

Spring Schedule
2025



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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.

CELEBRATE WORLD MIGRATORY BIRD DAY WITH US ON
SATURDAY, MAY 3!



2025 CITY NATURE CHALLENGE
APRIL 25 - 29



Contact the
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| Program | Date/Time | Registration | Information |
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| March | | | |
| Weed Wrangle | Saturday, March 1 10 a.m. - noon | Age level: 13 years and up with an adult or 18 years and up Register at warnerparks.org | Join Friends of Warner Parks and the Garden Club of Nashville to combat the spread of invasive plants and support native forest restoration efforts as we pull and plant along the banks of the Little Harpeth River. Leaders: Paul Fowler and Daniel Charlton |
| Hands-On Reptiles and Amphibians with Jasper | Saturday, March 1 1 - 3 p.m. | Age level: 5 years and up Registration opens February 15 | Meet several turtles, snakes, frogs and lizards and learn about them during this hands-on event led by certified Master Herpetologist Jasper, a local 14-year-old who has been keeping pet reptiles and finding them in nature throughout most of his life. Leaders: Jasper, Harpeth Conservancy, Warner Park Nature Center Staff |
| Spring Bird Banding Demonstrations | Banding sessions are held weekly during the spring. Specific dates and times can be found on the last page of this schedule | Age level: All ages Registration not required except for organized groups | 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, migration, and the importance of Warner Parks for birds. Leaders: BIRD Team |

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| Safety in the Parks | Wednesday, March 5 6:00 p.m. | Age level: Adults, 13 years and up Registration is now open | This will be a discussion of best safe practices while enjoying the Metro Parks. A question-and-answer session for anyone to discuss concerns and seek guidance on personal safety. Leaders: Twana Chick, Retired MNPD officer, Mindy Vinecore with the DA's office, and Rebekah Shelton, Park Police Mounted Patrol officer |
| Wild in the Woods | Saturday, March 8 10 a.m. - noon | Age level: All ages Registration not required | Swing from the grapevines, build a nature shelter, scramble across fallen logs, sharpen your observation skills and enjoy being wild in the woods with a Naturalist! Leader: Rachel Anderson |
| Spring Break Library Safari | Wednesday, March 12 10 a.m. - noon | Age level: All ages Registration not required | Embark on a springtime adventure through our Nature Center's library! From exciting stories to hands-on activities, you'll uncover the wonders of the natural world while enjoying coloring pages, books, bird watching, and more. Leader: WPNC Volunteers |
| Quarry Quest | Thursday, March 13 10 a.m. - noon | Age level: All ages Registration opens February 27 | Let's visit the quarry in search of rocks, fossils, and stories the land can tell us about the past. Leaders: Will Chamberlain and Vera Roberts |
| Create a Nature Collage! | Friday, March 14 10 a.m. - noon | Age level: All ages Registration opens February 28 | Tap into your artistic side during this hands-on art and nature workshop. Participants will create a one-of-a-kind collage with guidance from the Nashville Collage Collective. Leaders: Nashville Collage Collective |

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| <p>Native Nature Share: A Seasonal Show-n-Tell for Grownups</p> | <p>Saturday, March 15 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.</p> | <p>Age level: Adults, 13 years and up Registration is now open</p> | <p>Bring in a March 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. "Native Nature Share" is an opportunity to learn from each other about our local habitats and to build community in an informal, supportive gathering. Leaders: Vera Roberts and Joanna Brichetto</p> |
| <p>Phlox, and Violets, and Spring Beauties, oh my!</p> | <p>Saturday, March 15 1 - 2:30 p.m.</p> | <p>Age level: All ages Registration opens March 1</p> | <p>Spring has sprung and so have our wildflowers. Join our Naturalists on a short hike around Warner to find the different wildflowers that have started to pop up. Leader: Jessa Tremblay</p> |
| <p>Teacher In-Service: Outdoor Science Investigations</p> | <p>Tuesday, March 25 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.</p> | <p>Age level: Adults Registration is now open</p> | <p>This professional development opportunity is geared toward K-5th grade teachers. You will learn how to use birds to help students connect to the outdoors and engage with natural sciences. Participants will gain tools and routines to support authentic scientific investigation and ignite curiosity and wonder in your students. Email Rachel.Anderson@Nashville.gov to register. Leaders: Rachel Anderson and Lena Friedman</p> |
| <p>Family Wildflower Hike</p> | <p>Saturday, March 29 10 a.m. - noon</p> | <p>Age level: All ages Registration opens March 15</p> | <p>Enjoy a stroll through the forest searching for the beautiful blossoms of spring. Leader: Will Chamberlain</p> |

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| April | | | |
| Vol Call: Spring Clean | Saturday, April 5 10 a.m. - noon | Age level: All ages Register at warnerparks.org | Bring the crew and pitch in with our annual spring clean-up as we look for litter big and small in multiple areas spread throughout the Warner Parks. Leader: Paul Fowler |
| Spring Sound Bath Hike | Saturday, April 5 5:30 - 7 p.m. | Age level: 13 years and up Registration opens March 22 | Join us for a short, serene hike to the park's amphitheater, where nature's beauty meets the harmony of a sound bath. Crystal bowls, live guitar, and healing instruments will guide you through grounding rituals, nature-inspired affirmations, and "breathing-with-the-trees" breathwork. As spring awakens around us, let its blossoms inspire your own renewal of mind, body, and soul. Leader: Madaline Spinks of Zen Tiger Healing |
| Native Nature Share: A Seasonal Show-n-Tell for Grownups | Saturday, April 12 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. | Age level: 13 years and up Registration is now open | Bring in an April 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. "Native Nature Share" is an opportunity to learn from each other about our local habitats and to build community in an informal, supportive gathering. Leaders: Vera Roberts and Joanna Brichetto |
| Collage Workshop with the Nashville Collage Collective | Saturday, April 12 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. Leaders: Nashville Collage Collective |

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| Bird Walk | Thursday, April 17 7 - 9 a.m. | Age level: 12 years and up Registration opens April 3 | Join us for a morning stroll along the Little Harpeth River to look and listen for birds. Beginners and experts are welcome as we search for resident and migratory birds. Leader: Chris Sloan, Bird Program Volunteer |
| Finding Sanctuary - Chestnut Group Art Exhibition and Sale | Thursday, April 17 9 a.m. - 7 p.m. Friday, April 18 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturday, April 19 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sunday, April 20 Noon - 4 p.m. | Age level: All ages Registration not required Learn more at warnerparks.org/art show | Experience the beauty of Warner Parks through the eyes of talented artists in Finding Sanctuary, a special exhibition by The Chestnut Group. Each piece was painted in the Warner Parks, capturing the landscapes, light, and spirit of this beloved natural space. Nearly half of all proceeds from art sales will support Friends of Warner Parks in their mission to preserve and protect these treasured parks for future generations. Celebrate art, nature, and conservation - take home a piece of Warner Parks that inspires you! Chestnut Group, Friends of Warner Parks, and Nature Center Staff |
| Pot Your Own Native Plant | Friday, April 18 9 a.m. - noon | Age level: All ages Registration not required | Come to our greenhouse to learn about and pot your very own native meadow plant to take home! Leader: Elyse Dilks |
| The Curious Naturalist | Saturday, April 19 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 |
| Evening Cave Tour | Wednesday, April 23 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. | Age level: 8 years and up Registration opens April 9 | Join us for a rare opportunity to explore a natural cave and learn about how it was formed and what creatures live inside. Leaders: Jenna Atma & Rachel Anderson |

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| City Nature Challenge | Saturday, April 25 - Monday, April 28 | Age level: All ages Registration not required Visit citynaturechallenge.org for more information. | Started in 2016 as a competition between Los Angeles and San Francisco, the City Nature Challenge (CNC) has grown into an international event, motivating people around the world to find and document wildlife in their own cities. Run by the Community Science teams at the California Academy of Sciences and the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County (NHM), the CNC is an annual four-day global bioblitz at the end of April, where cities are in a collaboration-meets-friendly-competition to see what can be accomplished when we all work toward a common goal. |
| Lantern Hike | Friday, April 25 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. | Age level: 12 years and up Registration opens April 12 | Walk the trails of Percy Warner Park at night with only the light of lanterns to guide you. Leader: Elyse Dilks |
| iNaturalist Open House | Saturday, April 26 12 - 2 p.m. | Age level: All ages Registration not required | If you've ever seen a plant, bug, or animal, and wondered what it was, then join us as we use technology to learn about the natural world! This is a drop-in, open house-style program to learn how we can use our smartphones to discover the plants and critters around us, all while contributing to a nation-wide community science project! Leader: Jenna Atma |
| Old Time Jam | Saturday, April 26 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 |

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| Evening Cave Tour | Friday, May 2 6:30 - 9 p.m. | Age level: 10 years and up Registration opens April 18 | Join us for a rare opportunity to explore a natural cave and learn about how it was formed and what creatures live inside. Leaders: Rachel Anderson and Vera Roberts |
| Flowers, Frogs, and Feathered Friends - Art Exhibit Opening | Saturday, May 3 3 - 5 p.m. | Age level: Adults, 21 years and up Registration not required | Inspired by the season, members of the Nashville Collage Collective present "Flowers, Frogs, and Feathered Friends" an exhibit celebrating spring wildlife. Exhibit runs May 3-31 and works will be available for purchase. Leaders: Nashville Collage Collective |
| Spring Star Party | Saturday, May 3 8:30 - 10:30 p.m. | Age level: All ages Registration is now open | Join local astronomers for an evening of stargazing, saying goodbye to the bright stars of winter. Orion is setting while Leo the Lion is high. Jupiter and Mars will be the featured planets, accompanied by Mars and the Moon near the Beehive cluster. Coordinators: Vera Roberts, Theo Wellington, Barnard-Seyfert Astronomical Society, and Nashville Astronomy Club |
| Bird Walk | Thursday, May 8 8 - 10 a.m. | Age level: 12 years and up Registration opens April 24 | Bird migration is still on. Join us at Warner Park Nature Center as we search for migratory bird species. We'll walk up to Long Hollow to see the prescribed burn area and what birds are using this newly restored habitat. Leaders: BIRD Team |

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| Full Moon Pickin' Party | Friday, May 23 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 |
| Butterfly Bonanza | Saturday, May 24 1 - 2 p.m. | Age level: All ages Registration opens May 10 | Do you love butterflies? Come out and have fun with a naturalist as we walk, spot, and identify the beautiful butterflies of Warner Parks. Leader: Elyse Dilks |
| Vol Call: Trail Time | Saturday, May 31 10 a.m. - noon | Age level: 13 years and up with an adult or 18 years and up Register at warnerparks.org | Trails need love too. Team up and grab some tools as we venture out and about to give our much-loved trails a little TLC. Leader: Paul Fowler |
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SPRING BIRD BANDING

Organized groups **MUST** call or email ahead to attend a bird banding session

NATURE CENTER CLOSINGS

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| <p style="text-align: center;">Spring Bird Banding Research (8 a.m. - 12 p.m. unless noted otherwise)</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March 4 • April 1 • April 9 (12-4pm) • April 15 • April 22 • April 29 • May 3 • May 10 (8am-2pm) • May 13 (8am-2pm) • May 21 (8am-2pm) |
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| 2025 Nashville Native Plant Symposium | Closed March 22 |
| Friends of Warner Parks Donor Appreciation | Closed April 16 |
| Friends of Warner Parks Spring Luncheon | Closed May 1 |
| Iroquois Steeplechase | Closed May 10 |
| Memorial Day | Closed May 27 |

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| <p style="text-align: center;">Discover the WPNC Library</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Every Wednesday 10am-Noon</p> |
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