



Bells Bend Outdoor Center

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Tuesday: 12-4 p.m.
Thursday: 12-4 p.m.
Saturday: 9a.m.-4 p.m.
and by appointment

Please join us on Facebook
Bells Bend Park is open 7 days a week from dawn til dusk

January & February 2012 Program Schedule

Amphibians of Middle Tennessee



Saturday, January 14
10:00a.m.-11:00a.m.
Age Level: All Ages
Call to register

Frogs have been calling in Bells Bend's ponds for several weeks and some salamanders may be breeding. We'll discuss which species you are hearing now and discover the others that live in our area. Leader: LinnAnn Welch

Leave No Trace Campsite 101



Saturday, January 21
9:30a.m.-10:30a.m.
Age Level: All Ages
Call to register

Don't be scared of camping. We will learn the basics of camping, gear, and the principles of Leave No Trace. Be sure to bring your questions. Leader: Chris Guerin

Organic Gardening



Saturday, January 21
1:30p.m - 2:30p.m.
Age Level: All Ages
Call to register

Want to learn about organic gardening? Bring your questions and pick the brain of a local Bells Bend organic gardener. Leader: Lauren Bailey of Hoot 'n' Holler Gardens

Campfire



Friday, January 27
6:30p.m.-8:00p.m.
Age Level: All Ages
Call to register

Lets sit around the campfire and listen to the night time animals. Bring what you like to cook over a roaring campfire. Leader: Chris Guerin

Current Research in Tennessee Archaeology

Saturday, January 28

Attend this meeting to learn about the archaeological research conducted state-wide this year.

Bells Bend Park is represented with a poster session featuring the cultural resources and research on the park. Ed Jones Auditorium, Ellington Agricultural Center. 8:30a.m. - 4:00p.m.

Visit www.mtsu.edu/~kesmith/TNARCH/CRITA.html for more details



For assistance or accommodation, please contact the Bell Bend Outdoor Center, 615-862-4187

Please call and register
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February 2012 Schedule

Woodcock Research

Please volunteer during the month of February, once or many times, to help us monitor the woodcock populations. We need more information on which fields are utilized and numbers of birds park-wide. Research will be for the entire month, dusk or dawn. Call or email for more details. Age Level: All Ages

Family Night Hike



Friday, February 3
6:00p.m.-7:30p.m.
Age Level: All Ages
Call to register

Come explore the park after dark by the moon light. It is a perfect time to hike in the park at night and listen for owls and other nocturnal animals.

Leader: Chris Guerin

Sunrise Woodcock Watch



Friday, February 10
5:30a.m - 7:00a.m.
Age Level: All Ages
Call to register

One of Mother Nature's spectacular courtship rituals takes place during late winter.

Woodcocks are best known for the unique flight display of the males during breeding season. Join us for an early morning of woodcock watching.

Leader: Tony Lance

Winter Woods



Saturday, February 11
10:00a.m.-11:30a.m.
Age Level: All Ages
Call to register

Explore the former farmland of the park with a naturalist. We may visit the pond, barns, garden, and fields. There is so much to see! Don't forget to bring your lunch.

Leader: LinnAnn Welch

Woodcock Open House



Thursday, February 16
5:00p.m.-7:00p.m.
Age Level: All Ages
Call to register

Drop by the center to learn about woodcocks and view them in the field performing their flight displays.

Leaders: LinnAnn Welch & Tony Lance

Grasslands Bird Hike



Saturday, February 25
7:30a.m. - 9:30a.m.
Age Level: Adult, 13+
Call to register

Bells Bend Park is the winter home for a number of grassland species, especially sparrows and quail. We'll look for these, many of which are not common in other areas.

Leader: Tony Lance

Green Facts

- In the average home, 40% of all electricity used to power home electronics is consumed while the products are turned off. Across the US, this equals the annual output of 17 power plants.
- Over 100 million Americans live in areas with air pollution levels considered harmful by the government.
- Americans spend an average of 90% of their time indoors, where indoor air is often 2 to 5 times more polluted than outdoor air.

Check out programs at the other Metro Parks Nature Centers, too.
www.nashville.gov/parks/nature

For Safety and Security Needs Contact:

Park Police Office: 615-880-3429

Non life-threatening emergencies: 615-862-8600 Life-threatening Emergencies: 911