

Winter Schedule
2024 - 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.

**WINTER SOLSTICE
CELEBRATION**

December 20
4-7pm

**REGISTRATION IS
REQUIRED**

**WINTER STAR
PARTY**

February 1
6:30-8:30pm

**REGISTRATION IS
REQUIRED**

**LOVE NOTES
TO NATURE**

February 14
6-8pm

**REGISTRATION IS
REQUIRED**

**DETAILS
INSIDE!**



Contact the
Nature
Center for ADA
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Program	Date/Time	Registration	Information
December			
Hill Forest Hike	Saturday, December 7 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Age level: 8 years and up Registration opens November 22	Experience winter in an undisturbed forest. This rugged, strenuous and off-trail hike is worth every step as we discover beautiful ridgetops and valleys of old beech, oak and poplar trees. Leader: Rachel Anderson
Books and Birds	Saturday, December 7 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Age level: All ages Registration not required	Warm up with a fresh cup of bird-friendly coffee, organic tea or cocoa while you visit the library, which was the original Nature Center Office and Museum. Browse our small collection of books or watch feeder birds from the comfort of this cozy, inviting space. Leader: WPNC Volunteers
DIY Collage Workshop	Saturday, December 7 12:30 - 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: Members of the Nashville Collage Collective; Coordinator: Rachel Carter
Native Nature Share: A Seasonal Show 'n' Tell for Grown Ups	Saturday, December 14 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.	Age level: Adults Registration open now	Bring in a December 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: Joanna Brichetto, Rachel Carter or Vera Roberts, and others

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<p>Winter Sound Bath Meditation & Hike</p>	<p>Saturday, December 14 4 - 5:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Age level: 13 years and up Registration opens November 30</p>	<p>Join us for a peaceful hike through the serene trails of the park, followed by a cozy meditation sound bath by the fire inside the Nature Center. Happening between the Geminid meteor shower and the full moon, it's the perfect time to pause, breathe, and welcome the Winter Solstice. Let nature and community help you realign, rebalance, and wrap the year in a blanket of peace. Leaders: Madaline Spinks of Zen Tiger Healing and Rachel Carter</p>
<p>Winter Solstice Celebration</p>	<p>Friday, December 20 4 - 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Age level: All ages Registration is required and opens December 3</p>	<p>Celebrate the beginning of winter and the longest night of the year during this annual event featuring wreath making, a luminary trail through the forest, campfires, s'mores, astronomy, music, and much more! Please note that this is a very popular "Family Favorite" and REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. Don't hesitate to claim your spot! Leaders: Nature Center Staff and Volunteers</p>
<p>Vol Call: Pullin' Party</p>	<p>Saturday, December 21 10 a.m. - noon</p>	<p>Age level: 13 years and up with an adult or 18 years and up Register at warnerparks.org</p>	<p>What better way is there to get in the holiday spirit than putting on your weekend warrior outfit and going after some plant pests? Pitch in and help protect forest health. Learn how to identify, remove, and prevent invasive plants from overtaking our natural areas. Leader: Paul Fowler</p>
<p>January</p>			
<p>Observe Winter Bird Banding Research</p>	<p>Tuesday, January 7 8 a.m. - noon</p>	<p>Age level: All ages Registration not required</p>	<p>Join us for bird banding at our long-term Warner Park Nature Center banding station, on-going since 1982. Observe birds up close and in the hand with our federally licensed bird banders as they collect vital data to inform our understanding of bird populations and the importance of Warner Parks for birds. Leaders: Laura Cook and BIRD team</p>

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<p>Winter Trees of the Hill Forest</p>	<p>Friday, January 10 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Age level: 13 years and up Registration opens December 27</p>	<p>Discover the beauty and grandeur of the trees of the Hill Forest in winter on this rugged off-trail hike. Leader: Vera Roberts</p>
<p>Hill Forest Hike</p>	<p>Saturday, January 11 12:30 - 3:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Age level: 13 years and up Registration opens December 27</p>	<p>Geek out with Naturalists as we hike the protected Hill Forest property and take a closer look at how diversity, exotics and climate change affect the resiliency of this unique forest ecosystem. Please note this is a rugged, off-trail and strenuous hike. Leader: Rachel Anderson</p>
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<p>Bird Walk: Winter Birds of the Hill Forest</p>	<p>Friday, January 17 9 - 11 a.m.</p>	<p>Age level: 12 years and up Registration opens January 3</p>	<p>Enjoy this rare opportunity for winter birding at the Hill Forest. With field and forest edges, we should find a fabulous mix of resident and wintering birds. Leaders: BIRD Team</p>
<p>Vol Call: Pullin' Party</p>	<p>Saturday, January 18 10 a.m. - noon</p>	<p>Age level: 13 years and up with an adult or 18 years and up Register at warnerparks.org</p>	<p>Learn how to identify, remove, and prevent invasive plants from overtaking our natural areas. Leader: Paul Fowler</p>

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<p>Native Nature Share: A Seasonal Show 'n' Tell for Grown Ups</p>	<p>Saturday, January 18 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.</p>	<p>Age level: Adults Registration open now</p>	<p>Bring in a January 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: Joanna Brichetto, Rachel Carter or Vera Roberts, and others</p>
<p>Observe Winter Bird Banding Research</p>	<p>Wednesday, January 22 12 - 4 p.m.</p>	<p>Age level: All ages Registration not required</p>	<p>Join us for bird banding at our long-term Warner Park Nature Center banding station, on-going since 1982. Observe birds up close and in the hand with our federally licensed bird banders as they collect vital data to inform our understanding of bird populations and the importance of Warner Parks for birds. Leaders: Laura Cook and BIRD team</p>
<p>"Grow Your Own" Native Oak Propagation Workshop</p>	<p>Saturday, January 25 9 a.m. - noon</p>	<p>Age level: All ages Registration not required</p>	<p>Humble acorns grow into mighty oaks, and oak trees are vitally important for a rich diversity of insects, birds, mammals, and much more. Drop in anytime during this "open house" style program to learn all about our native oaks, and to propagate your own acorn to plant at home. Leaders: Members of the Garden Club of Nashville and Nature Center Staff</p>
<p>Cemeteries of Warner Parks</p>	<p>Saturday, January 25 1 - 3 p.m.</p>	<p>Age level: 13 years and up Registration opens January 11</p>	<p>Warner Parks has a rich and interesting history! One way to learn about it is through our cemeteries. During this program, we will visit 3 Percy Warner Park locations. Space is very limited for this program. Leader: Rachel Carter</p>

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Observe Winter Bird Banding Research	Tuesday, January 28 8 a.m. - noon	Age level: All ages Registration not required	Join us for bird banding at our long-term Warner Park Nature Center banding station, on-going since 1982. Observe birds up close and in the hand with our federally licensed bird banders as they collect vital data to inform our understanding of bird populations and the importance of Warner Parks for birds. Leaders: Laura Cook and BIRD team
Live, Laugh, Lantern Hike	Wednesday, January 29 5:30 - 7 p.m.	Age level: 10 years and up Registration opens January 17	Night hiking, warm drinks, and a campfire?! Experience the park at night with only lanterns to guide us while walk to one of our shelters. Then enjoy the warmth of a campfire while sipping on tea or hot cocoa. Leader: Elyse Dilks
Seed Swap Open House	Thursday, January 30 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Age level: All ages Registration not required	Share your garden seeds at our annual Seed Swap or stop by to grab some of the many varieties we have saved from the Nature Center gardens. Coordinator: Vera Roberts
Seed Swap Open House	Friday, January 31 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Age level: All ages Registration not required	Share your garden seeds at our annual Seed Swap or stop by to grab some of the many varieties we have saved from the Nature Center gardens. Coordinator: Vera Roberts
February			
Seed Swap Open House	Saturday, February 1 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Age level: All ages Registration not required	Share your garden seeds at our annual Seed Swap or stop by to grab some of the many varieties we have saved from the Nature Center gardens. Coordinator: Vera Roberts

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Cards and Cardinals	Saturday, February 1 10 a.m. - noon	Age level: All ages Registration opens January 18	The season is full of gift-giving, love, and time spent amongst friends and family. Join us at Warner Parks as we make scrapbook-style Valentine's Day cards and learn about some of our most iconic "love birds", like the Northern Cardinal! Leader: Jenna Atma
Winter Star Party	Saturday, February 1 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.	Age level: All ages Registration open now	Winter offers the brightest nights of the year for star gazing, especially around the phase of the new moon! The quiet and still winter months tend to greet us with crisp, clear nights that feature a sky filled with celestial wonders. Admire the heavens with awe as astronomers point out the magnificence of nature while sharing their knowledge and passion. Coordinators: Rachel Carter, Theo Wellington, and the Barnard-Seyfert Astronomical Society
Observe Winter Bird Banding Research	Tuesday, February 4 8 a.m. - noon	Age level: All ages Registration not required	Join us for bird banding at our long-term Warner Park Nature Center banding station, on-going since 1982. Observe birds up close and in the hand with our federally licensed bird banders as they collect vital data to inform our understanding of bird populations and the importance of Warner Parks for birds. Leaders: Laura Cook and BIRD team
Hill Forest Adventure	Friday, February 7 1 - 4 p.m.	Age level: 13 years and up Registration opens January 24	Hike the hills and hollows of the undisturbed ecosystem of the Hill Forest. Leader: Vera Roberts

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Observe Winter Bird Banding Research	Saturday, February 8 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.	Age level: All ages Registration not required	Join us for bird banding at our long-term Warner Park Nature Center banding station, on-going since 1982. Observe birds up close and in the hand with our federally licensed bird banders as they collect vital data to inform our understanding of bird populations and the importance of Warner Parks for birds. Leaders: Laura Cook and BIRD team
Vol Call: Pullin' Party	Saturday, February 8 10 a.m. - noon	Age level: 13 years and up with an adult or 18 years and up Register at warnerparks.org	Learn how to identify, remove, and prevent invasive plants from overtaking our natural areas. Leader: Paul Fowler
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Love Notes to Nature	Friday, February 14 6 - 8 p.m.	Age level: 21 years and up Registration opens January 30	Enjoy a crackling fire, snacks, and beverages as we share what we love about nature. We will also create plantable seed paper you can use to write a love note to nature – and then plant in your backyard! Suggested \$10 donation at the door Leaders: Nature Center Staff
Cemeteries of Warner Parks Part 2	Saturday, February 15 9 - 11 a.m.	Age level: 13 years and up Registration opens February 1	February is a special time to visit and learn about the cemeteries in Warner Parks. We will visit three cemeteries in Edwin Warner Park on this hike and talk about the history and families that once called this land home. It is not necessary that you attended Part 1 to attend Part 2. Leader: Rachel Carter

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<p>Observe Winter Bird Banding Research</p>	<p>Wednesday, February 19 Noon - 4 p.m.</p>	<p>Age level: All ages Registration not required</p>	<p>Join us for bird banding at our long-term Warner Park Nature Center banding station, on-going since 1982. Observe birds up close and in the hand with our federally licensed bird banders as they collect vital data to inform our understanding of bird populations and the importance of Warner Parks for birds. Leaders: Laura Cook and BIRD team</p>
<p>Bird Walk: Winter Birds of the Burch Reserve</p>	<p>Friday, February 21 9 - 11 a.m.</p>	<p>Age level: 12 years and up Registration opens February 7</p>	<p>With a nice mix of fields and forests, the Burch Reserve is ideal for birding. Join us as we search for resident and wintering birds. Leaders: BIRD Team</p>
<p>Native Nature Share: A Seasonal Show 'n' Tell for Grown Ups</p>	<p>Saturday, February 22 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.</p>	<p>Age level: Adults Registration open now</p>	<p>Bring in a February 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: Joanna Brichetto, Rachel Carter or Vera Roberts, and others</p>
<p>Nashville Native Orchids Presentation and Book Discussion</p>	<p>Saturday, February 22 1:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Age level: 13 years and up Registration opens February 8</p>	<p>Hidden in the greenways, parks, and backyards of Nashville are several varieties of stunning native orchids. The vibrant flower has been revered for centuries for its exoticism and inspirational qualities. But these treasures, long part of rich folkloric traditions, have been largely forgotten by many Nashvillians. Come hear author of "Nashville Native Orchids: Astonishing Science and Mysterious Folklore" share her knowledge and enthusiasm. You'll learn how to find, identify, and conserve native orchids in your neighborhood. Parnassus Books will be onsite with books available for purchase. Presenter and Author: Soraya Cates Parr</p>

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AT A GLANCE

Winter Bird Banding Research (8 a.m. - 12 p.m. unless noted otherwise)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January 7 • January 14 • January 22 (12 - 4pm) • January 28 • February 4 • February 8 (9am-1pm) • February 11 • February 19 (12 - 4pm) • February 25
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NATURE CENTER CLOSINGS

Christmas	Closed December 24 & 25
New Years	Closed December 31 & January 1
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	Closed January 21
President's Day	Closed February 18