



September '25 – March '26 DelNature Activities

PROGRAMS & EVENTS

Educating today. Preserving for tomorrow.



Welcome

Join us for a season of discovery with our Fall and Winter Nature Programs.

From the vibrant colors of autumn leaves to the peaceful hush of a winter trail, nature invites us to explore its quiet beauty and seasonal wonders. This season, join us — from guided walks and wildlife observation to tastings, seasonal crafting, and cooking, we offer programs for all ages. Leaf through this catalog for our upcoming fun, fall events, new Youth Clubs, new Rooted in Community series and so much more!

Our Mission

Connecting people and nature to create a healthy environment for all through education, conservation, and advocacy.

For more than 60 years, DelNature has been a leader in nature education, land preservation, wildlife protection, and watershed stewardship. Our impact is made possible through collaboration with members, donors, volunteers, and community partners. We are proud to be the state affiliate of the National Wildlife Federation.



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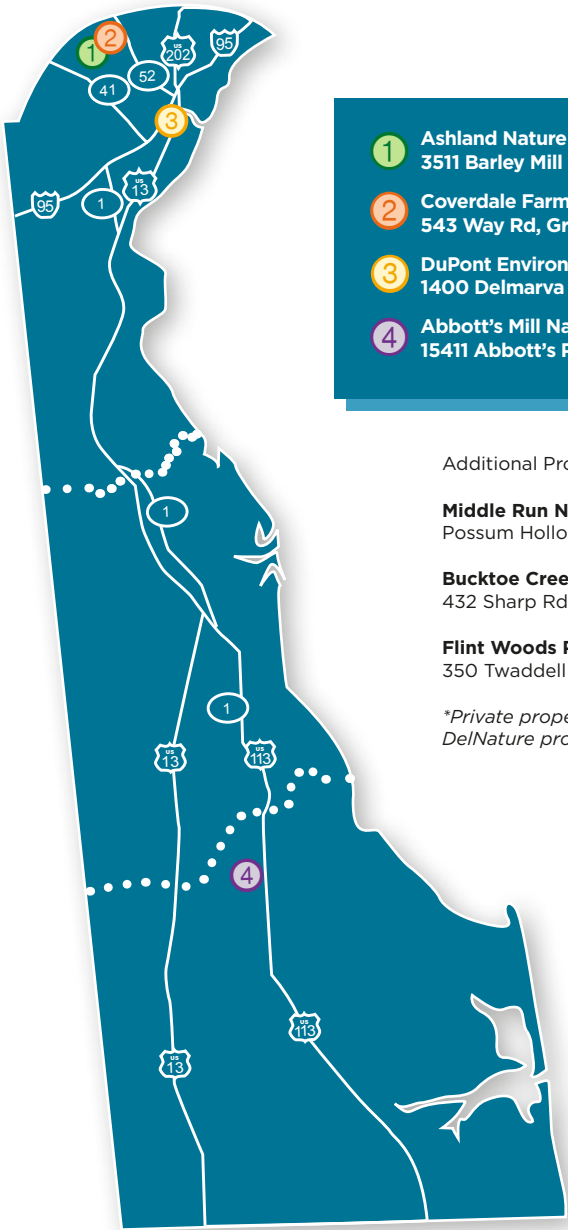


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DelNature Sites & Program Locations



- 1 Ashland Nature Center (headquarters)
3511 Barley Mill Rd, Hockessin, DE
- 2 Coverdale Farm Preserve
543 Way Rd, Greenville, DE
- 3 DuPont Environmental Education Center
1400 Delmarva Ln, Wilmington, DE
- 4 Abbott's Mill Nature Center
15411 Abbott's Pond Rd, Milford, DE

Additional Program locations:

Middle Run Natural Area
Possum Hollow Rd, Newark, DE

Bucktoe Creek Preserve*
432 Sharp Rd, Avondale, PA

Flint Woods Preserve*
350 Twaddell Mill Rd, Wilmington, DE

**Private property, access during DelNature programs only.*



ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

Ashland Hawk Watch | All Ages

Daily 9/1 - 11/30

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM | Free

Visit Ashland Hawk Watch any day, September through November to see what raptors are migrating south. Experienced Hawk Watchers are on staff each day collecting data on raptor migration during this daily event.

COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Fall Book Club | Adults

9/2, 10/7, 11/4 | 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM | \$125

All readers welcome! Enjoy captivating books on food, eco-farming, and nature. Engage, make friends, and relish reading in a welcoming space. Books, snacks and a friendly community included.

ABBOTT'S MILL NATURE CENTER

Knee High Naturalists: Have to

Have a Habitat | Preschoolers, ages 2-5

9/3 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15

Have to have a habitat. Discover the wonders of nature with your little one! Enjoy hands-on nature discovery outdoors with our Teacher Naturalists.

COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Knee High Naturalists: Tractor Time

Preschoolers, ages 3-5

9/5 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15

Learn all about the fascinating vehicles that help farmers grow food. Discover the wonders of nature with your little one! Enjoy hands-on nature discovery outdoors with our Teacher Naturalists.

COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Lunch Bunch | Preschoolers

9/5 | 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM | Free

Hungry after a busy Knee High Naturalist program? Swing by, unpack your lunch, and stay for a story! Families and kids are welcome to join a Delaware Nature Society guide for a fun story time after the program.

VIRTUAL

Be An Environmental Advocate | Adults

9/5 | 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM | Free

Learn how to contact and meet with elected officials, present your issue, and keep in touch.

COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Coverdale Family Camp Day | Families

9/6 | 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM | Free

Join us to experience what your child(ren) have been up to at camp! Enjoy games, crafts, hayrides, guided hikes, and exploring the preserve together. Let your child give you a tour of the farmyard and share their favorite camp moments!

BUCKTOE CREEK PRESERVE

NEW! Fall Fungus Walk | Adults, ages 16+

9/8 | 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM | \$15

Explore a beautiful private preserve in search of fascinating fungi!

COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Knee High Naturalists Pint Size:

Tractor Time | Preschoolers, ages 2-3

9/10 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15

Learn all about the fascinating vehicles that help farmers grow food. Discover the wonders of nature with your little one! Enjoy hands-on nature discovery outdoors with our Teacher Naturalists.

ABBOTT'S MILL NATURE CENTER

Knee High Naturalists: Stream and

Pond Life | Preschoolers, ages 2-5

9/10 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15

Stream and pond life. Discover the wonders of nature with your little one! Enjoy hands-on nature discovery outdoors with our Teacher Naturalists.



ABBOTT'S MILL NATURE CENTER

Music at the Mill | *Special Event*

9/11 | 5:00 PM - 7:30 PM | *Free*

Rock out at Abbott's Mill with live music, food trucks, community fun, and more. Proceeds benefit education, conservation, and advocacy at Abbott's.



COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Fridays at the Farm | *Special Event*

9/12 | 5:00 PM - 7:30 PM | *Free*

Join us for Fridays at the Farm. Relax while you shop, sip, snack, and savor the landscape. Enjoy live music, local food trucks, and drinks for purchase. No dogs or pets allowed. Parking is limited, carpooling is encouraged.

COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

NEW! After Hours: Cut Flower Creations

Adults

9/11 | 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM | *\$60*

Start with a rustic vessel. Tuck in foliage, add focal flowers, round out with charming fillers to finish a farm bouquet. Walk through aisles of blooms to select a color palette, then snip, trim, and arrange your signature design!

ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

Knee High Naturalists: Migration Station

Preschoolers, ages 3-5

9/12 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | *\$15*

See what creatures are migrating for the season at Ashland. Discover the wonders of nature with your little one! Enjoy hands-on nature discovery outdoors with our Teacher Naturalists.

ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

Lunch Bunch | *Preschoolers*

9/12 | 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM | *Free*

Hungry after a busy Knee High Naturalist program? Swing by, unpack your lunch, and stay for a story! Families and kids are welcome to join a Delaware Nature Society guide for a fun story time after the program.

DUPONT ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER

Sunset Kayak Trip | *Adults, ages 14+*

9/13 | 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM | *\$35*

Experience sunset serenity on the Christina River! Immerse yourself in our beautiful wetlands while watching herons, beavers, bald eagles, and more.

ABBOTT'S MILL NATURE CENTER

Knee High Naturalists: The World of Decomposers | *Preschoolers, ages 2-5*

9/17 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | *\$15*

Investigating the world of decomposers. Discover the wonders of nature with your little one! Enjoy hands-on nature discovery outdoors with our Teacher Naturalists.

COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

NEW! Rooted in Community:

Craft Together | *Adults*

9/17 | 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM | *\$7*

Craving creativity? Tired of crafting alone? Mingle with fellow makers to spark ideas in a fun, welcoming space. Bring a project—or just yourself! Whether expert or beginner, come craft, chat, and unwind with snacks and good company.

OFFSITE LOCATION

Next Generation Land Stewards:

Native Habitat Lecture | *Adults*

9/18 | 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM | *Free*

Discover how you and your community can support the next generation of conservation-minded adults by exploring how to establish meaningful and exciting land stewardship projects in your own communities.

COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

NEW! After Hours:

Build Better Salad Blends | *Adults*

9/18 | 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM | *\$60*

Create a unique salad blend with freshly harvested greens! Crisp lettuce, smooth spinach, spicy arugula, mouth-watering mizuna, and much more to create your custom blend. Tour the gardens, sample the greens, and make your mix!

Autumn Events

Celebrate the change of season with family fun and alfresco dining



MONARCH MIGRATION CELEBRATION

Saturday, September 20
12:00 PM - 4:00 PM

DUPONT ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER

Experience the magic of the Monarch butterfly's journey at our unique urban refuge. Enjoy live performances, explore our pollinator habitat, take a guided nature walk, make a butterfly craft, and refuel with delicious bites from local food trucks.

A TASTE OF COVERDALE

A FOOD EXPERIENCE AT THE FARM & PRESERVE

Saturday
Sept. 27, 2025

Coverdale Farm Preserve
543 Way Road, Greenville, Delaware

4:30 pm – 8 pm



Celebrate nature through the food and landscapes of Coverdale Farm Preserve. Enjoy an evening of thoughtfully prepared, locally grown food and specially curated accompaniments, guided peaceful strolls with our conservation experts, and beautiful natural and historic views. Gain insights into the vital role this special property plays in fulfilling the Delaware Nature Society's mission – proceeds from tickets sales and fundraising at the event will support the conservation and education programs of Coverdale Farm Preserve.

Single ticket: \$195 | Table of Eight & VIP parking: \$2,000 | DelNature.org

COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Knee High Naturalists: Amazing Apples

Preschoolers, ages 3-5

9/19 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15

Dive into the beauty of an amazing fall fruit: apples! Discover the wonders of nature with your little one! Enjoy hands-on nature discovery outdoors with our Teacher Naturalists.

COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Lunch Bunch | Preschoolers

9/19 | 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM | Free

Hungry after a busy Knee High Naturalist program? Swing by, unpack your lunch, and stay for a story! Families and kids are welcome to join a Delaware Nature Society guide for a fun story time after the program.

VIRTUAL

Be An Environmental Advocate | Adults

9/19 | 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM | Free

Learn how to contact and meet with elected officials, present your issue, and keep in touch.

DUPONT ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER

DEEC Day of Service | All Ages, ages 5+

9/20 | 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM | Free

Join us for a DEEC Day of Service! Come together to restore urban marshlands, protect wildlife, and foster a greener future. Let's make a positive impact on our environment!

DUPONT ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER

Monarch Migration Celebration | All Ages

9/20 | 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM | Free

Experience the magic of the Monarch butterfly's journey at our unique urban refuge. Enjoy live performances, explore our pollinator habitat, take a guided nature walk, make a butterfly craft, and refuel with delicious bites from local food trucks.

COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Young Chefs Cooking Class

Children, grades 3-6

9/21 | 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM | \$75

Join our Young Chefs Cooking Class! Explore cooking with a new cookbook, learn kitchen skills, experiment with ingredients, and create tasty dishes. Let's embark on a delicious journey together!

ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

Knee High Naturalists Pint Size:

Migration Station | Preschoolers, ages 2-3

9/24 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15

See what creatures are migrating for the season at Ashland. Discover the wonders of nature with your little one! Enjoy hands-on nature discovery outdoors with our Teacher Naturalists.

ABBOTT'S MILL NATURE CENTER

Knee High Naturalists: Trees and Their Leaves | Preschoolers, ages 2-5

9/24 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15

Trees and their leaves: changes in nature. Discover the wonders of nature with your little one! Enjoy hands-on nature discovery outdoors with our Teacher Naturalists.

COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

NEW! After Hours:

Totally Tomatoes Tastings | Adults

9/25 | 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM | \$60

Smoky to sweet, fruity to savory Coverdale grows big tomato flavor. Spend the evening tasting your way through fresh farm favorites like Atomic Grape, Ananas Noir, Enroza and more. Prepare to have your taste buds titillated!

DUPONT ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER

Friday Morning Trek | Adults

9/26 | 7:30 AM - 8:30 AM | Free

Start your Friday off outdoors where the city, river and marsh meet. Mostly paved trails and boardwalks. Led by local resident and DelNature Executive Director, Jen Adkins.

BUCKTOE CREEK PRESERVE

Nature's Fruits and Nuts | Adults, ages 16+

9/26 | 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM | \$15

Search the woods for nature's bounty of fruits and nuts during this autumn hike!

ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

Knee High Naturalists: Slithering Snakes

Preschoolers, ages 3-5

9/26 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15

Meet a real snake and learn all about these ssssstupendous animals. Discover the wonders of nature with your little one! Enjoy hands-on nature discovery outdoors with our Teacher Naturalists.

ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

Lunch Bunch | Preschoolers

9/26 | 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM | Free

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ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

Butterfly Tea Party | Children

9/28 | 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM | \$20

Explore the world of beautiful butterflies beside the active butterfly and pollinator gardens. See butterflies up close and try your hand at butterfly catching with a net.

DelNature Youth Clubs

Adventure Awaits in Nature

NEW!



COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Young Farmers Club | Children, grades 3-6

Saturdays 9/13-10/18 | 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM | \$140

This 6-week hands-on program lets kids explore farming through animal husbandry, gardening, and cooking. They'll gain practical skills and a deeper respect for how farms and nature work together.

ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

DelNature Explorers Club | Children, grades 3-5

Sundays 10/12-4/12 | 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM | \$130

Adventure and explore with seasonal activities of nature study, hiking, outdoor skills, and more! Each month brings new and exciting topics for explorers of all levels.

ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

DelNature Adventurers Club | Children, grades 6-8

Sundays 10/12-4/12 | 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM | \$150

Join this group of nature lovers, bug collectors, snake finders, and explorers. Look for wildlife and enjoy adventure activities with outings to local areas.

ABBOTT'S MILL NATURE CENTER

Knee High Naturalists: Acting Like Animals

Preschoolers, ages 2-5

10/1 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15

Acting like animals. Discover the wonders of nature with your little one! Enjoy hands-on nature discovery outdoors with our Teacher Naturalists.

COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Knee High Naturalists: Fall on the Farm

Preschoolers, ages 3-5

10/3 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15

Things are settling into fall on the farm - come and see what is changing! Discover the wonders of nature with your little one! Enjoy hands-on nature discovery outdoors with our Teacher Naturalists.

COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Lunch Bunch | *Preschoolers*

10/3 | 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM | Free

Hungry after a busy Knee High Naturalist program? Swing by, unpack your lunch, and stay for a story! Families and kids are welcome to join a Delaware Nature Society guide for a fun story time after the program.

VIRTUAL

Be An Environmental Advocate | *Adults*

10/3 | 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM | Free

Learn how to contact and meet with elected officials, present your issue, and keep in touch.

ABBOTT'S MILL NATURE CENTER

Abbott's Member Only

Hike and Happy Hour

Adults, ages 21+

10/4 | 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM | Free

After the Fall Native Plant Sale, stay for a guided hike along the scenic trails of Abbott's. Then, wind down your afternoon with a relaxing happy hour, immersed in the vibrant sights and sounds of autumn in Southern Delaware.

Members
Only

DUPONT ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER

NEW! Nature Journaling | *All Ages, ages 8+*

10/4 | 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM | Free

Nature Journaling: Identify and make a record of the plants and animals as you hike through the marsh ecosystem.

COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Knee High Naturalists Pint Size:

Fall on the Farm | *Preschoolers, ages 2-3*

10/8 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15

Things are settling into fall on the farm - come and see what is changing! Discover the wonders of nature with your little one! Enjoy hands-on nature discovery outdoors with our Teacher Naturalists.

Fall Native Plant Sale

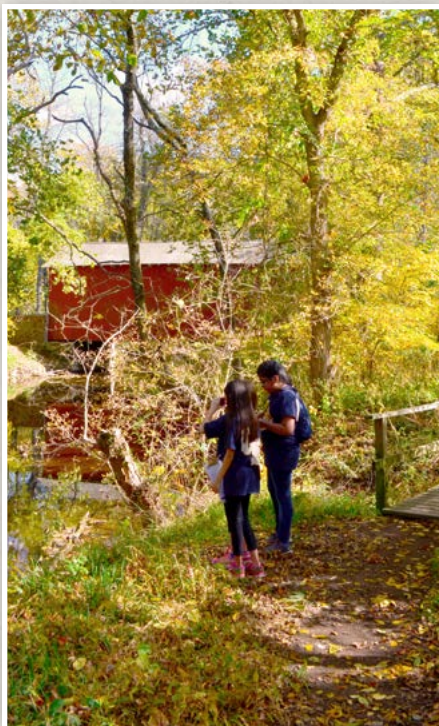
Saturday, October 4 at two locations!

9 am - 3 pm | Coverdale Farm Preserve, Greenville

9 am - 12 pm | Abbott's Mill Nature Center

Plant Native, Buy Local. Shop our Fall Native Plant Sale for plants for a variety of growing conditions that help you Garden for Water and Wildlife.





ABBOTT'S MILL NATURE CENTER

Knee High Naturalists: Spider Sensation

Preschoolers, ages 2-5

10/8 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15

Spider sensation. Discover the wonders of nature with your little one! Enjoy hands-on nature discovery outdoors with our Teacher Naturalists.

ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

Knee High Naturalists: Leaves Falling

Preschoolers, ages 3-5

10/10 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15

All over Ashland, colorful leaves are dancing on the breeze. Come join and play! Discover the wonders of nature with your little one! Enjoy hands-on nature discovery outdoors with our Teacher Naturalists.

ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

Lunch Bunch | Preschoolers

10/10 | 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM | Free

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COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Fall Farm Clean-up | Adults

10/11 | 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM | Free

Join us this fall at Coverdale to help prepare the gardens and farmyard for winter. Work alongside our Farm & Education Teams, then relax with light refreshments and connect with new friends as we wrap up the season together.

ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

Hike the NJ Pinelands, Our Nation's First National Reserve | Adults

10/12 | 7:00 AM - 6:00 PM | \$75

Explore the largest body of open space on the Mid-Atlantic seaboard with an expert naturalist guided thru-hike along the beautiful new 1808 trail in New Jersey's Wharton State Forest of the Pinelands National Reserve. Hike also offered 1/11, see p. 20.

ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

NEW! School Day Off: Fall Back to Summer

Children, grades K-3

10/13 | 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM | \$70

Spend the day going back to summer camp as you hike the trails, dip net in the pond, look for critters in a stream, and do some geocaching to find treasures at Ashland Nature Center!

ABBOTT'S MILL NATURE CENTER

Knee High Naturalists: Night Creatures

Preschoolers, ages 2-5

10/15 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15

Night creatures. Discover the wonders of nature with your little one! Enjoy hands-on nature discovery outdoors with our Teacher Naturalists.

COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

NEW! Rooted in Community:

Craft Together Vivarium | Adults

10/15 | 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM | \$30

Connect with fellow makers in a fun, welcoming space! Join our hands-on terrarium workshop—learn to build a mini moss ecosystem and take home living decor. Bring a craft or just yourself. All supplies and light snacks provided!

ABBOTT'S MILL NATURE CENTER

Next Generation Land Stewards:

Native Habitat Field Trip | Adults

10/16 | 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM | \$50

Get out and about with DeINature to experience, hands-on, how you and your community can support the next generation of conservation-minded adults by learning how to establish a freshwater wetland pond right in your own community.

COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

NEW! After Hours:

Build Better Salad Blends | *Adults*

10/16 | 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM | \$60

Create a unique salad blend with freshly harvested greens! Crisp lettuce, smooth spinach, spicy arugula, mouth-watering mizuna, and much more to create your custom blend. Tour the gardens, sample the greens, and make your mix!

COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

NEW! Fall Colors Hike | *Adults, ages 16+*

10/17 | 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM | \$15

Hike into harvest hues of autumn on a guided walk through vibrant fall foliage.

COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Knee High Naturalists: Plenty of Pumpkins

Preschoolers, ages 3-5

10/17 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15

What's autumn without pumpkins? Investigate these important veggies with us at the farm. Discover the wonders of nature with your little one! Enjoy hands-on nature discovery outdoors with our Teacher Naturalists.

COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Lunch Bunch | *Preschoolers*

10/17 | 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM | *Free*

Hungry after a busy Knee High Naturalist program? Swing by, unpack your lunch, and stay for a story! Families and kids are welcome to join a Delaware Nature Society guide for a fun story time after the program.



VIRTUAL

Be An Environmental Advocate | *Adults*

10/17 | 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM | *Free*

Learn how to contact and meet with elected officials, present your issue, and keep in touch.

DUPONT ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER

NEW! Night in the Marsh | *All Ages, ages 10+*

10/17 | 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM | \$10

Join us for a flashlight tour through the marshes and woods of the Russell W. Peterson Urban Wildlife Refuge. Discover nocturnal wildlife, listen for nighttime sounds, and experience nature like never before - under the stars.

DUPONT ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER

DEEC Day of Service | *All Ages, ages 5+*

10/18 | 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM | *Free*

Join us for a DEEC Day of Service! Come together to restore urban marshlands, protect wildlife, and foster a greener future. Let's make a positive impact on our environment!

ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

Secret Skulls and Ghostly Tales

Candlelit Tour | *Families*

10/18 | 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM | \$40

Brave families can join a storyteller for a walk along dark trails with a candle lantern. Uncover the spooky mysteries of Ashland... and be on the lookout for glowing skulls and chattering nighttime creatures! Price is per family.

ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

Knee High Naturalists Pint Size:

Leaves Falling | *Preschoolers, ages 2-3*

10/22 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15

All over Ashland, colorful leaves are dancing on the breeze. Come join and play! Discover the wonders of nature with your little one! Enjoy hands-on nature discovery outdoors with our Teacher Naturalists.

ABBOTT'S MILL NATURE CENTER

Knee High Naturalists: Woodland Chase

Preschoolers, ages 2-5

10/22 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15

Woodland chase: predator/prey interactions. Discover the wonders of nature with your little one! Enjoy hands-on nature discovery outdoors with our Teacher Naturalists.

DUPONT ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER

Friday Morning Trek | *Adults*

10/24 | 7:30 AM - 8:30 AM | *Free*

Start your Friday off outdoors where the city, river and marsh meet. Mostly paved trails and boardwalks. Led by local resident and DelNature Executive Director, Jen Adkins.

DelNature Exclusive Guardian and Member Programs & Events

Our Guardians and Members are at the heart of our community.

We host exclusive events for our Guardian-level donors* and provide access to special Members-Only programs. Your support helps drive our mission forward, and we are truly honored to have you as part of our community.



Bird Banding Breakfast at Bucktoe Creek Preserve

Friday, September 12 | 9 am - 11 am

Guardian Exclusive

Share a continental breakfast while birding with our gifted ornithologist Dr. Ian Stewart. Ian will also lead our group on a short hike to observe the beautiful meadow and the Motus tower. Look for your emailed invitation.

Abbott's Mill Hike and Happy Hour

Saturday, October 4 | 12:30 pm - 2:30 pm

Guardians & Members Only

Take in the Autumn sights of Abbott's Mill Nature Center on a guided hike along the trails and finish it off by enjoying refreshments surrounded by the fall foliage. Register at DelNature.org.

Guardian Appreciation Celebration

Thursday, December 4 | 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Guardian Exclusive

Join us for a year-end celebration as we toast to you, our dedicated supporters - our Guardians. Look for your emailed invitation.

**Guardian level donors are members and donors who contribute \$1,000 or more annually.*

Please contact Suzanne Geouque, Director of Advancement
by emailing Suzanne.Geouque@DelNature.org or calling 302.413.5050 if you have any questions.

ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

Knee High Naturalists: Itsy-Bitsy Spider |

Preschoolers, ages 3-5

10/24 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15

What has eight legs, many eyes, and are essential members of our ecosystem? Spiders! Discover the wonders of nature with your little one! Enjoy hands-on nature discovery outdoors with our Teacher Naturalists.

ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

Lunch Bunch | Preschoolers

10/24 | 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM | Free

Hungry after a busy Knee High Naturalist program? Swing by, unpack your lunch, and stay for a story! Families and kids are welcome to join a Delaware Nature Society guide for a fun story time after the program.

ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

Women's Wellness in Nature Retreat

Adults

10/25 | 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM | \$250

Retreat to Ashland for a wonderful variety of experiences that will benefit your mind, health, and mood.

ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

Reading the Land:

Gathering Moss Part 1 | Adults

10/25 | 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM | \$50

Through laboratory and field study, explore the biology and natural history of a largely unnoticed element of the natural world as written about in this series of essays by New York Times Best Selling author Robin Wall Kimmerer.

ABBOTT'S MILL NATURE CENTER

Knee High Naturalists: Pumpkins!

Preschoolers, ages 2-5

10/29 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15

Pumpkins! Discover the wonders of nature with your little one! Enjoy hands-on nature discovery outdoors with our Teacher Naturalists.

COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Knee High Naturalists: Halloween Harvest

Preschoolers, ages 3-5

10/31 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15

It's a Knee High Halloween! See what treats are being harvested, and watch out for tricks. Costumes welcome. Discover the wonders of nature with your little one! Enjoy hands-on nature discovery outdoors with our Teacher Naturalists.

COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Lunch Bunch | Preschoolers

10/31 | 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM | Free

Hungry after a busy Knee High Naturalist program? Swing by, unpack your lunch, and stay for a story! Families and kids are welcome to join a Delaware Nature Society guide for a fun story time after the program.

COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Halloween at the Farm

Saturday, 10/25

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Families | Free

Celebrate Halloween on the Farm! Join the costume parade at 11 AM or 2 PM, hop on a hayride, enjoy animal demos, play fall games, get creative with crafts, and more. Fun for the whole family! Some activities may have a nominal fee.



DUPONT ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER

NEW! Marsh Mission:

Agents of Biodiversity | *All Ages, ages 8+*

11/1 | 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM | *Free*

Search for signs of human activity and investigate the wildlife that call the marsh home.

ABBOTT'S MILL NATURE CENTER

Knee High Naturalists: The Food We Eat

Preschoolers, ages 2-5

11/5 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | *\$15*

The food we eat. Discover the wonders of nature with your little one! Enjoy hands-on nature discovery outdoors with our Teacher Naturalists.

COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Fall Cookbook Club | *Adults*

11/6 | 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM | *\$140*

The League of Kitchens Cookbook by Lisa Kyung Gross shares simple, delicious family recipes from around the world, showcasing how food connects cultures and brings people together—straight from NYC's beloved cooking school.

ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

Knee High Naturalists: Camouflage

Preschoolers, ages 3-5

11/7 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | *\$15*

Many things are hidden among the fallen leaves. Explore the trails and see what you can find! Discover the wonders of nature with your little one! Enjoy hands-on nature discovery outdoors with our Teacher Naturalists.



ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

Lunch Bunch | *Preschoolers*

11/7 | 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM | *Free*

Hungry after a busy Knee High Naturalist program? Swing by, unpack your lunch, and stay for a story! Families and kids are welcome to join a Delaware Nature Society guide for a fun story time after the program.

MIDDLE RUN NATURAL AREA

Middle Run Valley Tree Planting

Volunteers, ages 6+

11/8 | 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM | *Free*

Volunteer to plant trees with the Delaware Nature Society at New Castle County's Middle Run Natural Area. Registrants will receive directions to the exact site and how to prepare prior to the event.

DUPONT ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER

NEW! Worm Composting in the City | *All Ages*

11/8 | 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM | *\$25*

Waste-not-want-not! Turn food scraps into nutrient-rich compost to grow beautiful things.

COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Knee High Naturalists Pint Size:

Turkey Time | *Preschoolers, ages 2-3*

11/12 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | *\$15*

Gobble, gobble! Meet the Coverdale turkeys and see how farmers take care of these bold birds. Discover the wonders of nature with your little one! Enjoy hands-on nature discovery outdoors with our Teacher Naturalists.

ABBOTT'S MILL NATURE CENTER

Knee High Naturalists: Animal Winter

Preparation | *Preschoolers, ages 2-5*

11/12 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | *\$15*

Animal winter preparation. Discover the wonders of nature with your little one! Enjoy hands-on nature discovery outdoors with our Teacher Naturalists.

COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Knee High Naturalists: Turkey Time

Preschoolers, ages 3-5

11/14 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | *\$15*

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COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Lunch Bunch | *Preschoolers*

11/14 | 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM | *Free*

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DUPONT ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER

DEEC Day of Service | *All Ages, ages 5+*

11/15 | 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM | *Free*

Join us for a DEEC Day of Service! Come together to restore urban marshlands, protect wildlife, and foster a greener future. Let's make a positive impact on our environment!

ABBOTT'S MILL NATURE CENTER

Knee High Naturalists: Turkey, Turkey, Goose! | *Preschoolers, ages 2-5*

11/19 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | *\$15*

Turkey, turkey, goose!. Discover the wonders of nature with your little one! Enjoy hands-on nature discovery outdoors with our Teacher Naturalists.

COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

NEW! Rooted in Community:

Craft Together | *Adults*

11/19 | 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM | *\$7*

Craving creativity? Tired of crafting alone? Mingle with fellow makers to spark ideas in a fun, welcoming space. Bring a project—or just yourself! Whether expert or beginner, come craft, chat, and unwind with snacks and good company.

ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

Knee High Naturalists: Giving Thanks

Preschoolers, ages 3-5

11/21 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | *\$15*

What are we thankful for in nature, and how do we show nature our gratitude? Discover the wonders of nature with your little one! Enjoy hands-on nature discovery outdoors with our Teacher Naturalists.

ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

Lunch Bunch | *Preschoolers*

11/21 | 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM | *Free*

Hungry after a busy Knee High Naturalist program? Swing by, unpack your lunch, and stay for a story! Families and kids are welcome to join a Delaware Nature Society guide for a fun story time after the program.

ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

Talkin' Turkey | *Children*

11/26 | 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM | *\$23*

Who's the best gobbler in your family? Get your Thanksgiving table ready with a turkey centerpiece from natural items and craft a turkey snack! Adult participation required, free of charge.

COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Celebrate the Season | *All Ages*

11/29, 11/30, 12/5, 12/6, 12/7

10:00 AM - 5:00 PM | *Free*

Kick off the season at Coverdale Farm! Find your perfect Christmas tree (based on availability), create festive winter crafts and gifts at our DIY Workshop, and explore our Winter Market. Join us for a joyful holiday experience.



Middle Run Tree Planting

Saturday, November 8 | 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Give back to nature! Volunteer to plant trees at New Castle County's Middle Run Natural Area.

Holiday Traditions at Coverdale Farm Preserve

Farm Fresh Finds: Turkeys, Trees, Produce & Artisan Goods



THANKSGIVING TURKEYS

We are proud to continue our holiday tradition offering our Standard White Turkeys for Thanksgiving. Our turkeys are pasture-raised, enjoying lush fields and fresh air.

Pre-sale begins Saturday, 11/1.

Pick-up your turkey: Tuesday, 11/25, 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM.

Coverdale Farm will be closed 11/23 and 11/28.



CELEBRATE THE SEASON

Join us for a joyful holiday experience. Find your perfect Christmas tree*, create festive winter crafts and gifts at our DIY Workshop, and explore our Winter Market**.

Saturday & Sunday, 11/29, 11/30 | Friday - Sunday, 12/5, 12/6, 12/7

10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

**subject to availability, **Market at Coverdale is open now through December*



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COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Knee High Naturalists: Fur and Fluff

Preschoolers, ages 3-5

12/5 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15

Feel the textures of feathers, fur, and fluff as you learn about how animals stay warm in the wintertime! Discover the wonders of nature with your little one! Enjoy hands-on nature discovery outdoors with our Teacher Naturalists.

COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Lunch Bunch | *Preschoolers*

12/5 | 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM | Free

Hungry after a busy Knee High Naturalist program? Swing by, unpack your lunch, and stay for a story! Families and kids are welcome to join a Delaware Nature Society guide for a fun story time after the program.

ABBOTT'S MILL NATURE CENTER

Gather and Create: Hollyday Wreath

Making | *Families, ages 4+*

12/6 | 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM | \$35

Put your personal touch on a "hollyday" wreath for the holiday season. Price is per wreath.

ABBOTT'S MILL NATURE CENTER

Gather and Create: Hollyday Wreath

Making | *Families, ages 4+*

12/6 | 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM | \$35

Put your personal touch on a "hollyday" wreath for the holiday season. Price is per wreath.

ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

Gingerbread House for Birds | *Families*

12/7 | 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM | \$35

Decorate an assembled house with all the fixins to create a beautiful house for your backyard birds! Enjoy a crackling fire and refreshments! Price is per family.

COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Knee High Naturalists Pint Size:

Fur and Fluff | *Preschoolers, ages 2-3*

12/10 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15

Feel the textures of feathers, fur, and fluff as you learn about how animals stay warm in the wintertime! Discover the wonders of nature with your little one! Enjoy hands-on nature discovery outdoors with our Teacher Naturalists.

ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

Knee High Naturalists: Hibernation

Celebration | *Preschoolers, ages 3-5*

12/12 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15

Who at Ashland may be hibernating this winter? Discover the wonders of nature with your little one! Enjoy hands-on nature discovery outdoors with our Teacher Naturalists.

COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Gather and Create: A Winter Workshop

All Ages, ages 8+

12/13 | 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM | \$12

Enjoy a winter stroll to learn about evergreens and collect greenery, then warm up indoors to craft a mini wreath or natural ornament. A cozy blend of nature, creativity, and seasonal fun.

COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

NEW! Rooted in Community:

Craft Together and Gifts | *Adults*

12/17 | 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM | \$25

Make a few winter crafts to give as gifts, decorate your home or just for fun. No experience needed. Whether you're a seasoned creator or a curious beginner, there's a spot for you.

COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Knee High Naturalists: Gingerbread

Preschoolers, ages 3-5

12/19 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15

Nothing like some warming spices in the wintertime! Discover the wonders of nature with your little one! Enjoy hands-on nature discovery outdoors with our Teacher Naturalists.



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BELIZE

Three Great Lodges

November 6-16, 2025

\$4490 Double / \$5180 Single

Discover a different side of Belize! Jim White of the Delaware Nature Society leads this journey to carefully selected birding lodges as we visit important conservation areas in some of the less-well-known parts of Belize.

COLOMBIA'S SANTA MARTAS

The Caribbean Coast & Megadiverse Mountains

January 7-14, 2026

\$3790 Double / \$4175 Single

A trip on every birder's bucket list. Jim of the Delaware Nature Society leads this one-week tour hitting all the best birding hotspots in and around the incomparable, megadiverse Santa Martas, from the mountains to the Caribbean coast.

SPAIN

Spring in Spain: Birding and Nature

April 28 - May 11, 2026

\$7190 Double / \$7890 Single

Spain enjoys rich and exciting birding in Europe. Sally O'Byrne of the Delaware Nature Society leads this journey to three birding regions experiencing natural history, cultural, architectural, and culinary delights.



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BUCKTOE CREEK PRESERVE

First Day Hike | All Ages

1/1 | 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM | Free

Step into the new year at Bucktoe Creek Preserve! Join a DelNature Naturalist with a stroll style hike to enjoy all that nature has to offer in the winter. Great for the whole family!

COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Knee High Naturalists: New Year in Nature

Preschoolers, ages 3-5

1/2 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15

Celebrate 2026 with your Knee High friends and discuss the yearly cycles in the environment. Discover the wonders of nature with your little one! Enjoy hands-on nature discovery outdoors with our Teacher Naturalists.

ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

Winter Sowing and Bird Walk

Adults, ages 16+

1/5 | 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM | \$20

Learn how to grow native plant seeds during the winter to kickstart your wildlife garden!

ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

Knee High Naturalists Pint Size: Owl Babies

Preschoolers, ages 2-3

1/7 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15

Read a classic story and learn "owl" about owls! Discover the wonders of nature with your little one! Enjoy hands-on nature discovery outdoors with our Teacher Naturalists.



ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

Knee High Naturalists: Owl Babies

Preschoolers, ages 3-5

1/9 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15

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Winter Sowing and Bird Walk

Adults, ages 16+

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ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

Hike the NJ Pinelands, Our Nation's

First National Reserve | Adults

1/11 | 7:00 AM - 6:00 PM | \$75

Explore the largest body of open space on the Mid-Atlantic seaboard with a guided thru-hike along the beautiful new 1808 trail in New Jersey's Wharton State Forest of the Pinelands National Reserve. Hike also offered 10/12, see p. 11.

COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Knee High Naturalists: Snowy Day

Preschoolers, ages 3-5

1/16 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15

No matter the weather, we'll feel some chilly ice and learn about how snow works! Discover the wonders of nature with your little one! Enjoy hands-on nature discovery outdoors with our Teacher Naturalists.

ABBOTT'S MILL NATURE CENTER

Lichen Diversity | All Ages, ages 13+

1/17 | 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM | \$15

You've seen lichens on tree trunks, fence posts, and perhaps even on the ground. What are they and what role do they play in nature? Come find out at Abbott's Mill.

ABBOTT'S MILL NATURE CENTER

Winter Tree Identification | All Ages, ages 13+

1/17 | 12:30 PM - 2:30 PM | \$15

Walk Abbott's Mill Nature Center trails and learn to identify trees without leaves in the winter.



COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Snow, Stories and Sunsets | *Children*

1/17 | 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM | \$12

Who doesn't love a snow day? Whether it's real snow or pretend, we'll make the most of it! Enjoy a campfire, hot cocoa, winter crafts, sensory snow fun, and cozy stories—all wrapped up in the beauty of a peaceful winter sunset.

COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Knee High Naturalists: Pint Size: Snowy Day

Preschoolers, ages 2-3

1/21 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15

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COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

NEW! Rooted in Community:

Craft Together | *Adults*

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ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

Knee High Naturalists: Winter Birds

Preschoolers, ages 3-5

1/23 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15

Bundle up, hike the Ashland trails, and see which birds are flying around. Discover the wonders of nature with your little one! Enjoy hands-on nature discovery outdoors with our Teacher Naturalists.

ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

Owl Moon | *Families*

1/24 | 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM | \$30

An evening of owls! Learn about their calls and incredible night senses. Read "Owl Moon," then take a night hike in search of owls. The price is per family.

COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Knee High Naturalists: Nighttime Sky

Preschoolers, ages 3-5

1/30 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15

Early sunsets mean more stargazing! What happens in the sky at night? Discover the wonders of nature with your little one! Enjoy hands-on nature discovery outdoors with our Teacher Naturalists.

COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

NEW! Gather and Create:

Farm to Fly Tying | *Adults, ages 16+*

1/31 | 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM | \$85

Learn to craft fishing ties using natural, farm-sourced materials like fleece, feathers, and rabbit fur. This hands-on, eco-friendly workshop includes all materials. Take home a beginner fly tying kit, and the flies you make.



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ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

Groundhog Gala | *Children*

2/1 | 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM | \$15

It's "Groundhog's Day!" Will Punxsutawney Phil see his shadow? We'll make a groundhog puppet, visit an outdoor burrow, play games and look for our own shadows!

ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

Knee High Naturalists: Cozy Animal Homes

Preschoolers, ages 3-5

2/6 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15

Think about how different animals may construct their nests to keep cozy in the wintertime. Discover the wonders of nature with your little one! Enjoy hands-on nature discovery outdoors with our Teacher Naturalists.

DUPONT ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER

Roots to Resilience: Black History

Celebration | All Ages

2/7 | 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM | Free

Celebrate Black History Month with an inspiring journey through art, storytelling, and hands-on activities. Discover powerful voices, creative expression, and rich cultural traditions that have shaped history and continue to shape the future.

COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Young Chefs Cooking Class

Children, grades 3-6

2/8 | 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM | \$75

Join our Young Chefs Cooking Class! Explore cooking with a new cookbook, learn kitchen skills, experiment with ingredients, and create tasty dishes. Let's embark on a delicious journey together!

ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

Knee High Naturalists Pint Size: Cozy

Animal Homes | Preschoolers, ages 2-3

2/11 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15

Think about how different animals may construct their nests to keep cozy in the wintertime. Discover the wonders of nature with your little one! Enjoy hands-on nature discovery outdoors with our Teacher Naturalists.

COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Cookbook Club | *Adults*

2/12 | 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM | \$140

In Ottolenghi Comfort, Yotam Ottolenghi & Helen Goh deliver bold, comforting recipes. A creative mix of familiar and fresh, nostalgic and new, it's a joyful take on comfort food with signature Ottolenghi flair.

COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Knee High Naturalists: Loving Nature

Preschoolers, ages 3-5

2/13 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15

There is so much to love out in nature, so why not celebrate it? Discover the wonders of nature with your little one! Enjoy hands-on nature discovery outdoors with our Teacher Naturalists.

COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Hearts and Hoots Members

Only Hike | Adults, ages 21+

2/14 | 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM | Free

Celebrate Valentine's Day in nature at Coverdale Farm! Join us for a night hike to spot owls and nocturnal wildlife, followed by s'mores and refreshments. Enjoy the sights and sounds of the farm at night. Members only event.

**Members
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ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

NEW! School Day Off: Winter Wizards

and Lizards | Children, grades 4-6

2/16 | 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM | \$70

Pack your wand for a day of magic and wizard fun. Our annual "Wizards and Lizards" winter event will be filled with fun and surprises!

ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

NEW! School Day Off: Winter Wonders

Children, grades K-3

2/16 | 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM | \$70

Winter brings many new secrets to explore at Ashland. Learn how native animals survive in the winter, build forts to keep warm, and discover the world of maple sugaring.



COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

NEW! Rooted in Community:

Craft Together and Zine | *Adults*

2/18 | 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM | \$17

Connect with fellow makers in a fun, welcoming space! Join our hands-on Zine making workshop, no experience needed. All supplies and light snacks provided! Whether you're a seasoned creator or a curious beginner, there's a spot for you.

FLINT WOODS PRESERVE

Winter Tree Identification and Hike

Adults, ages 18+

Lecture 2/19 | 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Field Trip 2/22 | 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

\$35

Study trees during the dormant season. Become more proficient in identifying oaks, hickories, maples, and other trees by examining fallen leaves, buds, bark and twigs.

ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

Knee High Naturalists: Nature's Shapes

Preschoolers, ages 3-5

2/20 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15

Explore and identify the beautiful shapes that form in nature. Discover the wonders of nature with your little one! Enjoy hands-on nature discovery outdoors with our Teacher Naturalists.

VIRTUAL

Be An Environmental Advocate

All Ages, ages 12+

2/20 | 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM | Free

Learn how to contact and meet with elected officials, present your issue, and keep in touch.



COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Knee High Naturalists Pint Size:

Soft Fluffy Wool | *Preschoolers, ages 2-3*

2/25 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15

Meet the sheep at Coverdale Farm Preserve and explore what can be done with wool. Discover the wonders of nature with your little one! Enjoy hands-on nature discovery outdoors with our Teacher Naturalists.

COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Knee High Naturalists: Soft Fluffy Wool

Preschoolers, ages 3-5

2/27 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15

Meet the sheep at Coverdale Farm Preserve and explore what can be done with wool. Discover the wonders of nature with your little one! Enjoy hands-on nature discovery outdoors with our Teacher Naturalists.

ABBOTT'S MILL NATURE CENTER

Lichen Diversity | *All Ages, ages 13+*

2/28 | 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM | \$15

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ABBOTT'S MILL NATURE CENTER

Winter Tree Identification | *All Ages, ages 13+*

2/28 | 12:30 PM - 2:30 PM | \$15

Walk Abbott's Mill Nature Center trails and learn to identify trees without leaves in the winter.

Chicken Tenders

Raise chicks for Coverdale



Coverdale Farm Preserve

Fall 2025 | Applications due September 17 | \$375

Spring 2026 | Applications due March 2 | \$375

Help raise our new egg-layers for the Fall 2025 and Spring 2026 seasons in your home or school. Feed, supplies, two chicks, and 24/7 livestock farmer support are included.

Knee High Naturalists

Get outdoors with your little one

Ashland Nature Center
Abbott's Mill Nature Center
Coverdale Farm Preserve

Various dates

10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Looking for fun activities for your preschoolers? Each week, discover new programs designed for little explorers. Browse through the monthly offerings and get ready to explore, play, and learn together.



ABBOTT'S MILL NATURE CENTER

Knee High Naturalists: Senses

Preschoolers, ages 2-5

3/4 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15

Senses. Discover the wonders of nature with your little one! Enjoy hands-on nature discovery outdoors with our Teacher Naturalists.

ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

Knee High Naturalists: Terrific Trees

Preschoolers, ages 3-5

3/6 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15

Oak, birch, hickory, walnut, sassafras, tulip poplar...I wonder which trees we will see on our journey? Discover the wonders of nature with your little one! Enjoy hands-on nature discovery outdoors with our Teacher Naturalists.

VIRTUAL

Be An Environmental Advocate

All Ages, ages 12+

3/6 | 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM | Free

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ABBOTT'S MILL NATURE CENTER

NEW! Build a Birdhouse | Families

3/7 | 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM | \$20

Build your own birdhouse using a license plate for a roof, all materials provided but you can customize your birdhouse by bringing your own personal license plate. Price is per birdhouse.

ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

Knee High Naturalists Pint Size:

Terrific Trees | Preschoolers, ages 2-3

3/11 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15

Oak, birch, hickory, walnut, sassafras, tulip poplar...I wonder which trees we will see on our journey? Discover the wonders of nature with your little one! Enjoy hands-on nature discovery outdoors with our Teacher Naturalists.

ABBOTT'S MILL NATURE CENTER

Knee High Naturalists: Weather

Preschoolers, ages 2-5

3/11 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15

Weather. Discover the wonders of nature with your little one! Enjoy hands-on nature discovery outdoors with our Teacher Naturalists.



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ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

Maple Sugaring with the Sugar Maples | Families

3/14 | 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM | \$20

Indulge in the sweet side of nature with Maple Sugaring at Ashland! Experience the magic of collecting sap from maple trees and transform it into a gooey sweet treat. Price is per person.

ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

Maple Sugaring with the Sugar Maples | Adults

3/14 | 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM | \$35

Enjoy a pancake breakfast featuring live music by the Sugar Maples and then tap into the hidden art of the forest: Maple Sugaring!

COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Woodcocks and Wine | *Adults, ages 21+*

3/11 | 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM | \$30

Enjoy the sights, sounds, and nocturnal behaviors of this unique shorebird followed by a delicious charcuterie spread and wine pairing.

COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Knee High Naturalists: Compost Stew

Preschoolers, ages 3-5

3/13 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15

Make a recipe for compost - perfect for feeding the soil. Discover the wonders of nature with your little one! Enjoy hands-on nature discovery outdoors with our Teacher Naturalists.

ABBOTT'S MILL NATURE CENTER

Knee High Naturalists: Spring into

Earth Day! | *Preschoolers, ages 2-5*

3/18 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15

Spring into Earth Day! Discover the wonders of nature with your little one! Enjoy hands-on nature discovery outdoors with our Teacher Naturalists.

COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

NEW! Rooted in Community:

Craft Together | *Adults*

3/18 | 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM | \$7

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ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

Knee High Naturalists: Mammal Moves

Preschoolers, ages 3-5

3/20 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15

Raccoons waddle, deer scamper, and squirrels scurry. How do you like to move? Discover the wonders of nature with your little one! Enjoy hands-on nature discovery outdoors with our Teacher Naturalists.

VIRTUAL

Be An Environmental Advocate

All Ages, ages 12+

3/20 | 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM | *Free*

Learn how to contact and meet with elected officials, present your issue, and keep in touch.

ABBOTT'S MILL NATURE CENTER

Forest Insect Population Biology | *Adults*

3/21 | 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM | \$15

Join Abbott's Mill Director Michael Valenti for some detailed insights on how native and exotic insects affect the forests of our area, both positively and negatively.



COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Knee High Naturalists Pint Size:

Hot or Cold | *Preschoolers, ages 2-3*

3/25 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15

Experience different temperatures in our sensory bins and experiment with temperature changes. Discover the wonders of nature with your little one! Enjoy hands-on nature discovery outdoors with our Teacher Naturalists.

ABBOTT'S MILL NATURE CENTER

Knee High Naturalists: The Forest

Preschoolers, ages 2-5

3/25 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15

The forest. Discover the wonders of nature with your little one! Enjoy hands-on nature discovery outdoors with our Teacher Naturalists.

COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Knee High Naturalists: Hot or Cold

Preschoolers, ages 3-5

3/27 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15

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ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

Reading the Land: The Nature of

Bartram's Garden | *Adults*

3/28 | 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM | \$50

Explore Bartram's Gardens, a public park spanning nearly 50 acres in the Kingessing neighborhood of Southwest Philadelphia, offering peace, rest, and connection.

COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

NEW! Chicken Check-in:

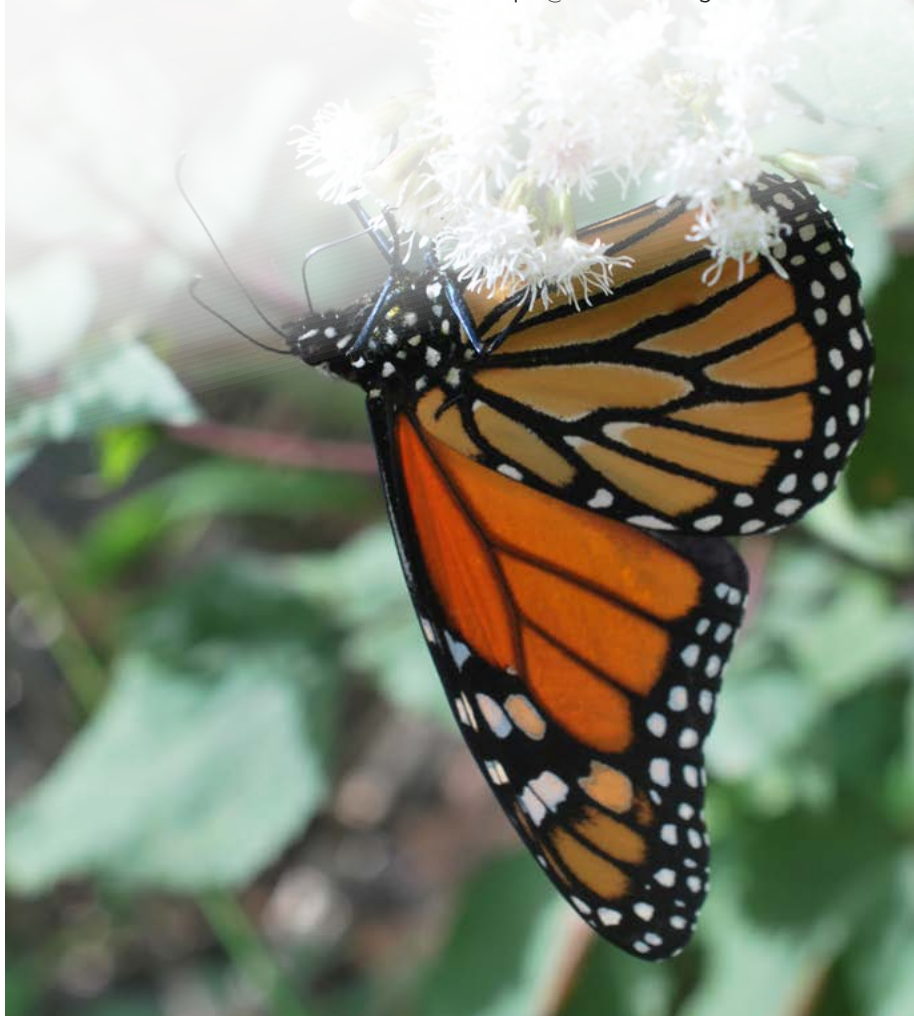
Taste, Tour, and Learn | *All Ages*

3/28 | 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM | \$25

Meet our chickens before the market opens in April! Tour the coop, learn about the breeds, see rainbow eggs, sample fresh ones, and take home a half dozen! Cost is per person; all must register.

LEAVE A LASTING LEGACY THAT BENEFITS THE ENVIRONMENT

When you include DelNature in your Estate Plans or Will, you can trust that you are leaving a lasting gift to preserve and protect land, wildlife, and natural resources through our conservation and advocacy efforts. You are inspiring future generations through our education programs. For more information on how to make a planned gift and join our Monarch Legacy Society, please email Suzanne Geouque, Director of Advancement at Suzanne.Geouque@DelNature.org.



Programs & Events

FREE & RECURRING!

DelNature invites you to take part in our free, weekly programs all season long! Whether you're looking to explore the outdoors on your own or with family, we've got a variety of activities to enjoy.

ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

Ashland Hawk Watch | *All Ages*

Daily | 9/1-11/30

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM | *Free*

Visit Ashland Hawk Watch any day, September through November to see what raptors are migrating south. Experienced Hawk Watchers are on staff each day collecting data on raptor migration during this daily event.

MIDDLE RUN NATURAL AREA

Bird Walks | *Adults, ages 16+*

Tuesdays | 9/2-10/28

8:00 AM - 10:30 AM | *Free*

Enjoy a bird walk around the Middle Run Natural Area during fall migration each Tuesday in September and October. Walk through forest restoration areas, thickets, and meadows.

BUCKTOE CREEK PRESERVE

Bird Banding | *All Ages, ages 3+*

Wednesdays | 9/3-11/26

7:00 AM - 10:00 AM | *Free*

See songbirds up close as we carefully measure, weigh and band them to track their movement and survival.

COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Farm Stroll | *All Ages*

Saturdays | 9/6-11/15

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM | *Free*

This low-impact hike offers a chance to explore the happenings on the farm, visit with the animals, and take in the natural beauty. Perfect for all ages.

COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Adult Farm Hike | *Adults*

Saturdays | 9/6-11/15

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM | *Free*

Experience a scenic, mid-impact hike that changes weekly based on participant interest. Enjoy fresh air, peaceful views, and a deeper connection with nature on the farm and in the preserve.

DUPONT ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER

Netting in the Marsh | *All Ages*

Saturdays through 10/25

1:00 PM - 1:30 PM | *Free*

Immerse yourself in the captivating world of marsh ecosystems! Use dip nets to get up close and personal with tadpoles, fish, snails, and more. This is 30 minutes of hands-on fun you don't want to miss!



DUPONT ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER

Meet Marsh Animals | *All Ages*

Saturdays all year

1:45 PM - 2:15 PM | Free

Meet our Animal Ambassadors. Come learn about some of the animals that live in and around the marsh. Just drop in, or let us know you're coming by registering now.

BUCKTOE CREEK PRESERVE

Bird Walks | *Adults, ages 16+*

Sundays | 9/7-10/26

8:00 AM - 10:30 AM | Free

Take a guided bird walk at Bucktoe Creek Preserve each Sunday in September and October.

ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

Lunch Time With the Animals | *Children*

Wednesdays | 9/3-1/28

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM | Free

Bring a packed lunch and join us for an unforgettable experience at Ashland! Help us feed the animals, enjoy a captivating story, and have lunch surrounded by friends. Free for all! Adult participation required.



The Market at Coverdale

Farm fresh produce, eggs, and artisanal products

April - November | Fridays, 12 pm - 6 pm | Saturdays, 10 am - 5 pm | Sundays, 11 am - 3 pm



Love Fresh Flowers?

Cut a fresh and colorful bouquet (or culinary herbs!) of gorgeous blooms every weekend, July - October from Coverdale's 1-acre cut flower garden. This hard-working acre also serves as an active pollinator hub on the farm!



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