuesday, May 21 8 a.m.- 2 p.m.	Age level: All ages Registration not required	Join us for bird banding at our long-term banding station, on-going since 1982. Observe federally licensed bird researchers collect vital data to inform our understanding of bird populations and the importance of Warner Parks for birds. Leader: BIRD Team
<b>Cicada Celebration</b>	Thursday, May 23 and Friday, May 24 1-3 p.m.	Age level: All ages Registration not required	When both school and cicadas are out, the only thing to do is celebrate! Explore these fascinating insects as you create amazing cicada art and discover cicada recipes (yes, we mean eat them!) Leaders: Vera Roberts and Rachel Anderson
<b>Explore with a Naturalist</b>	Saturday, May 25 10 a.m.-noon	Age level: All ages Registration not required	Stop by the Nature Center to explore nature with a Naturalist! This outdoor exploration will focus on discovery, observation, and connecting with nature. The theme this week will focus on World Migratory Bird Day.
<b>Spring Butterfly Bonanza</b>	Thursday, May 30 1:30-3 p.m.	Age level: All ages Registration opens May 16	Do you love butterflies? Come out and have fun with us as we walk, spot, and identify the beautiful butterflies of Warner Park. Leader: Elyse Dilks
<b>Full Moon Pickin' Party</b>	Friday, May 31 6-10 p.m.	Age level: All ages For tickets and information visit 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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## Vue Master Art Exhibit

View nature through art by visiting the Warner Park Nature Center during March, April, and May. Arts Bellevue's master class series, *Vue Master*, is an immersion experience for anyone exploring the world of art. Participants from the Printmaking Masterclass led by local artist Michael McBride will debut their personal creations for the community to enjoy. This art will be on display through May with a kick-off Artists' Reception that is open to the public on **March 9th from 4:00 – 6:00.**

## Nature Center Closings

<b>Friends of Warner Parks Spring Luncheon</b>	<b>Closed May 2</b>
<b>Iroquois Steeplechase</b>	<b>Closed May 11</b>
<b>Memorial Day</b>	<b>Closed May 28</b>

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