

Wilkerson Nature Preserve Family (Winter-Spring 2017)

Register online at reclink.raleighnc.gov. Please dress for the weather and outdoor fun! Children must be accompanied by an adult. Programs might take place on natural-surface trails that are inaccessible to strollers.

Astronomy Nights (Ages 5 yrs and up; children must be accompanied by an adult)

Friday, January 13 5:00 PM-7:00 PM Course #200050, Fee: \$2

Friday, February 3 5:30 PM-7:30 PM Course #200051, Fee: \$2

Saturday, March 4 6:00 PM- 8:00 PM Course #200052, Fee: \$2

What's up in space this month? To answer this question, 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 applies to all participants, ages 5 through adult.

Twilight Walks (Ages 4 yrs and up; children must be accompanied by an adult)

Many animals are active right around sunset or shortly afterward. Take a walk with a park naturalist to explore the woods and fields at this special time of day. The program is designed for families with young children, but all ages are welcome. Fee applies to all participants, ages 4 through adult.

Friday, February 10 5:00 PM-6:30 PM Course #199998, Fee \$2

Saturday, March 11 5:30 PM-7:00PM Course #199999, Fee \$2

Saturday, April 29 7:30 PM-9:00 PM Course #200000, Fee \$2

Nature Play Day (All ages; children must be accompanied by an adult)

Children of all ages, as well as the young at heart, are welcome to join us between 11am and 3pm to enjoy imaginative play in a natural setting. We'll provide the materials and guidance to get you started. Dig for gemstones, make a fort out of natural materials, fly a kite, make mud pies and more. We'll provide the materials and guidance to get you started on a playful adventure – free of charge! Children must be accompanied by an adult. If you can't make this play day, you can check out Nature Play kits free of charge whenever the park is open.

Friday, March 31 11:00 AM-3:00 PM Course #198886, FREE!

Wildflower Hike (Ages 5 yrs and up; children must be accompanied by an adult)

Many wildflowers bloom in spring. Join us for a leisurely hike as we learn to recognize some blooming beauties and appreciate their stories. Program is for flower enthusiasts of all ages. fee applies to ages 5 through adult).

Saturday, April 15 10:30AM-12:00PM Course #200054, Fee \$2

Statewide Star Party (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 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.

Friday, April 21 8:00 PM-10:30 PM Course #200053, FREE!



Wilkerson Nature Preserve Preschool (Winter-Spring 2017)

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Wildlife in Winter (Ages 3-5 yrs)

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.

Wednesday, January 18 10:30AM-12:00PM Course #198876, Fee \$3
Saturday, January 21 10:30AM-12:00PM Course #198877, Fee \$3

Foxes and Coyotes (Ages 3-5 yrs)

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!

Wednesday, February 15 10:30AM-12:00PM Course #198881, Fee \$3
Saturday, February 18 10:30AM-12:00PM Course #198882, Fee \$3

Fairies and Trolls (Ages 3-5 yrs)

Do fairies and trolls live at the nature preserve? Come find out. Make a tiny house in the woods for a mouse, bug, toad or other 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. Note: This program is conducted on trails and play areas that are not designed for strollers.

Saturday, March 18 10:30AM-12:00PM Course #198884, Fee \$4
Wednesday, March 29 10:30AM-12:00PM Course #198883, Fee \$4

Welcome, Hummingbirds (Ages 3-5 yrs)

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.

Wednesday, April 5 10:30AM-12:00PM Course #198887, Fee \$3
Saturday, April 8 10:30AM-12:00PM Course #198888, Fee \$3



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Owl Pellets (Ages 6-10)

Saturday, January 7 3:30 PM-5:30 PM

Course #198878, Fee: \$4

Saturday, January 14 3:30 PM-5:30 PM

Course #198879, Fee: \$4

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.

Wolves, Coyotes and Foxes (Ages 6-8)

Saturday, February 11 2:00-4:00 PM

Course #198880, Fee \$5

Find out if wolves, coyotes, and foxes live at the nature preserve or around Falls Lake. We'll look for their tracks and signs along park trails. Take home a plaster cast of your favorite wild dog's paws!

Frogs, Toads and Their Abodes (Ages 6-8)

Saturday, March 25 2:00 PM-4:00 PM

Course #198885, Fee: \$4

Learn to identify frogs and toads by their calls and field marks. Be prepared for muddy feet as we explore their habitats. Make a special toad abode to take home!

Stream Explorers (Ages 6-8)

Saturday, April 29 2:00-4:00 PM

Course #198889, Fee \$3

Follow a stream channel in the park to find out where water goes. We'll explore how water moves and affects rocks and soil. Where is the stream the widest and the deepest and why? Who lives in the stream?



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Geology Detectives: Minerals (Ages 9-13)

Friday, January 27 3:00 PM-5:00 PM

Course #199989, Fee: \$5

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!

Meteorology Masters: Weather Instruments (Ages 9-13)

Saturday, February 4 2:00 PM-4:00 PM

Course #199990, Fee \$5

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!

Counting Canids (Ages 9-13)

Friday, February 24 3:00 PM-5:00 PM

Course #199997, Fee \$5

Learn about canids — coyotes, wolves, and foxes — and how they are alike and different. Take a hike to look for tracks and signs. Learn how biologists use wildlife cameras to reveal these secretive animals. Make a plaster cast of a canid track to take home.

Salamander Search (Ages 9-13)

Saturday, March 18th 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Course #200058, Fee \$3

Wilkerson Nature Preserve is home to many amphibians: frogs, toads, and salamanders. We will search for salamanders and newts in the ponds where they breed and learn what makes these shy, slimy creatures special.



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