

Durant Nature Preserve

Upcoming Programs 2017

January

New Year's Day Hikes

Sunday, January 1. 2-4PM. Age: All Ages. Free. Course #196357

Jumpstart your New Year's Resolutions and join preserve staff for a scenic walk in nature. Please be prepared to walk at least a mile. Pre-registration is helpful, but not required.

Make a Snowflake

Friday, January 20. 12-4PM. Age: All Ages. Free. #200098

Stop by our office between 12-4pm for a fun wayside exhibit. You can make a paper snowflake and learn how snow forms.

Winter Play Day

Saturday, January 21. 1-3PM. Age: 5yrs. and up. \$1. #200097

Join us for a day of winter fun for the whole family. Whether indoor or out there are plenty of cool games to celebrate the season with!! Children must be accompanied by an adult. Adults attend free but should come ready to participate. Pre-registration required.

"The Mitten" adapted by Jan Brett: Story and Craft

Tuesday, January 24. 10-11AM. Age: 3-5 yrs. \$3. #200055

Come be smitten by 'The Mitten,' adapted by Jan Brett, as we read this endearing story to your toddler. We'll play winter-related games and make a craft celebrating the wonderful world of winter. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Adults attend free. Pre-registration is required at least four days in advance.

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Predators on the Prowl

Friday, January 27. 6-7:30PM. Age: 6yrs. and up. \$3. #200096

When the sun goes down, whoooo do you think comes out to hunt? Join us as we take an evening walk in the woods to look and listen for winter predators. We'll finish our hike by roasting marshmallows over a campfire and practicing our predator calls. Pre-registration is required at least four days in advance. Parent must register and accompany children.

February

Track Attack

Saturday, February 11. 2-4PM. Age: 5yrs. and up. \$6. #200101

Become a nature detective! Explore ways to track animals by looking at their tracks and scat as we hike some trails to find all the clues our animals leave behind. We'll also play some fun games and make a cool track to take home. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Adults attend free but should come ready to participate. Pre-registration is required at least four days in advance.

Campfire Story and Marshmallow Roast

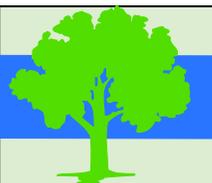
Saturday, February 18. 6-7PM. Age: 6yrs. and up. \$2. #200099

Gather 'round the campfire while we read a nature story perfect for just this occasion. Share some quality time with your family and the good company of others while roasting marshmallows. Children must be accompanied by a registered adult. Pre-registration is required at least four days in advance of program.

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Tracks! Teaching Tracks and Scat to Kids

Sunday, February 12. 12-4PM. Age: 16yrs. and up. Free. #200201

Be a kid for an afternoon and come get the scoop on poop. In addition to track and scat basics, we'll go over games and activities you can use to teach tracking and scat identification to children. Class is eligible for Criteria II or III towards the N.C. Environmental Education Certification. Program is held outdoors. Please dress for the weather. Pre-registration required.

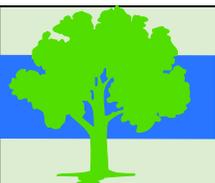
Tell a Fairytale Day

Sunday, February 26. 2-3PM. Age: 2-10 yrs. \$3. #200057

February 26 is Tell a Fairy Tale Day! Celebrate with us as we read a nature-themed fairy tale or two. Afterwards, you and your little ones can build your very own fairy home to take home or leave in our Sensory and Nature Play Garden's fairy village. In case of inclement weather, the program will take place indoors. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Adults attend free. Pre-registration is required four days in advance of program.

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March

Wee Walkers

Thursday, March 2. 10-11AM. Age: Up to 5 yrs. Free. #200087

Would you and your toddler like some company for your walks? Join others on an easy-paced hike around the park. This is a great opportunity for adults and little ones to meet each other and explore what's happening in nature. Although preregistration is not necessary, it is helpful so that we can prepare for your visit.

Winter Scavenger Hunt

Saturday, March 4. 2-3:30PM. Age: 5yrs. and up. \$6. #200102

Join us for a fun family friendly scavenger hunt to look for things found around the preserve in winter. Warm up inside after the hunt with a cup of hot cocoa and a craft. Each participant will create a cute tree face out of clay to take home and decorate a tree with. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Adults attend free but should come ready to participate. Pre-registration is required at least four days in advance.

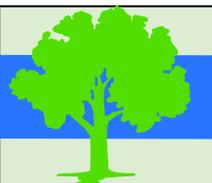
Campfire Story and Marshmallow Roast

Friday, March 10. 7-8PM. Age: 6yrs. and up. \$2. #200100

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Nature and Sensory Play Day

Friday, March 10. 10-12PM. Age: All Ages. Free. #200085

Come check out Durant's Sensory and Nature Play Garden! Park staff will have guided activities to delight the senses and encourage nature play. Pre-registration is requested. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

The Wiggles

Tuesday, March 21. 10-11AM. Age: 3-5 yrs. \$3. #200059

Wiggly worms are not only fun to observe but they are great for the soil! In this hands-on program, your child will get to examine some worms up close to learn about their body parts and why these wiggly little invertebrates are so important for plant growth. Each child will decorate a pot and plant a pretty flower in soil the worms have prepared especially for this occasion! Children must be accompanied by an adult. Adults attend free. Pre-registration is required four days in advance of program.

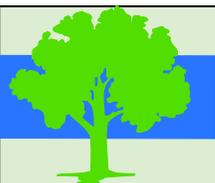
Salamander Sleuths

Saturday, March 25. 2-4PM. Age: 5yrs. and up. \$6. #200156

Become a salamander sleuth as we look under rocks, logs and leaf litter and inside vernal pools to 'sniff' out the places salamanders and their eggs can be found. Learn about the lifecycle of the salamander and the types of salamanders that can be found in the park, plus make your very own salamander to take home! Children must be accompanied by an adult. Adults attend free but should come ready to participate. Pre-registration is required at least four days in advance.

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April

Wee Walkers

Thursday, April 6. 10-11AM. Age: Up to 5 yrs. Free. #200088

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Citizen Science – NestWatch

Saturday, April 8. 2-3PM. Age: 5yrs. and up. \$1. #200157

Become a scientist for a day with us at Durant. We'll collect data from our bluebird boxes for the citizen science project NestWatch. Investigate the different species of birds that use our nest boxes and see different nests and eggs up close! We'll send you home with all the information you need to start collecting NestWatch data in your own backyard. Children must be accompanied by a registered adult. Pre-registration is required at least four days in advance.

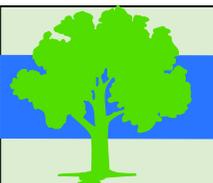
Wee Walker Egg Hunt

Thursday, April 13. 10-11AM. Age: 1-5 yrs. \$2. #200089

Join an egg hunt just for our Wee Walkers! Have your little one bring a basket to find the hidden eggs and the surprises that are inside. After the hunt, we'll have spring-inspired activity stations in the field for your Wee Walkers to enjoy! Pre-registration is required at least four days in advance. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Adults attend free.

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Durant Family Campout

Friday, April 21 to Saturday, April 22. 6PM-11AM. Age: 6yrs. and up. \$20 for adults, \$15 for youth. #200161

Families gather for an overnight experience complete with a naturalist-led night hike, a light Dutch oven dinner, s'mores for the kids, breakfast and time for fishing and boating in the morning. Your gear will be hauled by vehicle to the primitive, lakeside campsite that we will call home for the night! Class fee: Adults, \$20 each; youth, \$15. Pre-registration is required at least four days prior to the program.

Frogs and Toads

Tuesday, April 25. 2-3PM. Age: 3-5 yrs. \$3. #200086

What are frogs and toads? Let's find out together! We'll take a short walk to find frogs and toads in the park, then make a 'toadally' awesome craft. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Adults attend free. Pre-registration is required at least four days in advance of program.

Get Hooked!

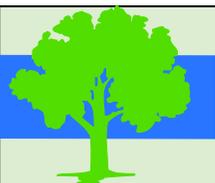
Sunday, April 30. 1:30-2:30PM. Age: 5yrs. and up. \$1. #200158

Sunday, April 30. 3-4PM. Age: 5yrs. and up. \$1. #200159

Join us for a lovely spring day on our lakeshore. We'll provide the bait, fishing poles and instruction to get you and your family hooked on fishing! Fee applies to all participants. Children must be accompanied by a registered adult. Pre-registration is required at least four days in advance.

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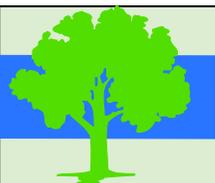
Sample Durant

Saturday, May 6. 10AM-2PM. Age: All Ages. Free. #200185

Catch it all in one day: critter stop, bird watching, crafts, nature scavenger hunt, dip-netting, canoeing and fishing! Look for the registration table at the preserve's north entrance next to the office. Although pre-registration is not necessary, it is helpful so that we can prepare for your visit.

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