



April – August 2025 DeINature Activities

PROGRAMS & EVENTS

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Welcome

Welcome to DelNature's Spring-Summer Program Season! We're excited to offer a wide range of engaging activities at our statewide locations, perfect for children, adults, and families. Whether you're looking to explore, learn, or relax, there's something for everyone. Be sure to join us at our Spring Native Plant Sale and Summer Music Series at Coverdale Farm Preserve and Abbott's Mill Nature Center and experience the vibrant energy of the season. With a variety of programs and activities, DelNature is your gateway to a season of exploration, fun, and connection with nature!

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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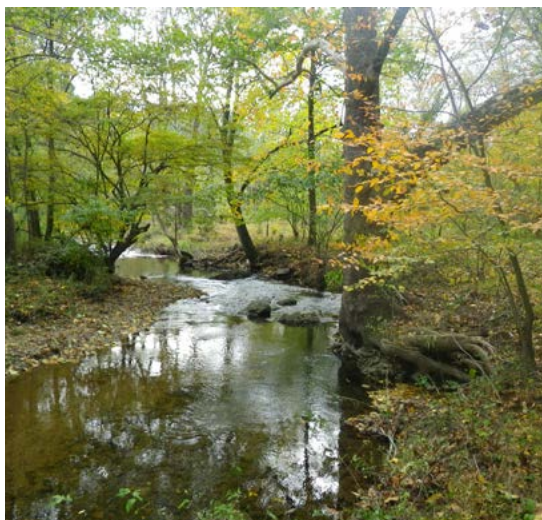
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DelNature Sites & Program Locations



- 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
- 5 Bucktoe Creek Preserve
432 Sharp Road, Avondale, PA
- 6 2900 Montchanin Rd., Wilmington, DE
- 7 Slaughter Beach Public Pavilion
359 Bay Ave, Milford, DE

ABBOTT'S MILL NATURE CENTER

Knee-high Naturalists: Aquatic Animals

Preschoolers, Ages 2 - 5

4/2 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15

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

ABBOTT'S MILL NATURE CENTER

Abbott's Wednesday Nature Walks | *Adults*

4/2 | 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM | \$15

Informative weekly nature walks along Abbott's Mill Nature Center trails.

ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

NCC Knee-high Naturalists: Life

Underground | *Preschoolers, Ages 3 - 5*

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

Explore the massive world hiding right beneath our feet! Will we see worms, plants, bugs, or animal burrows? Discover the wonders of nature with your little one!

ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

Lunch Bunch | *Preschoolers*

4/4 | 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! No pre-registration needed, just stop by!

VIRTUAL

Be An Environmental Advocate | *Adults*

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

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



ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

Reading the Land: The Pine Barrens

Book Tour | *Adults*

4/5 | 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM | \$100

Explore the largest body of open space on the Mid-Atlantic seaboard on a guided tour of the Pinelands National Reserve as written about by creative non-fiction author John McPhee.

ABBOTT'S MILL NATURE CENTER

Knee-high Naturalists: Plant Appreciation

Preschoolers, Ages 2 - 5

4/9 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15

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

ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

NCC Knee-high Naturalists Pint Size:

Life Underground | *Preschoolers, Ages 2 - 3*

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COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

NCC Knee-high Naturalists: Bunny Rabbits

Preschoolers, Ages 3 - 5

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

Learn all about bunnies at Coverdale Farm Preserve, and meet our farm rabbits, Pumpkin and Parsnip. 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*

4/11 | 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! No pre-registration needed, just stop by!





COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Breakfast with the Bunnies | *All Ages*
4/12 | 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM | \$25

Start your day with a light breakfast and time with our bunnies, Pumpkin and Parsnip. Afterward enjoy spring activities, including demonstrations, crafts, a scenic hayride, and plant your own spring starter to take home.

COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Spring Time on the Farm | *All Ages*
4/12 | 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM | Free

Welcome spring with a day full of hands-on farm fun! Explore the sights and sounds of spring as you enjoy activities, crafts, demonstrations, meet the animals and more! No pre-registration needed, just stop by!

ABBOTT'S MILL NATURE CENTER

Knee-high Naturalists: Earth Day Activities
Preschoolers, Ages 2 - 5
4/16 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15

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

ABBOTT'S MILL NATURE CENTER

Abbott's Wednesday Nature Walks | *Adults*
4/16 | 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM | \$15

Informative weekly nature walks along Abbott's Mill Nature Center trails.

ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

Spring Break at Ashland
Children, Grade K - 3
4/18 | 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM | \$70

Dive into spring at Ashland. Find spring amphibians, observe all the life stages of a frog, and visit with some of Ashland's live animals! Play and explore during this one day spring break adventure!

ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

Ultimate Scavenger Hunt
Children, Grade 4 - 6
4/18 | 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM | \$75

Spend the day geocaching in style on the ultimate scavenger hunt! Discover secret messages, hidden caches, and concealed treasures using clues and technology as you hike and geocache on local trails.

ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

NCC Knee-high Naturalists: Frog and Toad
Preschoolers, Ages 3 - 5
4/18 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15

Read a classic story and learn about the frogs and toads that live at Ashland. Discover the wonders of nature with your little one!

ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

Lunch Bunch | *Preschoolers*
4/18 | 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! No pre-registration needed, just stop by!

DUPONT ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER

DEEC Day of Service | *All Ages*
4/19 | 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!

SLAUGHTER BEACH

Annual Horseshoe Crab Spawning Survey Volunteer Training | *Volunteers*
4/19 | 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM | Free

Training for new volunteers interested in helping with our annual Horseshoe Crab spawning survey held every May & June.

ABBOTT'S MILL NATURE CENTER

Knee-high Naturalists: Are You My Mother
Preschoolers, Ages 2 - 5
4/23 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15

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

COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

NCC Knee-high Naturalists Pint Size: Bunny Rabbits | *Preschoolers, Ages 2 - 3*
4/23 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15

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ABBOTT'S MILL NATURE CENTER

Abbott's Wednesday Nature Walks | Adults
4/23 | 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM | \$15

Informative weekly nature walks along Abbott's Mill Nature Center trails.

FLINT WOODS PRESERVE

Spring Ephemeral Wildflowers | Adults
4/24 | 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM | \$25

Walk Flint Woods Preserve in search of spring wildflowers. Learn to identify many of these colorful beautiful species, as we also enjoy large trees, woodland birds, and some other plants like ferns.

DUPONT ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER

Friday Morning Trek | Adults
4/25 | 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.

COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

NCC Knee-high Naturalists: April Showers
Preschoolers, Ages 3 - 5
4/25 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15

In the springtime, the soil needs lots of rain! Learn about why rain is so important in nature through play. Discover the wonders of nature with your little one!

COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Lunch Bunch | *Preschoolers*
4/25 | 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! No pre-registration needed, just stop by!

COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Women's Wellness in Nature Day | Adults
4/26 | 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM | \$125

Step out of your busy life for a day of wellness and tranquility as spring blossoms at Coverdale. Become immersed in expert-led activities centered around nourishment, creativity, mindfulness, nature connection, and sensory immersion. Catered lunch and take home products included.



COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Spring Cleaning at Coverdale Farm | Adults
4/26 | 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM | Free

Celebrate Earth Day with spring cleaning at Coverdale. Join our Farm & Education Teams as we ready the Farmyard Classroom and Vegetable, Flower, and Education Gardens for the season. Afterwards, enjoy refreshments with new friends.

ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

Frog Fest | Families
4/26 | 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM | \$35

Jump into spring with Frog Fest at Ashland! Surround yourself with a symphony of croaks and chirps signaling the end of frog hibernation. Get up close with live frogs and learn about fascinating froggy features.

ABBOTT'S MILL NATURE CENTER

Knee-high Naturalists: The Sun
Preschoolers, Ages 2 - 5
4/30 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15

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

ABBOTT'S MILL NATURE CENTER

Abbott's Wednesday Nature Walks | Adults
4/30 | 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM | \$15

Informative weekly nature walks along Abbott's Mill Nature Center trails.

Annual Meeting

Members Only

Tuesday, April 22 | 5 pm - 7 pm

Join us for a look back at our 2024 accomplishments, celebrating our 60th anniversary year, our vision for 2025 and beyond.



DeNature 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.

Thank You!



Annual Meeting

Tuesday, April 22 | 5 pm – 7 pm

Guardians & Members Only

Join us for a look back at our 2024 accomplishments, celebrating our 60th anniversary year, our vision for 2025 and beyond, and to recognize staff, volunteers, and other exemplary contributors. Register at DelNature.org.

Native Plant Pre-Sale with Wine & Cheese

Thursday, May 1 | 5 pm - 7 pm

Guardian Exclusive

Enjoy wine and cheese as you shop the preview evening of our Native Plant Sale. Plant experts will be available to guide your selection of beautiful plants suited to your specific outdoor spaces. Look for your emailed invitation.

Big Canoe Adventure Paddle Trip

Saturday, June 21 | 9:30 am – 2:30 pm

Guardians & Members Only

Paddle in our 10-person Voyageur Canoes, enjoy the sunshine, spot wildlife, and bring snacks or lunch as you journey from Churchmans Road Boat Ramp to DEEC! Ages 8+. Register at DelNature.org.

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

December, Date TBD

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

NCC Knee-high Naturalists: Bring May Flowers | *Preschoolers, Ages 3 - 5*
5/2 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15

Thanks to the rains, spring flowers bloom! What else can we find in our springtime landscape? Discover the wonders of nature with your little one!

ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

Lunch Bunch | *Preschoolers*
5/2 | 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! No pre-registration needed, just stop by!

DUPONT ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER

Sunset Kayak Trip | *Adults, Ages 14+*
5/3 | 4:30 PM - 7:30 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: Composting, Worms, and Soil | *Preschoolers, Ages 2 - 5*
5/7 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15

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

ABBOTT'S MILL NATURE CENTER

Abbott's Wednesday Nature Walks | *Adults*
5/7 | 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM | \$15

Informative weekly nature walks along Abbott's Mill Nature Center trails.

COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

NCC Knee-high Naturalists: Planting Seeds | *Preschoolers, Ages 3 - 5*
5/9 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15

Farmers work hard planting lots of seeds in the spring - now we can plant some, too! Discover the wonders of nature with your little one!

COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Lunch Bunch | *Preschoolers*
5/9 | 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! No pre-registration needed, just stop by!

DUPONT ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER

Beginner Kayaking | *Families, Ages 8+*
5/10 | 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM | \$25

In this beginner-level program, we will show you the very basics of kayaking. No experience required, all equipment provided. Only six spots per program, so please sign up promptly.

DUPONT ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER

Beginner Kayaking | *Families, Ages 8+*
5/10 | 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM | \$25

In this beginner-level program, we will show you the very basics of kayaking. No experience required, all equipment provided. Only six spots per program, so please sign up promptly.

MARVEL DRIVE, SLAUGHTER BEACH

Knee-high Naturalists: Bird Migration | *Preschoolers, Ages 2 - 5*
5/14 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15

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

ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

NCC Knee-high Naturalists Pint Size: Turtle Time | *Preschoolers, Ages 2 - 3*
5/14 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15

Learn all about the turtles and tortoises at Ashland, and see where they might live 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

Abbott's Wednesday Nature Walks | *Adults*
5/14 | 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM | \$15

Informative weekly nature walks along Abbott's Mill Nature Center trails.

COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Build Better Salad Blends | *Adults*
5/15 | 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!

ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

NCC Knee-high Naturalists: Turtle Time
Preschoolers, Ages 3 - 5
5/16 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15

Learn all about the turtles and tortoises at Ashland, and see where they might live and play! Discover the wonders of nature with your little one!

ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

Lunch Bunch | *Preschoolers*
5/16 | 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! No pre-registration needed, just stop by!

DUPONT ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER

DEEC Day of Service | *All Ages*
5/17 | 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

The Enchanted Forest | *Children*
5/17 | 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM | \$20

Craft your own fairy house, listen to fairytales, and solve an enchanted mystery among the wise old trees of Ashland's forest.

DUPONT ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER

Kayak the Christina | *Adults, Ages 14+*
5/17 | 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM | \$35

Immerse yourself in the marsh on a paddle along the Christina River. Watch for herons, beavers, bald eagles, and more.

ABBOTT'S MILL NATURE CENTER

Knee-high Naturalists: What is Biodiversity-Water Bears (Tardigrades)
Preschoolers, Ages 2 - 5
5/21 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15

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

ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

Shorebirds and Horseshoe Crabs Along Delaware Bay | *Adults*
5/21 | 11:00 AM - 8:00 PM | \$50

Witness the greatest natural spectacle on the Delaware Bay...Horseshoe Crab Spawning and shorebird migration. Delaware Bay is a globally important stopover for shorebirds, and Horseshoe Crabs are the feast.

ABBOTT'S MILL NATURE CENTER

Abbott's Wednesday Nature Walks | *Adults*
5/21 | 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM | \$15

Informative weekly nature walks along Abbott's Mill Nature Center trails.

DUPONT ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER

Friday Morning Trek | *Adults*
5/23 | 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.



COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

NCC Knee-high Naturalists: Farm Families

Preschoolers, Ages 3 - 5

5/23 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15

Chicks, chickens, ewes, and a ram - everyone at the farm is part of a family! Discover the wonders of nature with your little one!

COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Lunch Bunch | Preschoolers

5/23 | 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! No pre-registration needed, just stop by!

ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

The Frogs of Blackbird State Forest | Adults

5/23 | 7:00 PM - 11:30 PM | \$45

Spend an evening with Jim White, Herpetologist and author of Amphibians and Reptiles of Delmarva for an incredible experience with frogs in Blackbird State Forest.

DUPONT ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER

Big Canoes on the Christina

Families, Ages 8+

5/25 | 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM | \$35

How many people can you fit in a canoe? Ten! Join us in our Voyageur canoes for a new experience on the Christina River.

ABBOTT'S MILL NATURE CENTER

Knee-high Naturalists: Turtles - Living on

Land and in Water | Preschoolers, Ages 2 - 5

5/28 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15

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

COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

NCC Knee-high Naturalists Pint Size: Farm

Families | Preschoolers, Ages 2 - 3

5/28 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15

Chicks, chickens, ewes, and a ram - everyone at the farm is part of a family! Discover the wonders of nature with your little one! Enjoy hands-on nature discovery outdoors with our Teacher Naturalists.

ABBOTT'S MILL NATURE CENTER

Abbott's Wednesday Nature Walks | Adults

5/28 | 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM | \$15

Informative weekly nature walks along Abbott's Mill Nature Center trails.

BUCKTOE CREEK PRESERVE

Wood Thrushes and Wood Lots | Adults

5/30 | 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM | \$20

A program designed for landowners and property managers, as well as Wood Thrush aficionados. Learn about our Wood Thrush research and how to manage your woods to attract this beautiful bird.

ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

NCC Knee-high Naturalists: Bug Catchers

Preschoolers, Ages 3 - 5

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

Learn how to use an insect net and try your hand at catching bugs of all kinds! Discover the wonders of nature with your little one!

ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

Lunch Bunch | Preschoolers

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

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Native Plant Sale



Shop a variety of plants that create visual interest while providing food and shelter for wildlife.

COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

543 Way Road, Greenville

Member Day: Friday, May 2 | 2 pm – 7 pm

Open to the Public: Saturday, May 3 | 9 am – 3 pm

Looking for plants in southern Delaware?

NATIVE PLANT SALE AND OPEN HOUSE

ABBOTT'S MILL NATURE CENTER

Saturday, May 3 | 9 am – 12 pm

Shop for native plants, visit the Nature Center and enjoy a hike on our trails.

Programs & Events

JUNE

COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Summer Book Club | Adults
6/3 | 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM | \$125

Discover the joy of reading with us this summer! Join our monthly book club meetings for lively discussions and a shared love for literature. Explore captivating stories focused on food, eco-farming, and nature

ABBOTT'S MILL NATURE CENTER

Knee-high Naturalists: Recycling - Make a Tote | Preschoolers, Ages 2 - 5
6/4 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15

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ABBOTT'S MILL NATURE CENTER

Abbott's Wednesday Nature Walks | Adults
6/4 | 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM | \$15

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COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

NCC Knee-high Naturalists: Veggies and Herbs | Preschoolers, Ages 2 - 5
6/6 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15

See where veggies and herbs grow in the garden at Coverdale Farm Preserve! Discover the wonders of nature with your little one!

BUCKTOE CREEK PRESERVE

Friday Evening Wind-Down Walk | Adults
6/6 | 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM | \$15

Friday evening wind-down nature walk

ABBOTT'S MILL NATURE CENTER

Knee-high Naturalists: What's in the Stream | Preschoolers, Ages 2 - 5
6/11 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15

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ABBOTT'S MILL NATURE CENTER

Abbott's Wednesday Nature Walks | Adults
6/11 | 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM | \$15

Informative weekly nature walks along Abbott's Mill Nature Center trails.



COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Build Better Salad Blends | Adult
6/12 | 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!

ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

NCC Knee-high Naturalists: Let's Splash | Preschoolers, Ages 2 - 5
6/13 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15

Splish splash kerplunk! Explore the wonders of water and see what animals splash around at Ashland. Discover the wonders of nature with your little one!

DUPONT ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER

Beginner Kayaking | Families, Ages 8+
6/14 | 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM | \$25

In this beginner-level program, we will show you the very basics of kayaking. No experience required, all equipment provided. Only six spots per program, so please sign up promptly.

DUPONT ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER

Beginner Kayaking | Families, Ages 8+
6/14 | 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM | \$25

In this beginner-level program, we will show you the very basics of kayaking. No experience required, all equipment provided. Only six spots per program, so please sign up promptly.

DUPONT ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER

Kayak the Christina | *Adults, Ages 14+*
6/15 | 2:30 PM - 5:30 PM | \$35

Immerse yourself in the marsh on a paddle along the Christina River. Watch for herons, beavers, bald eagles, and more.

ABBOTT'S MILL NATURE CENTER

Knee-high Naturalists: The Great Outdoors-Nature Games and Activities
Preschoolers, Ages 2 - 5
6/18 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15

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COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

NCC Knee-high Naturalists: Fluffy Clouds | *Preschoolers, Ages 2 - 5*
6/20 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15

What fluffy shapes can we see in the sky? Learn the importance of clouds and weather in nature. Discover the wonders of nature with your little one!

DUPONT ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER

Big Canoe Adventure Paddle Trip
Families, Ages 8+
6/21 | 9:30 AM - 2:30 PM | *Free, Members Only*

Kick off your summer with a Members only paddle trip on the Christina River! Paddle in our 10-person Voyageur Canoes, enjoy the sunshine, spot wildlife, and bring snacks or lunch as you journey from Churchmans Rd. Boat Ramp to DEEC!

DUPONT ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER

DEEC Day of Service | *All Ages*
6/21 | 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: Bees Buzz - But What do They do for Us | *Preschoolers, Ages 2 - 5*
6/25 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15

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

DUPONT ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER

Friday Morning Trek | *Adults*
6/27 | 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.

ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

NCC Knee-high Naturalists: Birdwatching
Preschoolers, Ages 2 - 5
6/27 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15

Practice pattern recognition and find the differences between a variety of birds at Ashland. Discover the wonders of nature with your little one!

DUPONT ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER

Kayak the Christina | *Adults, Ages 14+*
6/28 | 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM | \$35

Immerse yourself in the marsh on a paddle along the Christina River. Watch for herons, beavers, bald eagles, and more.



Conservation in Action

Stewardship of Nature



The flutelike ‘eeh-o-lay’ song of the Wood Thrush is one of the most evocative sounds of summer yet is sadly becoming less common. DelNature’s Wood Thrush Conservation Initiative aims to help these birds by engaging people in measures that enhance and create the habitat they need for breeding and feeding.

Our work continues this year thanks to support from grants, partners, and several generous donors, including the ‘Flying Penguins’ youth birding team. We will be radio-tracking birds during the breeding season to identify their main feeding areas, then the Motus network of receivers will help us uncover their migration routes and non-breeding grounds.

As part of this project, DelNature is offering ‘Wood Thrushes and wood lots’ programs at two private and idyllic Piedmont sites this summer. These are designed to help landowners and land managers improve their properties to attract these iconic songsters. Any bird enthusiast is welcome! Register for the **May 30** or **July 11** (see pages 16 and 22) program and come spend some quality time in the woods with us!

Summer Concert Series

Enjoy live music, local food trucks, and community fun!
Free, all are welcome. Drinks available for purchase.



Fridays at the Farm

Coverdale Farm Preserve

543 Way Road, Greenville

June 13, July 11, August 8, September 12 | 5:00 pm – 7:30 pm



Music at the Mill

Abbott's Mill Nature Center

15411 Abbotts Pond Road, Milford

June 12, July 10, August 14, September 11 | 5:00 pm – 7:30 pm

Programs & Events

JULY

COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Cut Flower Creations | *Adults*
7/10 | 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!

FLINT WOODS PRESERVE

Wood Thrushes and Wood Lots | *Adults*
7/11 | 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM | \$20

A program designed for landowners and property managers, as well as Wood Thrush aficionados. Learn about our Wood Thrush research and how to manage your woods to attract this beautiful bird.

COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

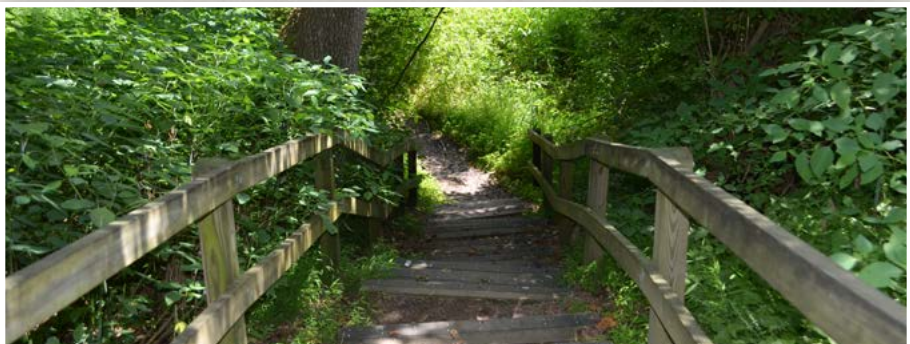
NCC Knee-high Naturalists: Bubble, Bubble, Pop | *Preschoolers, Ages 2 - 5*
7/11 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15

Chase floating bubbles and get creative with bubblemaking! Discover the wonders of nature with your little one!

DUPONT ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER

Beginner Kayaking | *Families, Ages 8+*
7/12 | 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM | \$25

In this beginner-level program, we will show you the very basics of kayaking. No experience required, all equipment provided. Only six spots per program, so please sign up promptly.



DUPONT ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER

Beginner Kayaking | *Families, Ages 8+*
7/12 | 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM | \$25

In this beginner-level program, we will show you the very basics of kayaking. No experience required, all equipment provided. Only six spots per program, so please sign up promptly.

DUPONT ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER

Kayak the Christina | *Adults, Ages 14+*
7/13 | 1:30 PM - 4:30 PM | \$35

Immerse yourself in the marsh on a paddle along the Christina River. Watch for herons, beavers, bald eagles, and more.

ABBOTT'S MILL NATURE CENTER

Knee-high Naturalists: Insect Discovery- Wonderful World of Dragonflies |

Preschoolers, Ages 2 - 5
7/16 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15

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

VIRTUAL AND FLINT WOODS PRESERVE

Ferns of the Piedmont | *Adults*
7/16 | 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
7/19 | 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM | \$25

Enjoy a field trip and zoom lecture on the ferns of our area. Walk the old-growth woodlands of Flint Woods Preserve to learn how to identify a dozen species or more using some simple approaches.



FLINT WOODS PRESERVE

Summer Meadow Hike | *Adults*
7/17 | 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM | \$25

The meadows of Flint Woods Preserve are filled with native prairie grasses, wildflowers, as well as pollinators and birds. Join us on a walk to identify species and get some ideas for plants that might be suitable for your property.

ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

NCC Knee-high Naturalists: Patterns in Nature | *Preschoolers, Ages 2 - 5*
7/18 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15

Animal tracks, honeycomb, tree rings, and rippling waves - patterns are everywhere in nature! Discover the wonders of nature with your little one!

DUPONT ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER

DEEC Day of Service | *All Ages*
7/19 | 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!

COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Totally Tomatoes: Tastings | *Adults*

7/24 | 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*

7/25 | 7:30 AM - 8:30 AM | *Free*

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COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

NCC Knee-high Naturalists: Animals in the Garden | *Preschoolers, Ages 2 - 5*

7/25 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15

Find out who is scurrying around in the garden at the farm! Discover the wonders of nature with your little one!

DUPONT ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER

Kayak the Christina | *Adults, Ages 14+*

7/26 | 12:30 PM - 3:30 PM | \$35

Immerse yourself in the marsh on a paddle along the Christina River. Watch for herons, beavers, bald eagles, and more.



DelNature Summer Camp

Get Ready for DelNature Summer Camp



DelNature Nature Society

SUMMER CAMP

DelNature Summer Camps will have your children safely exploring and discovering the wonders of nature. Our Summer Camps guarantee daily doses of fun and offer a variety of activities!

**PADDLING | COOKING | NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY
FISHING | SURVIVAL SKILLS | ART | OUTDOOR PLAY
NATURE EXPLORATION | AND MORE!**

KIDS AGE 3-5?
Check out our *Preschool Summer Fun* programs!

HIGHSCHOOLERS?
Get volunteer hours and become an Ambassador of the environment through the *DelNature Environmental Leaders Program!*

Twelve Weeks of Nature Discovery
Four Locations to Explore
Countless Memories to Last a Lifetime

Become a Member today and save 15% off camp!

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TWELVE WEEKS OF NATURE DISCOVERY

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Join us for Back to Camp Night!

Prepare for your summer camps by visiting our locations and find out where DelNature summer camp magic happens every day.

Ashland & Coverdale

Friday, June 6, 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm


Abbott's Mill

Friday, June 13, 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

The Market at Coverdale

Shop our Market for farm fresh produce, eggs, and artisanal products.

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



**Opening day is
Friday, April 4!**

Ready to Garden?

The Market offers Coverdale grown vegetable, flower, and herb starter plants for your home garden! All varieties are carefully selected and started with care, from seed, by the Farmers at Coverdale.

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!



Rethinking Delaware

DelNature Advocacy in Action

When discussing ways to mitigate climate change, conversations often center on such issues as clean renewable energy and reduction of greenhouse gas emissions. Those are powerful tools for creating a secure climate future, yet there is another: smart land use. The more green we preserve or incorporate in built landscapes, the more climate-altering carbon we prevent or sequester.

As a partner in the Rethinking Delaware coalition, DelNature supports using land in ways that address several interrelated problems, including poor public health outcomes, lack of walkable-bikeable communities, environmental protection and coastal resiliency. All can be improved if we develop where it makes sense and prevent development where it doesn't.



Where doesn't it make sense? Anywhere that is threatened by sea level rise and in any place that provides a valuable ecological service: woodlands that cool us and clean the air, wetlands that buffer us from flooding and filter our water, critical wildlife habitat, well-managed farmland that keeps our economy strong.

Would you like to learn more?

Reach out at advocacy@DelNature.org.

**Let's rethink
Delaware together.**

ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

NCC Knee-high Naturalists: Dragonflies and Cattails | *Preschoolers, Ages 2 - 5*
8/1 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15

Join the buzzing dragonflies and damselflies as we navigate the wetlands and learn about marshy ecosystems. Discover the wonders of nature with your little one! Enjoy hands-on nature discovery outdoors with our Teacher Naturalists.

ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

Dragon Run Canoeing | *Adults*
8/2 | 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM | \$60

Canoe Dragon Run Marsh, a large freshwater wetland, in search of blooming wetland plants, mammals like Beaver, Muskrat, Otter, and abundant birdlife.

COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Cut Flower Creations | *Adults*
8/7 | 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM | \$60

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COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

NCC Knee-high Naturalists: Sunflowers
Preschoolers, Ages 2 - 5
8/8 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15

Explore the majesty of sunflowers and feel a real sunflower! Discover the wonders of nature with your little one!

DUPONT ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER

Beginner Kayaking | *Families, Ages 8+*
8/9 | 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM | \$25

In this beginner-level program, we will show you the very basics of kayaking. No experience required, all equipment provided. Only six spots per program, so please sign up promptly.

DUPONT ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER

Beginner Kayaking | *Families, Ages 8+*
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ABBOTT'S MILL NATURE CENTER

Knee-high Naturalists: Butterflies and Blooms | *Preschoolers, Ages 2 - 5*
8/13 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15

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

ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

NCC Knee-high Naturalists: Lovely Lizards
Preschoolers, Ages 2 - 5
8/15 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15

Meet a real lizard and learn all about how they live! Discover the wonders of nature with your little one!

DUPONT ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER

DEEC Day of Service | *All Ages*
8/16 | 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM | Free

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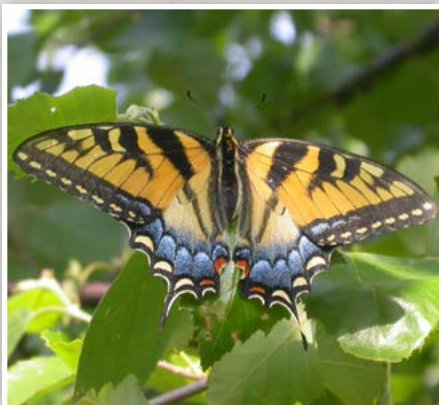
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8/22 | 7:30 AM - 8:30 AM | Free

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COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

NCC Knee-high Naturalists: A Farmer's Life For Me | *Preschoolers, Ages 2 - 5*
8/22 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15

Get your hands in the soil and help out with the animals at Coverdale! Discover the wonders of nature with your little one!

DUPONT ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER

Big Canoes on the Christina | *Families, Ages 8+*
8/23 | 11:30 AM - 2:30 PM | \$35

How many people can you fit in a canoe? Ten! Join us in our Voyageur canoes for a new experience on the Christina River.

ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

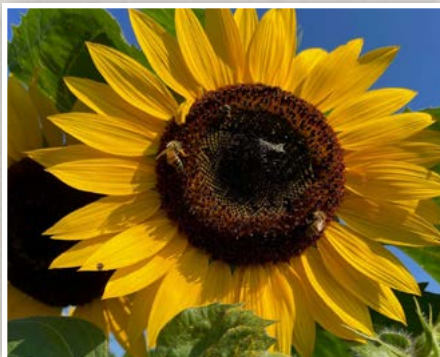
NCC Knee-high Naturalists: Butterflies
Preschoolers, Ages 2 - 5
8/29 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15

Beautiful butterflies are fluttering all around Ashland! How many will you find? Discover the wonders of nature with your little one!

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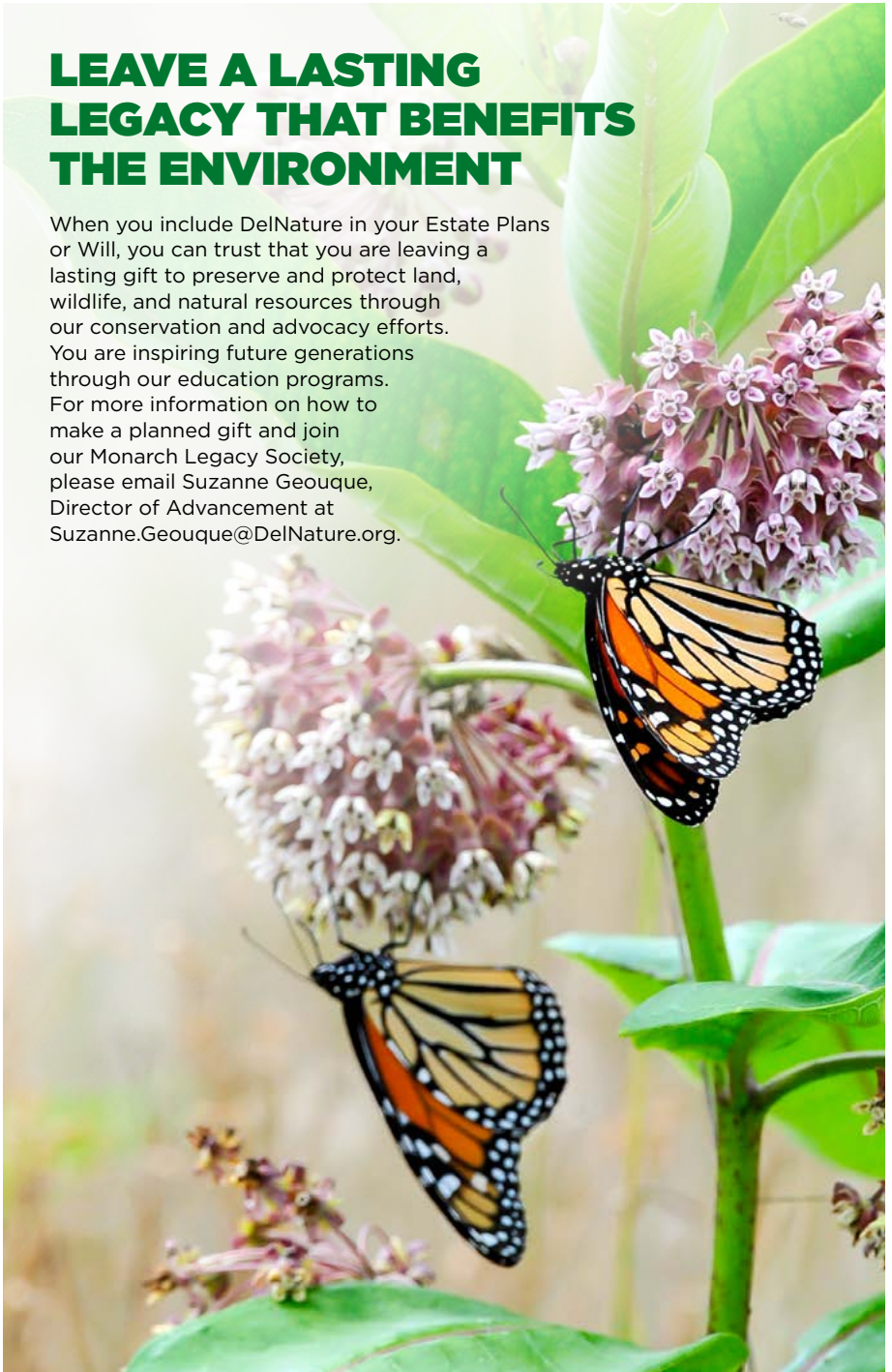
Sunset Kayak Trip | *Adults, Ages 14+*
8/30 | 4:30 PM - 7:30 PM | \$35

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



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.



Membership

Your membership connects you to a vibrant and dedicated community, supporting our mission of education, conservation, and advocacy.

Questions? Email Tyler Conover, Development and Outreach Coordinator, at Tyler.Conover@DelNature.org.

Join DelNature today.



Sponsor & Partner Opportunities

Reach a new audience, inspire employees to connect with nature, and contribute to a valuable mission within the community. Email Suzanne Geouque, Director of Advancement at Suzanne.Geouque@DelNature.org.

Partner with us!



DelNature Amazon Wishlist

Do you have a favorite DelNature program or activity? Now you can directly support our mission by donating gear that enhances your favorite DelNature programs!

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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.



MIDDLE RUN NATURAL AREA

Free Bird Walk | *Adults*
Tuesdays | April & May
8:00 AM - 10:30 AM | *Free*

Enjoy a bird walk around the Middle Run Natural Area during spring migration. Walk through forest restoration areas, thickets, and meadows. Look for migrants such as warblers, orioles, flycatchers, sparrows and other species. No pre-registration needed, just stop by!

BUCKTOE CREEK PRESERVE

Free Bird Walk | *Adults*
Sundays | April & May
8:00 AM - 10:30 AM | *Free*

Enjoy a bird walk around the privately owned Bucktoe Creek Preserve near Kennett Square, PA. Spring migrants such as warblers, flycatchers, vireos, thrushes and many others will be seen. No pre-registration needed, just stop by!



COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Farm Stroll | *All Ages*

Saturdays | April – August
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 | April – August
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

Free! Netting in the Marsh | *All Ages*

Saturdays | April – August
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

Free! Meet Marsh Animals | *All Ages*

Saturdays | April – August
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.

ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

Summer Evenings at Ashland | *All Ages*

Thursdays | July
5:00 PM - 7:30 PM | *Free*

Experience summer evenings at Ashland! Picnic amid nature's tranquility, hike solo or with a guide. Purchase s'mores kits for campfire fun. Free for DelNature members | trail fees for others.



Autumn Events



MONARCH MIGRATION CELEBRATION

Saturday, September 20
**DuPont Environmental
Education Center**

Enjoy an afternoon of nature and community along the Wilmington Riverfront. Have fun paddling, dip-netting, seeing live animals and more. All ages welcome.



TASTE OF COVERDALE

Saturday, September 27
Coverdale Farm Preserve

This annual fundraising event brings us together as a community to celebrate the unique places and food of Coverdale Farm Preserve. Ages 21+.



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