



**WARNER PARK
NATURE CENTER**



2021 On-Your-Own Educator Guide

Inspire curiosity, share discoveries and engage in science with an on-your-own field trip to Warner Park Nature Center.

Warner Park Nature Center 7311 Highway 100 Nashville, Tennessee 37221
615-862-8555 wpnc.nashville.gov wpnc@nashville.gov

Step One: Schedule Your Field Trip

All groups including informal homeschool gatherings, scout groups, parenting groups, etc. should contact the Nature Center at wpnc@nashville.gov to schedule your on-your-own gathering.

Remember:

- Organized group visits to the Nature Center campus can occur once per season (fall, winter, spring). If you wish to have regular visits to Warner Park with your group, contact Cammie.Claybrook@nashville.gov.
- Please be aware of current group size restrictions Under Mayor Cooper's mandates. Currently, gatherings are limited to 8 people (as of 12/29/20)
- Group picnicking is not allowed on the Nature Center porch or campus. Please call 615-862-8408 to reserve a shelter if you wish to picnic with your group.



Step Two: Review and Respect the Rules

All students/children and parents must wear masks when social distancing (maintaining 6 feet or more from others) is not possible. This includes when interacting with Nature Center staff, when utilizing the trails and when near other park visitors.

Adults must accompany and supervise students/children at all times.

All park regulations apply to your visit. Refer to wpnc.nashville.gov and select About Your Visit for a complete list of rules.

More detailed Do's and Dont's about accessing and utilizing the pond and garden will be provided once you have scheduled your field trip.

Step Three: Download Suggested Educational Activities

These activities focus on encouraging observation, questioning, discussion and making explanations based on evidence. Suggested activities are adaptable for most age-ranges and you can tailor them for any variety of natural phenomena or science focus.

beetlesproject.org/resources/for-field-instructors

BEETLES is a student-centered approach to practicing science and learning concepts. After opening the website, select "exploration routines" and start with I notice, I wonder, It reminds me of and Discovery Swap.

johnmuirlaws.com/journaling-curriculum

Opening the World Through Nature Journaling has some excellent activities that help students make accurate observations that lead ultimately to great questions and a much deeper understanding of concepts.

