

2011 Fall Schedule

The Warner Park Nature Center is open
 Tues. - Thurs.: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
 Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
 Saturday: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
 Sunday: 12:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
 Percy and Edwin Warner Parks are open
 7 days a week from sunrise to 11 p.m.

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HODGE HOUSE HOMECOMING – SAVE THE DATE

Imagine the Warner Parks 200 years ago. Picture fields of goldenrod and ironweed, blooming brightly in the late summer, and tall chestnut and beech trees towering over our forests. Picture the Hodge family, moving west of Nashville and building a home near the Natchez Trace. They had a few neighbors, the Harding family at Belle Meade and the Davis' at Devon Farm, but they were on their own, in wild, wild west Nashville.



The Hodge House was built around 1811 and occupied by relatives of the Hodge family until January 1928. Then the property became part of Warner Parks. For decades Parks' employees and their families lived in Hodge House. After the last employee moved out in 1991, Friends of Warner Parks became interested in repairing the deteriorating building. Through support from Friends of Warner Parks and Metro Parks, the Hodge House was restored between 2002 and 2009.


On Saturday, November 12, Warner Parks will celebrate the 200th anniversary of Hodge House. The day will begin with a volunteer program in the morning and a reception in the afternoon. We will also lead children through an archaeological "dig" of reclaimed soil from the site. Descendants of the Northern and Hodge families will be on hand to gather *your* stories about the Parks. Bring your photos, newspapers and other memorabilia to contribute. We look forward to celebrating the Parks' history with you!

SEPT	Hummingbird Happy Hour	Thursday, September 1 5-6 p.m.	Age level: All ages Registration opens August 17	Enjoy observing ruby-throated hummingbirds on the back porch of the Nature Center during the peak of migration. Leaders: Sandy Bivens, Heather Gallagher and Volunteers
	Nature à la Cart	Friday, September 2 9:30 or 11 a.m.	Age level: All ages Call to register	Designed for folks who have trouble walking the trails, golf cart tours feature the scenic beauty of the Park on the Old Roadway. Leaders: Nature Center Staff and Volunteers
	Hummingbird Holiday	Saturday, September 3 8:30-9:30 a.m.	Age level: All ages Registration opens August 19	Early morning and late afternoon are the best time to see ruby-throated hummingbirds at the feeders. Observe our migrants visiting feeders and flowers and learn more about having these great birds in your habitat! Leader: Heather Gallagher and volunteers
	Nature à la Cart	Friday, September 9 9:30 or 11 a.m.	Age level: All ages Call to register	Designed for folks who have trouble walking the trails, golf cart tours feature the scenic beauty of the Park on the Old Roadway. Leaders: Nature Center Staff and Volunteers
	Storytime on the Back Porch	Friday, September 9 10:30-11 a.m.	Age level: Pre-K Registration opens August 25	Enjoy nature stories on the breezy back porch as we celebrate late summer! Leaders: Nature Center Staff and Volunteers
	Full Moon Pickin' Party	Friday, September 9 7-11 p.m.	Age level: All ages Call 370-8053 to register or to volunteer	Join musicians and music lovers for an evening of bluegrass, delicious food, drink, and FUN for the entire family! All proceeds help protect and preserve the Parks. Visit us at www.friendsofwarnerparks.com . Leaders: Maggie Odle, Paul Fowler, and Volunteers
	Rain Garden Workshop	Saturday, September 10 9 a.m.-noon	Age level: Adults Call to register	Rain Gardens are a beautiful way to improve the environment. Join us for instructions on planning, building, and maintaining a rain garden. Eligible homeowners can receive plants for their rain gardens to plant in October. Leader: Mekayle Houghton, Cumberland River Compact
	Nature à la Cart	Saturday, September 10 9:30 or 11 a.m.	Age level: All ages Call to register	Designed for folks who have trouble walking the trails, golf cart tours feature the scenic beauty of the Park on the Old Roadway. Leaders: Nature Center Staff and Volunteers

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Nature á la Cart	Friday, September 16 9:30 or 11 a.m.	Age level: All ages Call to register	Designed for folks who have trouble walking the trails, golf cart tours feature the scenic beauty of the Park on the Old Roadway. Leaders: Nature Center Staff and Volunteers
Fun Fall Flowers	Friday, September 16 10-11 a.m. or 1-2 p.m.	Age level: 3-5 years Registration opens September 1	Yellow, purple, and white adorn the fields of the Park. Let's explore and learn about these beautiful late summer blooms. Leader: Vera Vollbrecht
Rise and Shine	Saturday, September 17 7-9 a.m.	Age level: 13 years and up Call to register	Let your volunteer spirit shine. Join us for a sunrise hike along the Mossy Ridge and help us keep this trail in tiptop shape. Leader: Paul Fowler
Canoe & Kayak on the Harpeth River	Saturday, September 17 9 a.m.-3 p.m.	Age level: 12 years and up Registration opens September 2	This is a perfect time of year to explore a local river and learn the basic skills you need to paddle safely and have fun. Leaders: Lisa King and Chris Guerin
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End of the Summer Stroll	Saturday, September 17 10 a.m.-noon	Age level: All ages Registration opens September 2	Enjoy the beginnings of fall color during this leisurely stroll around the Old Roadway. Leader: Nature Center staff
Fall Wildflower Walk	Saturday, September 24 9-11 a.m.	Age level: Adults 13+ Call to register	We will stroll on a path through a beautiful meadow enjoying the amazing array of fall flowers. Leader: Deb Bezaley
Family Bird Walk	Saturday, September 24 9-10 a.m.	Age level: All ages Registration opens September 9	We will look for birds passing through on their way south as we visit areas around the nature center and take a short walk to the bird blind. Bring binoculars if you have them! Leader: Amy Potter, Volunteer Naturalist
Nature á la Cart	Saturday, September 25 9:30 or 11 a.m.	Age level: All ages Call to register	Designed for folks who have trouble walking the trails, golf cart tours feature the scenic beauty of the Park on the Old Roadway. Leaders: Nature Center Staff and Volunteers
Fall Wildflower Walk	Friday, September 30 9-11 a.m.	Age level: Adults 13+ Call to register	We will stroll on a path through a beautiful meadow enjoying the amazing array of fall flowers. Leader: Deb Bezaley
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de-Classification	Friday, September 30 10-11:30 a.m.	Age level: 6-12 years Registration opens September 15	There are no secrets to classifying living things! Learn how and why to sort into kingdoms, phyla and more! Leader: Heather Gallagher
Trees á la Cart	Saturday, October 1 9:30 or 11 a.m.	Age level: All ages Call to register	Designed for folks who have trouble walking the trails, golf cart tours feature the scenic beauty of the Park on the Old Roadway. Leaders: Nature Center Staff and Volunteers
Spying on Spiders	Saturday, October 1 10-11 a.m.	Age level: All ages Registration opens September 16	Discover funnel-web weavers, orb weavers, fishing spiders, and other 8-legged invertebrates during this hike just about spiders! Leader: Heather Gallagher
Trees á la Cart	Friday, October 7 9:30 or 11 a.m.	Age level: All ages Call to register	Designed for folks who have trouble walking the trails, golf cart tours feature the scenic beauty of the Park on the Old Roadway. Leaders: Nature Center Staff and Volunteers
COBOR - Play Outside and Splash in the Water!	Friday, October 7 10-11 a.m. or 1-2 p.m.	Age level: 3-5 years Registration opens September 23	What do you get when you mix water with play? Fun! Here's your opportunity to do two COBOR activities in one hour of outdoor play! Leader: Kim Bailey
Trees á la Cart	Saturday, October 8 9:30 or 11 a.m.	Age level: All ages Call to register	Designed for folks who have trouble walking the trails, golf cart tours feature the scenic beauty of the Park on the Old Roadway. Leaders: Nature Center Staff and Volunteers
Leaf Shapes	Saturday, October 8 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Age level: All Ages Registration opens September 23	Time to get outdoors and enjoy fall with this leaf program! We will use fun clues to identify and find five different leaf shapes along the trail. Leader: Irene Perry, Naturalist
Cemetery Clean-Up	Saturday, October 8 10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Age level: 13 years and up Call to register	Volunteers are needed to help with the maintenance and preservation of the historical treasure that is the Betts Cemetery in Edwin Warner Park. Leader: Paul Fowler
COBOR: Family Camping Under the Stars	Saturday, October 8 5 p.m. Saturday-9 a.m. Sunday	Age level: 6 years and up Registration opens September 23	Join us for a fun-filled adventure camping under the stars in the Park! We'll cook dinner and s'mores over the campfire, take a night hike, sleep in tents, and much, much, more. Leaders: Melissa Donahue and Vera Vollbrecht

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COBOR: Climb a Tree!	Sunday, October 9 10 a.m.-4 p.m.	Age level: 7 years and up Call to register \$20 participation fee and signed waiver required.	Join us for a day of professional tree climbing! TCL wants the sport of "rope and harness" tree climbing available so that everyone can experience the joy of seeing the world from the heights of the treetops! Leaders: Tree Climbers International
Fall Bird Banding Day	Wednesday, October 12 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.	Age level: All ages Call to register	Join our bird banders for a glimpse of who might be stopping by during migration or which birds are here year-round! Learn all about the how's and why's of the bird banding research taking place at the Nature Center. Banders: Sandy Bivens, Diana McLusky, Kathy Shaw, Ethel Kawamura, and Cindy Routledge
Fall Foliage Walk	Friday, October 14 9-11 a.m.	Age level: Adults 13+ Call to register	Enjoy a walk among our trees in their autumn glory, learn how to tell them apart and hear all their wonderful stories. Leader: Deb Beazley
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Full Moon Pickin' Party	 Friday, October 14 7-9 p.m.	Age level: All ages Call 370-8053 for information	Join us for the final Pickin' Party of the season with music and fun for the entire family. Proceeds help to protect and preserve the Parks. Leaders: Maggie Odle, Paul Fowler, and Volunteers
Rock & Road Marathon	Saturday, October 15 8 a.m. Start	Age level: All ages Register online	Start 2 Finish Nashville presents the Inaugural Rock and Road Relay Marathon, 5k and 1 Mile Foot Race <i>benefiting</i> the Friends of Warner Parks. For details call 615-370-8053. Leaders: Start 2 Finish, Friends of Warner Parks
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Farewell to Flowers	Saturday, October 15 10-11:30 a.m.	Age Level: All ages Registration opens October 1	Cool winds may be blowing but there are still beautiful blossoms to be seen. Join me at the Nature Center to bid farewell to these fall beauties. Leader: Melissa Donahue
Twilight in Warner Park	Wednesday, October 19 5:30-7 p.m.	Age level: All ages Registration opens October 5	Yeah, it's Fall Break! Come experience the park at sunset on a cool fall day. Leader: Kim Bailey
Trees à la Cart	Friday, October 21 9:30 or 11 a.m.	Age level: All ages Call to register	Designed for folks who have trouble walking the trails, golf cart tours feature the scenic beauty of the Park on the Old Roadway. Leaders: Nature Center Staff and Volunteers
Storytime under the Beech Tree	Friday, October 21 10:30-11 a.m.	Age level: Pre-K Registration opens October 6	Enjoy nature stories under the Nature Center beech tree! Leaders: Nature Center Staff and Volunteers
Trees à la Cart	Saturday, October 22 9 a.m.-3 p.m., hourly	Age level: All ages Call to register	Designed for those that may have trouble hiking the trails, guided cart tours will follow the Old Roadway highlighting trees along the way. Leaders: Warner Park Staff and volunteers
A Thing as Beautiful as a Tree	Saturday, October 22 10-11:30 a.m.	Age level: All ages Registration opens October 1	Experience fall color while looking at trees in the forest, field, and, especially, the edge! Leader: Heather Gallagher
Navigating with Map & Compass	Saturday, October 22 1-2 p.m. OR 3-4 p.m.	Age level: 8-14 years Registration opens October 7	Come discover our Map & Compass course. Participants will learn the basics skills of land navigation and how to use a compass. Leader: Lisa King
Teacher Workshop: Project Learning Tree	Friday, October 28 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.	Call to register	PLT is an award winning, multi-disciplinary environmental education program for educators and students in Pre-K-grade 12. PLT uses the forest as a "window" on the world to increase students' understanding of environmental issues. Teachers will receive a PLT workbook filled with award winning activities that meet state standards. Leaders: Heather Gallagher and Kim Bailey
Trees à la Cart	Friday, October 28 9:30 or 11 a.m.	Age level: All ages Call to register	Designed for folks who have trouble walking the trails, golf cart tours feature the scenic beauty of the Park on the Old Roadway. Leaders: Nature Center Staff and Volunteers
Yoga Retreat	Saturday, October 29	Age level: Adults, 13+ Call to register \$100 fee with deposit required by October 1	Anyone with any level of yoga experience may enjoy this rejuvenating day in the woods, with optional hiking, two yoga sessions, catered lunch and dinner, and time for relaxation/meditation. There is an additional option to camp overnight and enjoy a light breakfast Sunday morning. Leader: Robin Haynes
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NOV	Webelos Scouts: Forestry Badge	Saturday, October 29 1:30-3 p.m.	Age level: Registered Webelos and Scouts Registration opens October 14	Webelos, check off some of your Forestry badge requirements during this fun-filled workshop. This program is open to individual scouts or troops. Leaders: Heather Gallagher
	Searching for Seeds	Tuesday, November 1 10-11:30 a.m.	Age level: All ages Registration opens October 18	Walk the Old Roadway looking for hickory nuts, walnuts and other fruits of fall. Leader: Heather Gallagher
	Nature Detective	Friday, November 4 10-11 a.m. or 1-2 p.m.	Age Level: 3-5 years Registration opens October 8	Are you a Nature Detective? Hone your five senses and join me at the Nature Center where we will search for Nature's Clues. Leader: Melissa Donahue
	Mushroom Hike	Saturday, November 5 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Age level: All Ages Registration opens October 21	Hike and search for mushrooms along the trail. Turkey tails, tree ears, dinner plates and dead man's fingers are just a few of the fungi we will seek on this adventure. Name your own fungus and create a clay model. Leader: Irene Perry, Naturalist
	Fall Star Party	Saturday, November 5 7:30-9:30 p.m.	Age level: All ages Call to register	Meet at the Special Events Field in Edwin Warner Park for a fantastic Moon! Local astronomers will be on hand with knowledge and scopes to assist you in learning the night sky. Coordinators: Kris McCall of Sudekum Planetarium, Barnard-Seyfert Astronomical Society, and Warner Park staff
	Budding Botanists	Friday, November 11 10-11:30 a.m.	Age level: 6-12 years Registration opens October 28	Come explore the fascinating world of plants on the trail, through a microscope and by playing fun games! Leader: Kim Bailey
	Hodge House-"cleaning"	Saturday, November 12	Age level: All ages	Landscaping, sweeping, and mopping are just some of the maintenance that needs to be performed at this 200 year-old structure. Dress & be prepared to work hard while we continue to preserve the Hodge House. Coordinators: Heather Gallagher and Paul Fowler
	Hodge House Homecoming	Saturday, November 12 1-3 p.m.	Age level: All ages Call to register	Celebrate the 200 th anniversary of the oldest structure in the Parks! Drop by to enjoy music & exhibits, and learn more about Warner Parks' first families. Ribbon-cutting and light refreshments are planned for 2 p.m. Coordinators: Heather Gallagher, Bob Parrish, and Friends of Warner Park
	Mushrooms!	Friday, November 18 9-11 a.m.	Age level: Adults 13+ Call to register	We will explore every nook and cranny of a nearby hollow to uncover the fascinating fungi lurking within. Leader: Deb Beazley
	Indoor Rock Climbing at Climb Nashville	Saturday, November 19 9 a.m.-noon	Age level: Ages 8 years and up Registration opens November 4	Join us for a trip to the South's premier indoor rock climbing gym. Participants will learn the proper safety techniques and etiquette of indoor rock climbing though firsthand climbing experience. Leaders: Lisa King & Climb Nashville Staff
	Lost!	Saturday, November 19 1-2 p.m.	Age level: All ages Registration opens November 4	What could be more frightening than being LOST? Back by popular demand—a repeat of the "Lost in the Woods" program endorsed by North American Search and Rescue. Leader: Heather Gallagher
DEC	The Cemeteries of Warner Parks	Saturday, December 3 9 a.m.-noon	Age level: Adults, 13+ Registration opens November 5	Take a walk back in time while visiting the nine cemeteries of Percy and Edwin Warner Park. Glance at the future of these historic sites through the eyes of the naturalist. Leader: Heather Gallagher
	Hill Forest Volunteer Training	Saturday, December 3 12:30-3 p.m.	Age level: Adults Call to register	We are looking for a few hearty, committed volunteers to begin training as Hill Forest Naturalists! Participants must also commit to attend future training sessions and to be willing to lead Hill Forest hikes in the future. Leaders: Vera Vollbrecht and Paul Fowler
	Organic Gardening & Housekeeping	Friday, December 9 9-10:30 a.m.	Age level: Adults, 13+ Call to register	Learn the safe and natural way to care for your garden and home. Leader: Deb Beazley
	Hike, Eat, Hike	Friday, December 9 5-6:30 p.m.	Age Level: All ages Registration opens November 25	Pack a picnic supper and join us for a loop hike on a frosty winter evening. With a nearly full moon to light our way, we will start with a hike, stop and warm up by the fire and eat, then hike back to our cars. Leader: Melissa Donahue
	Last Chance Bird Hike	Saturday, December 10 10 a.m.-noon	Age level: 6-12 year olds	<i>Almost</i> finished with your Junior Naturalist requirements? Complete your requirements to earn the 2011 Bird Patch while enjoying early winter birds. Leader: Heather Gallagher
	Holiday Geocaching	Saturday, December 17 10 a.m.-noon	Age level: 6 years and up Registration opens December 2	Join us as we discover this popular outdoor game of treasure hunting perfect for people of all ages. We will use a GPS to seek and find hidden holiday caches. Leaders: Lisa King & Middle TN Geocachers
	Winter Songs and Stories	Wednesday, December 21 1:30-3 p.m.	Age level: All ages Registration opens December 6	Hear stories and sing songs about Old Man Winter. We'll throw a few logs on the fire to keep warm and enjoy some yummy refreshments. Leader: Heather Gallagher, Vera Vollbrecht and Volunteers