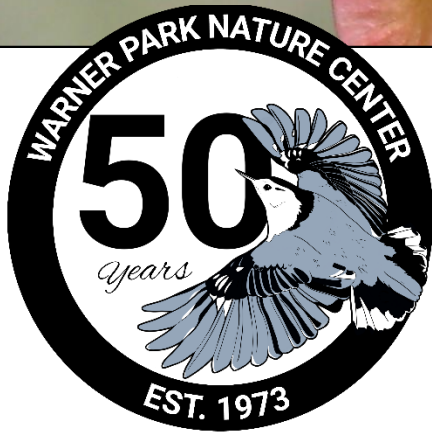




Spring Schedule 2023



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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.

Celebrating 50 Years of Warner Park Nature Center

Welcome spring and the kick-off of Warner Park Nature Center's 50th Anniversary! We will be celebrating this important milestone with a variety of activities and nods to the past, acknowledging our Vision:

"to build a community of people - joined by wonder, curiosity and respect in nature - to protect, sustain and enrich our natural world and each other."

Established in a historic farmhouse (now the Library and BIRD Education Center) in 1973, the Nature Center has connected millions of visitors and program participants with the beauty and wonder of the Warner Parks through school field trips, special events, guided hikes, slide shows, lectures, field labs, volunteerism, and much, MUCH more.

This spring offers something for everyone at WPNC, whether watching bluebirds in the sunshine, attending a wildflower stroll or learning to build a rain garden, and we invite you to visit us soon.



Contact the Nature
Center for ADA
accommodations

Spring Bird Banding



The days are getting longer, flowers are blooming, and bird migration is happening! Join us for spring bird banding at Warner Park Nature Center to observe our federally licensed bird banders capture, band, and collect information about each bird's age and health. This long-term banding station is open to the public and has been on-going since 1983 to help us to understand bird populations and the importance of Warner Parks for birds.

Spring Migration & MAPS Banding dates and times:

Wednesday, March 29	Noon-4 p.m.
Tuesday, April 4	8 a.m.-noon
Tuesday April 11	8 a.m.-noon
Wednesday, April 19	Noon-4 p.m.
Tuesday, April 25	8 a.m.-noon
Saturday, April 29 - Spring Nature Fest	9 a.m.-1 p.m.
Tuesday, May 2	8 a.m.-2 p.m.
Tuesday, May 16	8 a.m.-2 p.m.
Tuesday, May 23	8 a.m.-2 p.m.



March

Weed Wrangle 	Saturday, March 4 9 a.m.-noon	Age level: 18+ (13+ with an adult) Registration information at the website listed below: www.warnerparks.org/events-to-attend/upcoming-events	Protect native species and combat the spread of invasive plants. Learn how these plants threaten native ecosystems and get your hands dirty working to restore the natural integrity of our woods. Leader: Paul Fowler
Explore with a Naturalist	Saturday, March 4 Drop by between 10 a.m.-2 p.m.	Age level: All ages, families encouraged Registration not required	Drop 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. Leader: Rachel Anderson
Cemeteries of Warner Parks 	Saturday, March 4 2-4 p.m.	Age level: Adults, 13+ Registration opens February 18	Warner Parks has an amazingly rich history. One way to learn about it is through our cemeteries. We will visit the Page homestead and cemetery and the Northern Hodge cemetery. Leader: Rachel Carter Koch
Explore with a Naturalist	Friday, March 10 Drop by between 10 a.m.-2 p.m.	Age level: All ages, families encouraged Registration not required	Drop 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. Leaders: Melissa Donahue and Will Chamberlain

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Ask a Master Gardener



Saturday, March 11
Drop by anytime
between 10 a.m.–
noon

Age level: All ages
Registration not
required

For additional
information
please visit
<https://www.mgofd.org/gardening-resources>

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 knowledge. Whether it's about plant care, insects, or plant identification in your yard, the Master Gardeners will be happy to help you. This is also a great way to get information about seasonal issues that may impact your growing conditions. Presented by the Master Gardeners of Davidson County

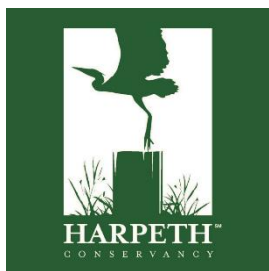
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families encouraged
Registration not
required

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Pull N' Plant



Saturday, March 11
10 a.m.-3 p.m.
(multiple shifts
available)

Age level: 18+ (13+
with a parent or
guardian)

The Warner Parks is partnering with the Harpeth River Conservancy to host an invasive plant removal, followed by a tree planting. Registration at <https://app.betterimpact.com/Application?OrganizationGuid=1992bb85-0bd1-423c-97c7-b558e5469ab5&ApplicationFormNumber=1v>

Native Bee Farming



Saturday, March 11
11 a.m.-noon

Age level: 10+
Registration opens
February 25

Learn how to become a Native Bee Farmer with gentle and easy to raise hive-less bees, how bees can boost pollination in the garden, and how gardeners can create an environment that helps sustain native bee populations in the area. Presented by the Master Gardeners of Davidson County

Free Programs during Metro School's Spring Break

The Nature Center is ready to celebrate spring with you! Registration is required for these programs.

Weather Watchers


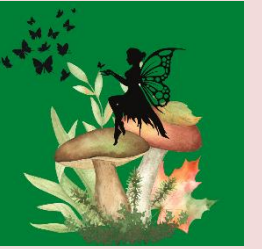


Tuesday, March 14
10–11 a.m.



Age level: 6+
Registration opens
February 28

If you are curious about the weather, fascinated with storms, or simply enjoy watching the clouds roll across the sky then you should definitely join this spring break program! Mark Rose, a real-life meteorologist, will share his knowledge about observing the weather, making educated predictions, and staying smart during storms. Leader: Mark Rose, National Weather Service, NOAA and Rachel Carter Koch

Register for events by emailing WPNC@Nashville.gov or calling 615-862-8555.

Quarry Quest 	Wednesday, March 15 10 a.m.–noon	Age level: 8+ Registration opens March 1	Calling all rock hounds and fossil finders for an early springtime adventure! We will investigate the rocks and fossils of Warner Parks during an exploration of the quarry and learn about the geologic processes that created them. Leaders: Vera Roberts and Will Chamberlain
Visit Vaughn's Gap Cave	Thursday, March 16 Choose between times: 9 a.m.–noon or 1–4 p.m.	Age level: 10+ Registration opens March 2	Join us at the Nature Center to explore this unique habitat. Prepare to get dirty as we squeeze, climb, and scramble through Vaughn's Gap Cave. To get to the cave, we will walk a mile, on and off trail. This tour is physical but an ideal introduction to caving. Leader: Melissa Donahue
Searching for Wee Folk on St. Paddy's Day 	Friday, March 17 10 a.m.–noon	Age level: All ages Registration opens March 4	Don your green on St. Patrick's Day to search for Wee Folk in the forest. Keep your eyes open as we parade together through the Nature Center campus and nearby trails. Admire all the shades of nature's greenery. Look for anything tiny: inspect mosses, lichens, mushrooms, and wildflowers. Maybe you'll even spot a leprechaun or fairy! Leader: Rachel Carter Koch
Winter's End Evening Hike and Picnic	Friday, March 17 5:30–7 p.m. 	Age level: All ages Registration opens March 3	Celebrate our 50 th anniversary and the beginning of spring! Pack up a picnic dinner and join us on a family-friendly hike, where our destination will be a hidden campfire on the hill. What wonderful evening creatures will we see or hear as we snack on s'mores? The hike is about half a mile on both paved and dirt trails. Leader: Rachel Anderson and Jessa Tremblay
Explore with a Naturalist	Saturday, March 18 Drop by between 10 a.m.–2 p.m.	Age level: All ages, families encouraged Registration not required	Drop 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. Leaders: Rachel Carter Koch
A Walk with Will 	Saturday, March 18 1–3 p.m.	Age level: 8+ Registration opens March 4	Whether exploring the forest with walking stick in hand or teaching about knot tying, Mr. Will LOVES sharing his knowledge and curiosity about the natural world with park visitors! Join him for a nature walk to see what you'll discover. Leader: Will Chamberlain
Spring StoryWalk® Reveal	Tuesday, March 21 On your own during park hours	Age level: All ages No registration required	It's time to reveal our new StoryWalk® book! Bring your little ones and discover which story we have chosen for spring. This is an “on your own” activity on the short trail behind the Nature Center. Coordinator: Jessa Tremblay

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Flowers, Flowers, Everywhere	Friday, March 24 1-3:30 p.m.	Age level: Adults Registration opens March 10	Early spring wildflowers are abundant on the hills and hollows of the Parks. Join a Naturalist to search for these ephemeral beauties and learn about the stories they tell. Leader: Vera Roberts
Explore with a Naturalist	Saturday, March 25 Drop by between 10 a.m.-2 p.m.	Age level: All ages, families encouraged Registration not required	Drop 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. Leaders: Caroline Crews
Romantic Spring Serenade	Friday, March 31 6-7:30 p.m.	Age level: 18+ Registration opens March 17	Bring a blanket, picnic dinner, and mocktails for a romantic get-away in the rolling hills of the Burch Reserve. After a half mile walk to our picnic location, we will relax, dine, listen to the sounds of nature, watch the sun set, and the moon rise. It is sure to be a lovely experience in nature! Leader: Rachel Carter Koch



April

Explore with a Naturalist	Saturday, April 1 Drop by between 10 a.m.-2 p.m.	Age level: All ages, families encouraged Registration not required	Drop 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. Leaders: Rachel Anderson
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Spring Wildflower Walk	Wednesday, April 5 10-11:30 am	Age level: 8+ Registration opens March 22	Welcome spring by taking a stroll through our paved roadway loop to look for spring flowers. These seasonal blooms help ring in a new season of growth and renewed life to the parks. Bask in the beauty of these important little flowers. Leaders: Jessa Tremblay and Melissa Donahue
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Curiosity Stroll	Thursday, April 6 1-2:30 p.m.	Age level: All ages, geared for 8+ Registration opens March 23	Take a family stroll with a Naturalist through forest and field. Follow your curiosity as we look for exciting discoveries. Caterpillars, birds, flowers? Who knows what we will find! Leader: Rachel Anderson
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Full Moon Cave Hike	Thursday, April 6 6-9 p.m.	Age level: 16+ Registration opens March 23	Join us for a nocturnal journey through the woods of the Burch Reserve and exploration of what lies beneath. We'll set off as the sun goes down and explore the depths of Vaughn's Gap Cave. Our night will wrap up with a return hike under the light of the pink moon. Leaders: Paul Fowler and Rachel Carter Koch
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Explore with a Naturalist	Friday, April 7 & Saturday, April 8 Drop by between 10 a.m.-2 p.m.	Age level: All ages, families encouraged Registration not required	Drop 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. Leaders: Vera Roberts
Return of the "Bob Hike" 	Saturday, April 8 9-11 a.m.	Age level: Adults, 13+ Registration opens March 25	You read that correctly! If your name is Bob (or you always wished that it was) don't miss this legendary hike! Roberts, Robs, Robertas, and Bobbies are all welcome as we search for Bobcats, Bobwhites, and Bobolinks. We will enjoy a 2+ mile stroll, and also share fond remembrances of our favorite Bob (Bob Brown), along with the story of how this fun hike came about. Leader: Bob Parrish
Spring Sound Bath Meditation and Hike 	Thursday, April 13 6-7:30 p.m.	Age level: Adults, 13+ Registration opens March 30	Spring represents rebirth and renewal. Start off the season with a good intention and mindset as we venture on a short hike and take in the new Earth around us. We'll then gather around the campfire for a golden hour guided meditation with sound bowls. There's no better place to realign our minds and bodies than in nature! Leader: Madaline Spinks from Zen Tiger Healing and Rachel Carter Koch
Ask a Master Gardener 	Saturday, April 15 Drop by anytime between 10 a.m.–noon	Age level: All ages Registration not required For additional information please visit https://www.mgofdc.org/gardening-resources	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 knowledge. Whether it's about plant care, insects, or plant identification in your yard, the Master Gardeners will be happy to help you. This is also a great way to get information about seasonal issues that may impact your growing conditions. Presented by the Master Gardeners of Davidson County
Explore with a Naturalist	Saturday, April 15 Drop by between 10 a.m.-2 p.m.	Age level: All ages, families encouraged Registration not required	Drop 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. Leaders: Jessa Tremblay
Plant a Garden for Earth Day and Cut Waste at Home	Thursday, April 20 1-2:30 p.m.	Age level: All ages Registration opens April 6	Growing your own food can help cut down food waste and combat climate change. Learn how to grow your own food, use multiple parts of your plants, and what you can do with your vegetable scraps. Leader: Jessa Tremblay

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**FYI Naturalist
Webinar: Why
You Should Have
a Rain Garden
(and How to
Build One)**

Thursday, April 20
6-7 p.m. over Zoom

Age level: Adults,
15+
Registration open
now



**CUMBERLAND
RIVER COMPACT**
OUR WATER. OUR FUTURE.

How do rain gardens help manage stormwater? How do they improve our water quality? Rain gardens are both beautiful and beneficial. What a lovely combination! Gain the knowledge and inspiration to make one in your own yard by joining this free webinar. *This virtual event is great to take in tandem with our hands-on rain garden project offered later in the week.*

Presenter: Joe Chapman,
Cumberland River Compact

**Birding from an
Easy Chair**

Friday, April 21
8-9:30 a.m.

Age level: 12+
Registration opens
April 6



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 the trail a challenge. We'll meet at the Indian Springs picnic area to listen for bird songs and calls and watch for migratory and resident birds to come into view.

Leader: BIRD volunteer, Susan Bradfield

**FYI Naturalist
Workshop: Build
a Rain Garden**

Saturday, April 22
10 a.m.-noon



Age level:
Adults, 13+
Registration open
now

For Earth Day, take the knowledge you gained from our Thursday webinar to the next level. We will instruct you in the basics of building a rain garden through a hands-on project at the Nature Center. After you create one under the guidance of an expert, we bet you'll be ready to try it at your own house! (Attendance of prior event not required.)

Presenter: Joe Chapman,
Cumberland River Compact

**Explore with a
Naturalist**

Saturday, April 22
Drop by between 10
a.m.-2 p.m.

Age level: All ages,
families encouraged
Registration not
required

Drop by the Nature Center to explore nature with a Naturalist! This outdoor exploration will focus on discovery, observation, and connecting with nature.

Leader: Rachel Carter Koch

**Search the
Fields and Hills
of Edwin Warner
Park for
Migratory Birds**

Friday, April 28
7-9 a.m.

Age level: 12+
Registration opens
April 14

Edwin Warner Park has a nice mix of native fields and hilled forests making a perfect place to search for migratory birds as they make their way from their southerly wintering grounds to breeding areas to the north. How many warbler species will we find?

Leader: BIRD Volunteer, Graham Gerdeman

**Early Bird Spring
Nature Fest**

Saturday, April 29
7-9 a.m.

Age level: 12+
Registration opens
April 15

Start off our Spring Nature Fest with a bird walk along the Little Harpeth River Greenway. This river corridor offers an abundant mix of resident, breeding, and migrating birds.

Leader: BIRD volunteer, Chris Sloan

**Beneficial
Insects for
Landscape and
Garden**

Saturday, April 29
11-noon

Age level: 10+
Registration opens
April 15



Learn to attract beneficial insects to your garden for natural and effective garden pest control. Discover which flowering plants can be added to your garden as "companions" to both attract beneficial insects and provide them with pollen and nectar.

Presenter: Paul Prill,
Davidson County Master Gardener

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Spring Nature Fest

Saturday, April 29

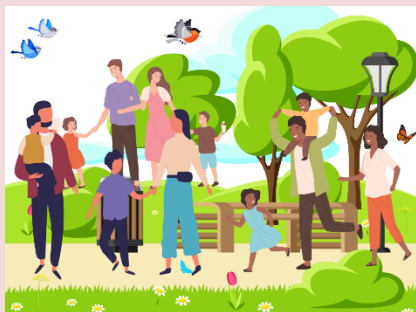
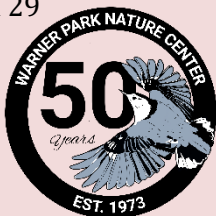
10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Age level:

All ages

Registration

not required



Join us for a family day of fun! We will have activities for all ages including bird banding observation, education stations, exploration stations, crafts, face-painting, history talks, a presentation by the Master Gardeners of Davidson County, food trucks and MORE! You don't want to miss this annual rite of spring! Leaders: Nature Center Staff and Volunteers

May

Creating a Nature Play Area: A Workshop for Educators, Designers, and anyone interested in providing kids with unstructured outdoor play spaces!

Wednesday, May 3

8 a.m.-noon

Age level: Adults 18+

Registration March 10



The reimagined Nature Play area celebrating aerial insectivores (purple martins, barn swallows, bluebirds, and more!) will be the focus of this workshop, designed as an opportunity to learn more about the importance of providing kids with spaces and opportunities to experience outdoor unstructured play. Participants will learn about how essential outdoor play is for healthy child development, why creating accessible public nature play areas are important for our community, and the nuts and seeds of how to design and build a play space on your site. The workshop will culminate with a tour and exploration of WPNC's new Nature Play area. Featured Guest Presenters include Sarah Konradi from The Design Workshop Foundation, and Tara Armistead, Nature Play Designer and Landscape Architect. \$25 registration fee. Coordinator: Vera Roberts

Friday Morning Bird Stroll

Friday, May 5

8:30-10 a.m.

Age level: 12+

Registration opens April 21

Join us for a morning stroll to look and listen for birds in Beech Woods. Beginners and experts are welcome as we try to find at least 50 species of resident and migrating birds. Leader: BIRD Program's Sandy Bivens

Ask a Master Gardener

Saturday, May 6

Drop by anytime between 10 a.m.-noon

Age level: All ages




Registration not required

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Spring Butterfly Bonanza 	Thursday, May 11 10-11:30 a.m.	Age level: All Ages Registration opens April 27	It's finally warm enough for butterflies to stretch their wings once again. Stroll through our meadow as we look for all types of butterflies including monarchs, swallowtails, sulfurs, and skippers! Leader: Jessa Tremblay
Bird Walk: Prepare for World Migratory Bird Day with a Bird Walk at the Burch Reserve	Friday, May 12 8-10 a.m.	Age level: All ages Registration opens April 28	We'll gear up for tomorrow's World Migratory Bird Day with a spring migration bird walk at the Burch Reserve. <i>(Note that Shelby Bottoms Nature Center hosts a celebration for World Migratory Bird Day on Saturday, May 13.)</i> Leaders: BIRD volunteers, Kim Bailey and Amy Pardo
Environmental Justice Panel 	Thursday, May 18 6-8 p.m.	Age level: 13+ Registration opens May 4	Marginalized and low-income communities historically and currently face the brunt of environmental issues from higher instances of air pollution, proximity to waste sites, and food insecurity. Come together with academicians, activists, and scientists to learn about environmental justice and how we can be a part of the change in our own communities. Coordinators: Rachel Anderson and Jessa Tremblay
Full Moon Pickin' Party 	Friday, May 19 6-10 p.m.	Age level: All ages For tickets & information visit: www.warnerparks.org Coordinated by Friends of Warner Parks	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.
Explore with a Naturalist	Saturday, May 20 Drop by between 10 a.m.-2 p.m.	Age level: All ages, families encouraged Registration not required	Drop 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. Leader: Rachel Carter Koch
Explore with a Naturalist	Saturday, May 27 Drop by between 10 a.m.-2 p.m.	Age level: All ages, families encouraged Registration not required	Drop 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. Leader: Rachel Anderson

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Recap of Events:

Explore with a Naturalist - Saturdays (& some Fridays)

Drop by the Nature Center between 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on the following days to explore nature with a Naturalist! This outdoor exploration will focus on discovery, observation, and connecting with nature.

March 4
March 10 & 11
March 18
March 25

April 1
April 7 & 8
April 15
April 22

May 6
May 20
May 27



Spring Nature Fest

Saturday, April 29 / 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Age level: All ages / Registration not required



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World Migratory Bird Day

Dim the Lights for Birds at Night

Shelby Bottoms Nature Center

Saturday, May 13th

to celebrate

World Migratory Bird Day!

(Note that Warner Park Nature Center
will be CLOSED on this day.)

World Migratory Bird Day in the Americas is coordinated by Environment for the Americas

The Nature Center will be
closed on

Saturday, May 13th for
Steeplechase &

Tuesday, May 30th in
observance of Memorial Day.

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