

Annie Louise Wilkerson Nature Preserve Family Programs (Spring 2020)



Register online at relink.raleighnc.gov. Children must be accompanied by an adult for all programs. Please dress for the weather and outdoor fun! Note: programs often take place on trails that are inaccessible for strollers.

Astronomy Nights (Ages: 5 and up; children must be accompanied by an adult)
What's up in space this spring? Each program begins with an indoor presentation and (weather permitting) moves outside after sunset to view the moon, stars, and more with the preserve's telescope. Fee: \$2

Friday, January 10	5:30 PM-7:00 PM	#249897
Friday, February 7	6:00 PM-7:30 PM	#249898
Friday, March 6	6:00 PM-7:30 PM	#249899
Friday, April 3	7:30 PM-9:00PM	#249900

Nature Play Day (Ages: All ages; children must be accompanied by an adult)
Join us anytime between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. to enjoy our latest ideas for playing in nature. Children of all ages, as well as the young at heart, are welcome to join us for imaginative play in a natural setting. If you can't make this play day, you can check out Nature Play kits at no charge whenever the park office is open. Free.

Friday, April 17	11:00 AM-3:00 PM	#249912
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Statewide Star Party (Ages: all ages; children must be accompanied by an adult)
Join members of the Raleigh Astronomy Club and Wilkerson Nature Preserve for a special star gaze held in conjunction with the NC Science Festival. Club members will share their telescopes and knowledge of the night sky. Please park in the Overflow Parking Lot and walk to the field near the Park Office. You may wish to bring a flashlight (with a red light if possible) to aid you in walking. Free.

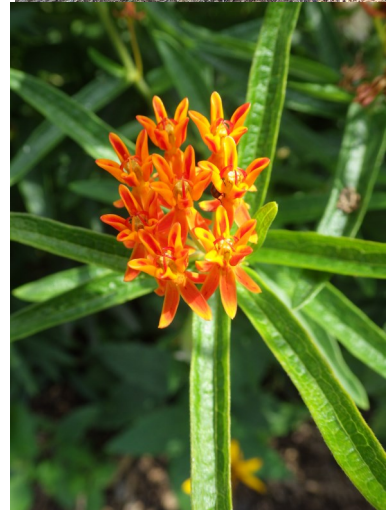
Saturday, April 25	8:00 PM-10:30 PM	#249953
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Twilight Walk (Ages: 4yrs. and up; children must be accompanied by an adult)
Many animals are active around sunset or shortly after. Take a walk with a park naturalist to explore the woods and fields at this special time. Look for deer, coyotes, and owls. The program is designed for families with young children; all ages are welcome. Fee: \$3

Saturday, February 29	5:00 PM-6:30 PM	#249902
Saturday, March 28	6:30 PM-8:00 PM	#249903
Friday, April 24	7:00 PM-8:30 PM	#249904

Wildflower Walk Age: 5yrs. and up; children must be accompanied by an adult.
Many wildflowers bloom in spring. Join us for a leisurely hike through our fields and woods as we learn to recognize some blooming beauties and appreciate their stories. Fee: \$2

Saturday, April 4	10:30 AM-11:30 AM	#249911
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Wilkerson Nature Preserve Youth Programs (Spring 2020)



Register online at reclink.raleighnc.gov. Please dress for the weather and outdoor fun! Parents are welcome to stay and observe the program, but are not required to accompany their children.

Geology Detectives: Minerals (Ages 8-13)

Don't be fooled by fool's gold -- learn how geologists test minerals by using properties including hardness, streak, color, luster, and acid reactivity. Take on the challenge of testing and identifying a variety of mineral samples. Take home a mineral for your own collection! Fee: \$5

Friday, January 24 **3:00 PM-4:30 PM** **#249906**

Owl Pellets (Ages 6-9)

Learn all about our native owls. An owl doesn't digest the fur, feathers, or bones of its prey. Instead, owls cough up some pretty disgusting pellets, which you will get to dissect! Weather permitting, we'll hike in the winter woods to call for owls. Fee: \$4

Friday, January 31 **4:00 PM-6:00 PM** **Course #249907**

Meteorology Masters: Weather Instruments (Ages 9-13)

You could ask a groundhog or join us to learn how scientists really predict the weather by practicing your own observation-based forecast. We will measure the atmosphere using tools including an anemometer, hygrometer, barometer, and sling psychrometer. Make a weather instrument to take home! Fee: \$4

Friday, February 21 **2:00 PM-3:30 PM** **#249909**

Counting Canids (Ages 6-9)

Learn about canids — wolves, coyotes, and foxes — and how they are alike and different. Hike to look for tracks and signs. Learn how biologists use wildlife cameras to reveal these secretive animals. Make casts of canid feet to take home. Fee: \$5

Sunday, February 23 **2:00 PM-3:30 PM** **#250252**

Equinox Astronomy (Ages 8-13)

Why do we have seasons? Why do we say the spring days are 'getting longer'? In this investigation, we will construct models to understand how the sources of the seasons literally are 'out of this world.' Fee: \$4

Friday, March 20 **2:00 PM-3:30 PM** **Course #249910**



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Wilkerson Nature Preserve Preschool Programs (Spring 2020)



Register online at reclink.raleighnc.gov. Programs are intended for children ages 3-5 who are accompanied by an adult. Please dress for the weather and outdoor fun! Note: Parts of these programs may take place on natural surface trails that are inaccessible to strollers.

Wildlife in Winter (Ages 3-5)

What do wild animals do in winter? Let's pretend to be animals that hibernate, migrate, and stay warm in the cold, winter woods! Take a hike, do a craft, and learn about our wild friends. Fee: \$3

Wednesday, January 15	12:45 PM-2:15 PM	Course #249913
Saturday, January 18	10:30 AM-12:00 PM	Course #249914

Foxes and Coyotes (Ages 3-5)

How are foxes and coyotes similar to and different from dogs? Meet Red the Fox and Carrie the Coyote and hear their stories. We'll go outside to look for their tracks and dens. Make a fox track and do a craft! Fee: \$3

Wednesday, February 12	12:45 PM-2:15 PM	Course #249915
Saturday, February 15	10:30 AM-12:00 PM	Course #249916

Fairies and Trolls (Ages 3-5)

Do fairies and trolls live at the nature preserve? Come find out! Make a tiny house in the woods for a mouse, bug, toad, woodland fairy, or even a troll. Wear fairy wings and walk the fairy trails! We'll provide stories and natural materials -- all you need is a good imagination. Fee: \$4

Wednesday, March 25	12:45 PM-2:15 PM	Course #249918
Saturday, March 28	10:30 AM-12:00 PM	Course #249919

Welcome, Hummingbirds (Ages 3-5)

The hummingbirds are coming back to Raleigh from their winter homes in Mexico and Central America. Learn about hummers and play some hummingbird games. Help us put up the nectar feeders in the park for our hummingbirds. Fee: \$3

Wednesday, April 8	12:45 PM-2:15 PM	Course #249921
Saturday, April 11	10:30 AM-12:00 PM	Course #249922



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