





# Shelby bottoms nature center

## Fall 2021 Events

### On Repeat

These programs repeat weekly or monthly and may require registration. Please read the description below for more information.

<b>First Saturday Bird Friendly Coffee</b>	<b>1st Saturday</b> of the month 9 am - 12 pm All ages No registration required 	Coffee drinkers who enjoy Shelby Bottoms are welcome to join us for a free cup of some of the tastiest, shade-grown, <a href="#">certified "Bird-Friendly" coffee</a> around. Learn about the connection between bird habitat, coffee, and you. <i>If the first Saturday falls on a holiday or closed date, we will celebrate the following Saturday.</i> Host: John Michael Cassidy and Jim Hicks
<b>Young Birder's 4-H Club</b>	<b>2nd Saturday</b> of the month 9:30 - 11:30 am Ages 10 - 18 No registration, contact program leader	Youth interested in taking their appreciation for birds to the next level will love this monthly meeting. Each gathering may include guest speakers, community service and other projects, and of course, birding! All birding equipment is available to borrow, and we'll register you as a <a href="#">4-H</a> member for free when you show up at the nature center!  Leader: Andy Lantz, <a href="#">UT-TSU Extension</a> Agent
<b>Nature Storytime</b>	<b>3rd Wednesday</b> of the month 10 am All ages Registration required	We'll read a nature-themed book and we just might (we will) have a few puppet characters accompany our story. Maize the Corn Snake is definitely interested in attending the event and we will finish with a short discovery walk in the park! Leaders: Maize the Corn Snake and SBNC Staff/Volunteers
<b>Volunteer Day w/ Friends of Shelby</b>	One <b>Saturday</b> of the month Dates to be determined Follow link for notifications Registration required	The Friends of Shelby Park & Bottoms hosts monthly volunteering across the many areas that make up East Nashville's largest urban park system. Sign up to get notifications about upcoming volunteer projects such as maintaining organic and pollinator gardens, event assistance, trail maintenance, etc. <a href="http://www.friendsofshelby.org/sign_up">http://www.friendsofshelby.org/sign_up</a> 
<b>Second Saturdays @ Stones River</b>	<b>2nd Saturday in Oct. &amp; Nov.</b> 9 am - 12 pm No registration required	Discover the Stones River Greenway J. Percy Priest Dam Trailhead, Shelby's satellite nature and outdoor recreation center that includes a dog park, paved trails, paddling access on the Stones River, a BCycle Station, and more!

## September


### Opening reception for "Our Vanishing Birds"


Friday, September 10  
 6 - 8 pm  
 Ages 21+  
 No registration required  
  
 Exhibit open:  
 September 10 - January 2022


This season's exhibiting artist is local photographer and birder, [Graham Gerdeman](#). Despite receiving a Biology degree from Eckerd College in 1996, Graham spent more time studying the art of jazz, playing saxophone, all while pursuing an interest in photography and videography over the past 20 years. His passion for birding and the natural world eventually coincided with his love of photography, and Graham's focus came full circle. While not exclusively a wildlife photographer, it is as a "naturalist photographer" that he is most happy.  
 Come join us for this opening reception celebrating the diverse avian life of Tennessee and learn how some populations are vanishing. Refreshments will be served.  
 Exhibits will show through January 2022.

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## Hummingbird-Viewing through September

## Visit the many feeders, wildflowers, and gardens on our campus!


<p><b>Nature Craft</b></p>	<p>Thursday, September 16 10 - 11 am All ages Registration required</p>	<p>Join us on the back porch for some fun and nature crafting! We will provide the materials...you just bring your creative energy.</p> <p>Leader: Julie Henry, Seasonal Naturalist</p>
<p><b>Dragonflies &amp; Damselflies of Shelby Bottoms</b></p> <p><u>w/ Richard Connors</u></p>	<p>Saturday, September 18 9 - 12 pm Ages 12+ Registration required</p> 	<p>Often overlooked, Odonates (dragonflies and damselflies) can frequently be seen around water, and Shelby Bottoms has plentiful waters to harbor these beautiful insects. Richard offers a wealth of knowledge in adult dragonflies, behaviors, and their habitats. This class will start in the classroom and will explore various areas near our campus.</p> <p>Leader: Richard Connors, retired TN state biologist <a href="http://www.pbase.com/rconnorsnaturephoto">www.pbase.com/rconnorsnaturephoto</a></p>
<p><b>“So Long Summer” Moonlight Hike</b></p>	<p>Tuesday, September 21 8 - 9 pm All ages Registration required</p>	<p>“Goodbye” to long sunny days, calling frogs, insects, and all the many things that make summer special here in Middle Tennessee! Meet us at the nature center for a “farewell” moonlight hike to the summer season. We will moon-gaze while strolling throughout beautiful Shelby Bottoms Nature Park!</p> <p>Leader: Christie Wiser</p>
	<p>Saturday, September 25</p> <p>Four start times between: 8:30 - 9:15 am</p> <p>Register at <a href="https://www.cumberlandkayakadventure.com/goldenpheasant">https://www.cumberlandkayakadventure.com/goldenpheasant</a></p>	<p>The 4th annual <a href="#">Golden Pheasant Triathlon</a> is a kayak, bike, and run that celebrates the search for the mysterious Golden Pheasant that once inhabited one of Nashville’s most beloved parks. Participants kayak for 2 miles on the Cumberland River, bike to and from Cumberland Park for 6 miles, and finish with a 3 mile loop around Shelby. Local prizes will be awarded for best costume and to race-winners in each category! Proceeds benefit <a href="#">Friends of Shelby Park and Bottoms</a> and <a href="#">Walk Bike Nashville</a>.</p>
<p><b>Painting on the Back Porch</b></p>	<p>Saturday, September 25 1 - 3 pm All ages Registration required</p>	<p>Bring your love for nature and art to the park for a basic beginner level painting session! We will provide the paint, brushes, and canvases...with a little guidance. All skill levels are welcome. Space is limited.</p> <p>Leader: Christie Wiser</p>
<p><b>Migratory Bird Walk</b></p>	<p>Thursday, September 30 5 - 6:30 pm Ages 10+ Registration required</p>	<p>Shelby Park and Bottoms is an Audubon Society designated <a href="#">Important Bird Area</a> and offers a number of habitats from uplands, waterways, wetlands, meadows, and bottomland forests to name a few. Borrow a pair of our binoculars or bring your own! We will slowly walk to a few highlighted areas to use our eyes and ears in hopes of spotting resident birds, migrating wood warblers, hawks, etc.</p> <p>Leader: John Michael Cassidy</p>




	<p>Saturday, October 2 10 am - 6:00 pm Metro Nashville Parks Centennial Park</p>	<p>In a city where one in six residents is foreign-born, the <a href="#">Celebrate Nashville Cultural Festival</a> is a <i>FREE</i> event that provides an excellent opportunity for intercultural dialogue! The festival features a variety of dance and musical performances on different stages, food vendors offering authentic and exotic tastes from around the world, hands-on children’s activities, an area just for teens, a marketplace, and so much more!</p>
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<p><b>MNPS Fall Break 10/11-10/15</b></p>	<p>Nature Center Hours: Tues/Thurs/Sat: 9 am– 4 pm Wed/Fri: 12 - 4 pm Greenway: dawn to dusk</p>	<p>Stop by the Nature Center to learn more about Metro Nashville Parks &amp; Greenways, where to explore, what animals live there, why they are special places, and what greenspaces are close to where you live! Enjoy one of our programs or ask us what you can <b>See &amp; Do</b> in Shelby Park &amp; Bottoms!</p>
<p><b>Fall Break Campfire &amp; S'mores</b></p>	<p>Wednesday, October 13 4 - 5 pm All ages Registration required</p>	<p>Celebrate Fall Break with a visit to our beautiful and educational nature center campus with the addition of a traditional campfire and s'mores!  Leader: Christie Wiser</p>
<p><b>Family Hike w/ a Metro Nashville Police Officer</b></p> 	<p>Thursday, October 14 10 - 11:30 am All ages Registration required</p>	<p>A local police officer will join us for a walk into the park and greenway. We will learn about topics such as what to bring on a hike, how to park smart, stay safe with your group, plan for the unexpected, and more!  Jessica will also give tips and answer questions about how park users of any age can experience a safe outing, help their community, and respect local parks.  Leader: Sgt. Jessica Ware, MNPD East Precinct, Community Coordinator</p>


## Ask us about the Shelby Bottoms Junior Naturalist Activity Book

<p><b>On Your Own Adventure: Special Places and Features of Shelby Bottoms</b></p>	<p>Friday, October 15 11 am - 1 pm All ages No registration required</p>	<p>Drop by for an introduction to some of our favorite destinations and features near the nature center. Learn about East Nashville's largest protected greenspace. Am I a friend to Wildlife? What could I do to make my yard better for...? We'll have tips on how to make your outside space at home more nature-friendly—just like the special places of Shelby Bottoms! Leader: SBNC Staff</p>
<p><b>Fall Break Bird Friendly Coffee</b></p>	<p>Saturday, October 16 9 - 11 am All ages No registration required</p>	<p>Do you enjoy a nice cup of hot coffee, nice views, and watching birds? Stop by for a free cup of some of the tastiest, shade-grown, <a href="#">certified "Bird-Friendly" coffee</a> around. Learn about the connection between bird habitat, coffee, and you! Leader: Jim Hicks</p>
<p><b>Shelby Bottoms Junior Naturalist Activity Book ...</b></p>	<p>Saturday, October 16 12 - 1 pm Ages 6+ No registration required</p>	<p>We will introduce our own site-specific junior naturalist activity book, seek out a few mysteries, explore the nature center, and visit surrounding areas in the park! Our workbook helps connect kids to the natural world, and we will help get you started!  Leader: John Michael Cassidy</p>
<p><b>Autumn Full Moon Hike</b></p>	<p>Wednesday, October 20 8 - 9 pm All ages Registration Required</p>	<p>Moon gaze and meander around the 1mile-loop with us while we take in the autumn air!  Leader: Christie Wiser</p>
<p><b>Wildlife Walk &amp; Talk w/ a Wildlife Rehab Specialist</b></p>	<p>Saturday, October 23 10 am All ages No registration required</p>  <p>Lillie Birds</p>	<p>Autumn is an active time for many animals in the park, many yearling birds are on their way to independence, whitetail deer are breeding, and rodents are stockpiling food for the winter! Join volunteers from <a href="#">Lillie Birds Wildlife Rehabilitators</a> as we look for signs of animal activity around different habitats near the nature center's paved one mile loop (stroller-friendly, short options on natural paths). Leader: Devon Blackburn, Volunteer Naturalist</p>

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## Pumpkins and Pickin'



Saturday, October 30  
1 - 3 pm  
All ages  
Registration required

Enjoy the October tradition of pumpkin carving during one of our Back Porch Picking Parties! Bring a pumpkin if you would like to participate in the carving; we will provide the tools. If you want to pick around, bring a string instrument... or just relax and enjoy the atmosphere of being outside surrounded by nature while listening to music.

Leader: Christie Wiser



## November

### Evening Wildlife Hike w/



**NWCC**  
NASHVILLE WILDLIFE  
CONSERVATION CENTER

Saturday, November 6  
6 - 7:30 pm  
Ages 18+  
Registration required

Join us for an adults-only hike with [Nashville Wildlife Conservation Center](#). We'll look for methods that animals in the park are using to prepare for winter. Also, we will learn about ways that you can support wildlife and set a few intentions with the new moon. Bring your red headlamp if you have one.

Leaders: Debbie Sykes & Amanda Healan, Volunteer Naturalists

## Closed Thursday, November 11 in observance of Veteran's Day

### Second Saturdays @ Stones River

Saturday, November 13  
9 am - 12 pm  
All ages  
No registration required

Discover the Stones River Greenway J. Percy Priest Dam Trailhead, Shelby's satellite nature and outdoor recreation center that includes a dog park, paved trails, paddling access on the Stones River, a BCycle Station, and more!

Leader: John Michael Cassidy

### Nature in the CITY!

Saturday, November 13  
1 - 3 pm  
All ages  
No registration required

The nature center will be getting out in the East Nashville community to bring a fun wave of nature-themed activities to the 5 Points Alley Shops, located on the block of 11th & Woodland Street. Stop by to do a nature craft and chat with a naturalist about the awesome things going on in the park this coming year!

Leader: Christie Wiser & the fine folks of the [5 Points Alley Shops](#)

### Moonlight Mosey: Full Beaver Moon

Friday, November 19  
8 - 9 pm  
All ages  
Registration required

Hike around the 1 mile loop with us as we discuss why the November full moon is known by its nature-inspired nickname!

Leader: Christie Wiser



## Closed Saturday, November 20 for St. Jude Rock & Roll Race Series

## Closed Thursday - Saturday, November 25-27 for Thanksgiving Holiday



November 25 - 29  
For more info:  
<https://www.friendsofshelby.org/shelby-race-series>



The second annual [Full Belly Friends of Shelby 5K and Fun Run race](#) will take place Thanksgiving weekend.

For 2021, the race will be in-person on the Saturday following Thanksgiving. Like last year, we will be raising money and collecting food for neighbors in need. The race will begin and end at the Shelby Park Events Field.

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