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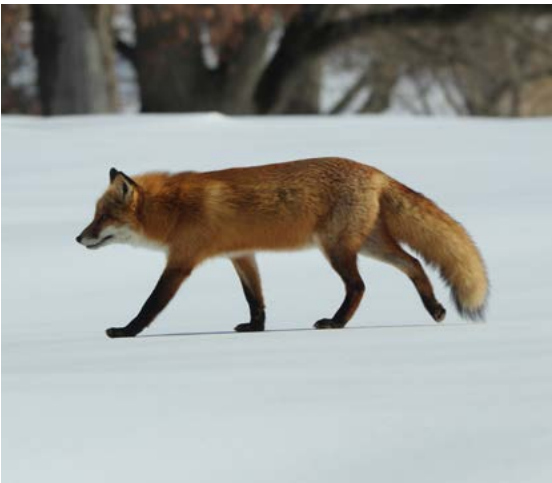
Join us for a season of discovery with our Fall and Winter Nature Programs.

From the vibrant colors of autumn leaves to the peaceful hush of a winter trail, nature invites us to explore its quiet beauty and seasonal wonders. This season, join us — from guided walks and wildlife observation to tastings, seasonal crafting, and cooking, we offer programs for all ages. Leaf through this catalog for our upcoming fun, fall events, new Youth Clubs, new Rooted in Community series and so much more!

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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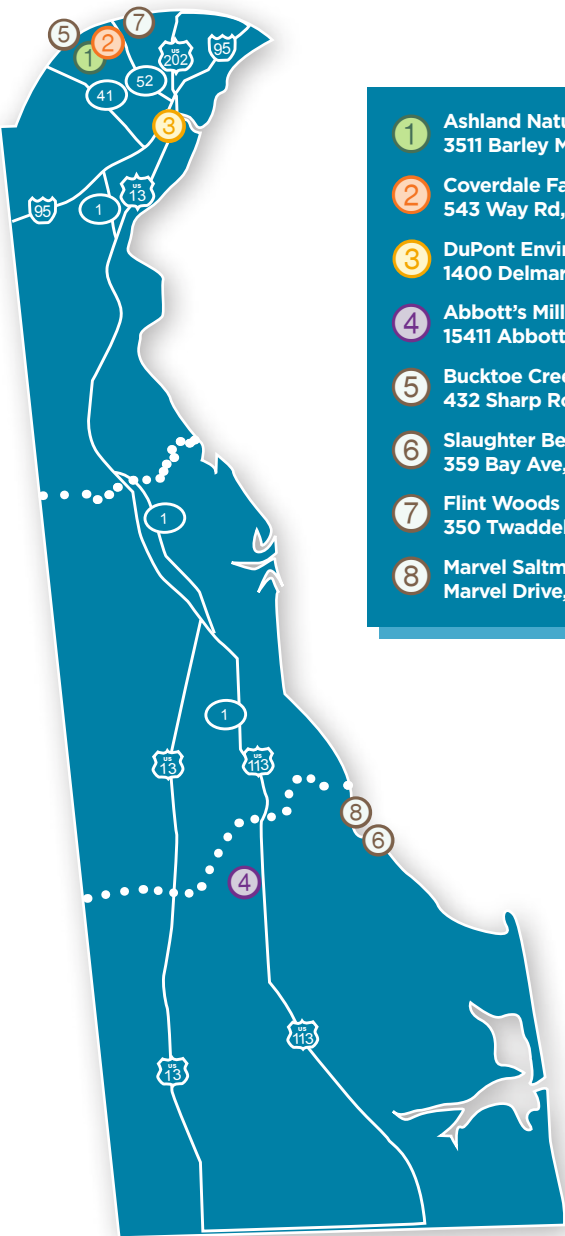


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Delaware Nature Society

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 Slaughter Beach Public Pavilion
359 Bay Ave, Milford, DE
- 7 Flint Woods Preserve
350 Twaddell Mill Rd, Wilmington, DE
- 8 Marvel Saltmarsh Preserve
Marvel Drive, Slaughter Beach, DE

ABBOTT'S MILL NATURE CENTER

Knee High Naturalists: Healthy World, Healthy Us | *Preschoolers, ages 2-5*
9/2 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15

Enjoy hands-on nature discovery outdoors together with our Teacher Naturalists. Let's learn how the Earth helps us survive and make a bead bracelet for you or someone special.

COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Knee High in the Kitchen

Preschoolers, ages 3-5

9/2 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$25

Preschoolers and their grown-ups enjoy a hands-on cooking class using simple, fresh ingredients. Together they mix, measure, and taste, building early skills and confidence. Each session ends with a tasty snack they make side-by-side.

COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Fresh Air and Farm Hike | *All Ages*

9/3 | 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM | \$5

Step outside and explore the farm! This guided hike invites families to connect with nature, spot local plants and wildlife, enjoy fresh air, and discover the sights and sounds of the outdoors. Fun, relaxing, and perfect for all ages!

COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Knee High Naturalists: Kindness Rocks

Preschoolers, ages 3-5

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

Celebrate kindness and use natural materials to make some kindness rocks of your own. Discover the wonders of nature with your little one! Enjoy hands-on nature discovery outdoors with our Teacher Naturalists.

ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

Nature Journaling: Fall Foliage | *All Ages*

9/5 | 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM | \$30

Grab your nature journals and trek through the fallen leaves. Head out on this fall foliage adventure. Learn about the native trees of Ashland, how to identify them, and create a nature journal.

ABBOTT'S MILL NATURE CENTER

Wildcraft: Nature Art | *Families, ages 6+*

9/5 | 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM | \$15

Design beautiful and intriguing art projects perfect for play or display. Create fun projects such as dream catchers, spinning tops, luminaries, and much, much more.

COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Coverdale Family Camp Day | *Families*
9/5 | 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM | Free

Join us to see what your child(ren) have been up to at camp! Enjoy games, crafts, hikes, and meeting the animals. Let your child give you a tour of the farmyard and share their favorite moments from the season!

ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

Butterfly Tea Party | *Children*

9/6 | 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM | \$25

Explore the world of beautiful butterflies beside the active butterfly and pollinator gardens. See butterflies up close and try your hand at butterfly catching with a net.

COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Storytime with the Bunnies | *Children*

9/8 | 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM | \$15

Hop on over for story time with our friendly bunnies! Children will enjoy a fun, engaging story, followed by a light snack for both kids and bunnies.

ABBOTT'S MILL NATURE CENTER

Knee High Naturalists: Habitats

Preschoolers, ages 2-5

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

We'll look at different ecosystems to see how non-living and living things work together and make an insect habitat.

COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Coverdale Farm Book Club:

With Her Own Hands | *Adults*

9/9 | 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM | \$18 / \$50 series

Discover the joy of reading! Join our monthly Book Club for lively discussions on books about food, eco-farming, and nature. Enjoy great conversation, tasty snacks, and a welcoming community.

ABBOTT'S MILL NATURE CENTER

Music at the Mill | *Special Event, ages 5+*

9/10 | 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Member Free / Adult \$10 / Child (ages 5+) \$5

Celebrate the summer with food trucks and live music at Abbott's Mill Nature Center's monthly Music at the Mill concert series.



ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

Backyard Garden Design Workshop | Adults **9/10 | 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM | \$40**

Bring a picture and measurements of an area you want to develop into a garden. Take home a map and plant suggestions for your new garden area.

ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

Knee High Naturalists: Migration Station

Preschoolers, ages 3-5

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

See what creatures are migrating for the season at Ashland. Discover the wonders of nature with your little one! Enjoy hands-on nature discovery outdoors with our Teacher Naturalists.

ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

September 11th Remembrance Walk

All Ages

9/11/2026 | 9 AM-11 AM | Free

Nature brings healing and calm on the most difficult of days. We will start this free program with a moment of silence acknowledging those lost 25 years ago then take a gentle hike around the trails of Ashland in search of wildlife and quiet reflection.

COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Wake up the Farm Breakfast | All Ages

9/12 | 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM | \$15

Rise and shine—it's farm time! Start your day with a relaxing tour around the farm, say good morning to the animals, and enjoy a light, tasty breakfast. It's a fun way to explore, sample, and soak in the magic of a fresh new farm day!

ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

Growing Tall with Bud the Bonsai | Children

9/12 | 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM | \$18

Get to know Bud the Brave Bonsai with Author Nicole Howdyshe. Hike through the woods and explore the trees native to Delaware. Then, take home your own seed to grow brave just like Bud.

ABBOTT'S MILL NATURE CENTER

Wildcraft: Nature Art | Families, ages 6+

9/12 | 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM | \$15

Design beautiful and intriguing art projects perfect for play or display. Create fun projects such as dream catchers, spinning tops, luminaries, and much, much more.

ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

Butterflies for Beginners | Adults

9/12 | 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM | \$20

Learn how to identify local native butterflies and attract them to your yard. Learn about the different kinds of plants needed to plan your own backyard or patio butterfly habitat.

COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Budding Chefs | Children, grades K-2

9/13 | 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM | \$75

Budding Chefs are ready to explore the kitchen! They measure, mix, and create tasty treats while discovering new flavors and learning the basics of cooking, all with a big sprinkle of fun.

ABBOTT'S MILL NATURE CENTER

Knee High Naturalists: Food Web

Preschoolers, ages 2-5

9/16 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15

There are interrelationships among plants and animals in an ecosystem. Explore how this relationship works and why it's so important.

COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Rooted in Community:

Craft Together and Beeswax | Adults

9/16 | 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM | \$20

Learn what the buzz around beeswax is all about in this hands-on workshop! Explore beeswax wraps as an alternative to single-use products and create 2-3 wraps to take home with you. Cost is \$10 if you bring your own project.

COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Cookbook Club:

From Kitchen to Table | Adults

9/17 | 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM | \$140

Join us for a cozy winter evening of cooking & connection. We'll make recipes from Love and Lemons by Jeanine Donofrio, together, share the meal, and each take home a copy of the cookbook. All skill levels welcome!

BUCKTOE CREEK PRESERVE

Fall Fungus Foray | Adults

9/18 | 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM | \$20

Explore a beautiful private preserve in search of fascinating fungi!

COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Knee High Naturalists: Tractor Time

Preschoolers, ages 3-5

9/18 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15

Learn all about tractors and their important job at all kinds of farms. Discover the wonders of nature with your little one! Enjoy hands-on nature discovery outdoors with our Teacher Naturalists.

VIRTUAL

Be An Environmental Advocate

All Ages, ages 12+

9/18 | 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM | Free

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

DUPONT ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER

DEEC Day of Service | All Ages

9/19 | 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM | Free

Come to restore urban marshlands, protect wildlife, and foster a greener future.

COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Storytime with the Bunnies | Children

9/19 | 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM | \$15

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DUPONT ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER

Journey of the Monarch | All Ages

9/19 | 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM | Free

Experience the magic of the Monarch butterfly's journey at our unique urban wildlife refuge where nature and community thrive together!

COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Young Farmers Club | Children, grades 3-6

Saturdays 9/19 - 10/24

2:00 PM - 4:00 PM | \$140

This 6-week hands-on program lets kids explore farming through animal care, gardening, and cooking. They'll gain practical skills and a deeper respect for how farms and nature work together

ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

DelNature's Hidden Treasures:

Flint Woods Preserve | Adults

9/20 | 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM | \$35

Join us on an exclusive hike through an old-growth forest normally closed to the public. Learn about some of the history of the property, and its conservation. Refreshments will be served in the middle of the walk.

ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

School Day Off: Bug Bonanza

Children, grades K-3

9/21 | 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM | \$85

Hunt for our smallest critters in the meadows, catch some creek creatures, and help us release a butterfly out into the wild. Explore the wonders of the insect world at Ashland!

ABBOTT'S MILL NATURE CENTER

Knee High Naturalists: It's Fall, Y'all

Preschoolers, ages 2-5

9/23 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15

It's Fall, Y'all! Let's discover the signs and animal needs as the season changes and make a fall wreath.

BUCKTOE CREEK PRESERVE

Nature's Fruits and Nuts | Adults

9/25 | 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM | \$20

Search the woods of a beautiful private preserve for nature's bounty of native fruits and nuts.

ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

Knee High Naturalists: Wiggly Worms

Preschoolers, ages 3-5

9/25 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15

Learn all about worms wiggling and wriggling through the soil! Discover the wonders of nature with your little one! Enjoy hands-on nature discovery outdoors with our Teacher Naturalists.

COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Weather Wonders: Windy | Preschoolers

9/26 | 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM | \$15

A hands-on preschool program where little learners explore the amazing world of weather! Each month, children will discover a new type of weather through stories, experiments, crafts, and outdoor observations

ABBOTT'S MILL NATURE CENTER

Wildcraft: Nature Art | Families, ages 6+

9/26 | 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM | \$15

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BUCKTOE CREEK PRESERVE

Bucktoe Under the Stars | All Ages, ages 5+

9/26 | 6:00 PM - 12:00 PM | \$145

Spend an evening at Bucktoe under the stars! Pack a picnic dinner and settle in for an evening of outdoor adventure. Take a guided night hike, go stargazing, and finish the night with a campfire and s'mores. This is an overnight event.

ABBOTT'S MILL NATURE CENTER

Knee High Naturalists: Fruits and

Vegetables | Preschoolers, ages 2-5

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

Do you eat fruits and vegetables? Learn how plants and animals interact and make an apple hand print.



A Taste of Coverdale

Attend our Annual Fundraising Event

Join us for our signature fundraising event to support the conservation and education programs of Delaware Nature Society.



A TASTE OF COVERDALE
A FOOD EXPERIENCE AT THE FARM & PRESERVE

Thursday Sept. 24, 2026	Coverdale Farm Preserve 543 Way Road, Greenville, Delaware	4:30 pm – 8:00 pm
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Celebrate nature at Coverdale Farm Preserve with locally grown food, curated pairings, guided strolls with conservation experts, and scenic views. Proceeds support conservation and education programs.

Single ticket: \$195 | Sponsorship packages available: \$500+ | DelNature.org



Delaware Nature Society's Harvest Moon Festival began in 1976 as the Harvest Moon Craft Festival, growing over the decades into one of the region's most beloved autumn traditions celebrating nature, community, and the autumn season. After a brief break, the Harvest Moon tradition continues — reintroduced through new and expanded festivities.

In 2026, DelNature marks the 50th anniversary of the Harvest Moon Festival with a series of **four** distinct festivities: **the Fall Native Plant Sale, the Taste of Coverdale, Autumn at Abbott's, and Halloween at the Farm.** Through these events, the festival's past and present converge, sustaining its role as a cherished autumn tradition.

Fall Native Plant Sale 2026



Plant native, buy local. Shop our Fall Native Plant Sales for plants for a variety of growing conditions that help you Garden for Water and Wildlife.

COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

543 Way Road, Greenville

Saturday, September 19 | 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

**NEW Members Only Day:*

Friday, September 18 | 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM



[View the Catalog and learn more.](#)
DelNature.org/NativePlantSale

Looking for plants in southern Delaware?

ABBOTT'S MILL NATURE CENTER

15411 Abbotts Pond Road, Mildord

Saturday, October 3 | 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

*Please visit the Native Plant Sale website to view the plants available at this location.
Stay for our Autumn at Abbott's Celebration after from 12-4 p.m.*



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ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

Fall Native Garden Workshop | *Adults*
10/1 | 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM | \$30

Join us for a fall native garden gathering and information session. We will be observing the fall gardens at Ashland Nature Center and discussing maintenance needs.

COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Fresh Air and Farm Hike | *All Ages*
10/1 | 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM | \$5

Step outside and explore the farm! This guided hike invites families to connect with nature, spot local plants and wildlife, enjoy fresh air, and discover the sights and sounds of the outdoors. Fun, relaxing, and perfect for all ages!

COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Knee High Naturalists: Bunny Rabbits
Preschoolers, ages 3-5

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

Learn all about bunnies at Coverdale, 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.

VIRTUAL

Be An Environmental Advocate
All Ages, ages 12+

10/2 | 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM | Free

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

COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Fitness, Food and Friends | *Adults*
10/3 | 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM | \$15

Meet new people, enjoy a short, light workout, and refuel with tasty refreshments. Connect, move, and relax in a friendly, welcoming atmosphere perfect for self-care and fun.

ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

Nature Journaling: Fungi | *All Ages*
10/3 | 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM | \$30

Toadstools, turkey tail, and lichen. Oh my! Explore the hidden world of fungi and what it can do for our ecosystem. Are you ready to put a bit of fungal fun into your nature journal? You're spore to have fun!

COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Escape the Farm for Families | *Families*
10/4 | 1:00 PM - 3:30 PM | \$150

Missed us in the Spring? Join us this Fall! Bring your family of 3-5 to explore the farm, solve puzzles, and uncover surprises. Crack the clues and unlock a grand celebration at the end! Priced per family.

COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Knee High in the Kitchen
Preschoolers, ages 3-5

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

Preschoolers and their grown-ups enjoy a hands-on cooking class using simple, fresh ingredients. Together they mix, measure, and taste, building early skills and confidence. Each session ends with a tasty snack they make side-by-side.

ABBOTT'S MILL NATURE CENTER

Knee High Naturalists: Pumpkins
Preschoolers, ages 2-5

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

Discover the parts of a pumpkin, how it grows, and make a pumpkin craft.

ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

Knee High Naturalists: Slithery Snakes
Preschoolers, ages 3-5

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

Meet a real snake and learn all about these ssssstupendous animals. Discover the wonders of nature with your little one! Enjoy hands-on nature discovery outdoors with our Teacher Naturalists.

COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Wake up the Farm Breakfast | *All Ages*
10/10 | 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM | \$15

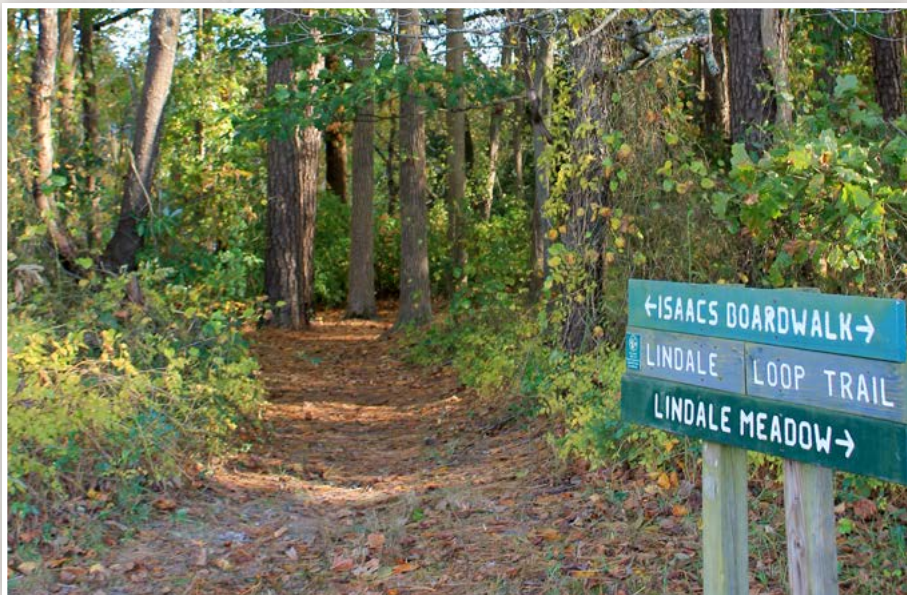
Rise and shine—it's farm time! Start your day with a relaxing tour around the farm, say good morning to the animals, and enjoy a light, tasty breakfast. It's a fun way to explore, sample, and soak in the magic of a fresh new farm day!

COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Fall Colors Hike | *Adults*

10/11 | 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM | \$20

Enjoy a Sunday morning hike around a beautiful private preserve to enjoy the spectacular colors of native trees and bushes!



COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Storytime with the Bunnies | *Children*
10/13 | 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM | \$15

Hop on over for story time with our friendly bunnies! Children will enjoy a fun, engaging story, followed by a light snack for both kids and bunnies.

ABBOTT'S MILL NATURE CENTER

Knee High Naturalists: Trees in the Fall
Preschoolers, ages 2-5
10/14 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15

What is happening to the trees? Learn why some lose their leaves while others keep them and make a fall tree craft.

COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Coverdale Farm Book Club:
The Paris Novel | *Adults*
10/14 | 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM | \$18 / \$50 series

Discover the joy of reading! Join our monthly Book Club for lively discussions on books about food, eco-farming, and nature. Enjoy great conversation, tasty snacks, and a welcoming community.

COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Knee High Naturalists: Fall on the Farm
Preschoolers, ages 3-5
10/16 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15

Explore seasonal changes on the farm as we step into fall! Discover the wonders of nature with your little one! Enjoy hands-on nature discovery outdoors with our Teacher Naturalists.

VIRTUAL

Be An Environmental Advocate
All Ages, ages 12+
10/16 | 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM | Free

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

DUPONT ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER

Night in the Marsh | *All Ages, ages 10-100*
10/16 | 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM | \$10

Flashlight tour of the marshes and woods of the Russell W. Peterson Urban Wildlife Refuge

DUPONT ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER

DEEC Day of Service | *All Ages*
10/17 | 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM | Free

Come to restore urban marshlands, protect wildlife, and foster a greener future.

ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

Lost Trees of Delaware | *Adults*
10/17 | 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM | \$50

Join us on a journey through the history of Delaware's forests in this two-part program that includes a lecture and field trip.

COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Young Chefs | *Children, grades 3-6*
10/18 | 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM | \$75

Join our Young Chefs Cooking Class! For children currently in 3-6th grade, explore cooking with a new cookbook, learn kitchen skills, experiment with ingredients, and create tasty dishes. Let's embark on a delicious journey together!

ABBOTT'S MILL NATURE CENTER

Knee High Naturalists: Amazing Birds
Preschoolers, ages 2-5
10/21 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15

There are birds of all different sizes. Let's discover the many different birds, habits, and sounds.

COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

**Rooted in Community:
Craft Together and Journal** | *Adults*
10/21 | 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM | \$20

Mingle with fellow makers to craft, chat, and unwind with snacks and good company. Try your hand at creating your own junk journal! Cost is \$10 if you bring your own project.

ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

Knee High Naturalists: Leaves are Falling
Preschoolers, ages 3-5
10/23 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15

All over Ashland, colorful leaves are dancing on the breeze. Come join and play! Discover the wonders of nature with your little one! Enjoy hands-on nature discovery outdoors with our Teacher Naturalists.



ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

Spooky Tales on the Trail | *Adults, ages 21+*
10/23 | 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM | \$35

Join storyteller, Mary Boeni, for stories of haunting legends and eerie tales hidden deep within the forest. End with drinks around the campfire and one final ghostly tale beneath the night sky.

ABBOTT'S MILL NATURE CENTER

Knee High Naturalists: Animals at Night
Preschoolers, ages 2-5
10/28 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15

Reveal the night life of some animals and make a special night animal craft.

COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Knee High Naturalists: Pumpkins
Preschoolers, ages 3-5
10/30 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15

What's autumn without pumpkins? Investigate pumpkin parts and explore their life cycle! Discover the wonders of nature with your little one! Enjoy hands-on nature discovery outdoors with our Teacher Naturalists.

VIRTUAL

Be An Environmental Advocate
All Ages, ages 12+
10/30 | 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

Ghostly Tales Candlelit Tour | *Families*
10/30 | 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM | \$45

Step into the night with our naturalist storyteller for a night of spooky stories heard among flickering candlelight. Keep your senses sharp and an open eye for nocturnal creatures as we brave the night. Price is per family.

COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Gather and Create: Pumpkins and Fall Florals | *Adults, ages 13+*
10/31 | 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM | \$30

Turn a small pumpkin into a beautiful fall floral arrangement! Hollow it out and fill it with seasonal blooms to create a stunning centerpiece, thoughtful gift, or festive touch for your home. So fun to make!

Autumn Events

Celebrate the change of season with family fun



ABBOTT'S MILL NATURE CENTER

After Hours at Abbott's Mill Nature Center

Friday, 10/2, 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM | Adults, ages 21+ | Free

Kick off Autumn at Abbott's with a Friday evening hike along scenic after-hours trails, then relax at happy hour surrounded by the vibrant colors and crisp autumn atmosphere of Southern Delaware.



ABBOTT'S MILL NATURE CENTER

Autumn at Abbott's

Saturday, 10/3

12:00 PM - 4:00 PM

All Ages | Free

This event is a mix of seasonal treats, educational experiences, and classic autumn fun, offering a warm and welcoming way to celebrate the fall season with friends, family, and neighbors.



COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Leaves and Lattes

Saturday, 10/24, 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM | All Ages | Free

A refreshing morning hike through the trails and fields of Coverdale Farm Preserve. Perfect for nature lovers and coffee enthusiasts.

COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Halloween at the Farm

Saturday, 10/24

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

All Ages | Free

Celebrate Halloween on the Farm! Join the costume parade at 11 AM or 2 PM, hop on a hayride, enjoy animal demos, play fall games, get creative with crafts, and more. Fun for the whole family! Some activities may have a nominal fee.

DelNature Members are invited to start the celebrations early with our Leaves and Lattes Hike at 8:30 a.m.



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Delaware Nature Society

DelNature Exclusive 1964 Circle, Guardian, and Member Programs & Events

Your support helps drive our mission forward, and we are truly honored to have you as part of our community. We host exclusive events for our 1964 Circle and Guardian level donors* and host special Members-Only programs.



Bird Banding Breakfast at Bucktoe Creek Preserve

Thursday, September 3 | 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

1964 Circle and Guardian Exclusive

Share a continental breakfast while birding with our gifted ornithologist Dr. Ian Stewart, including a short hike to observe the beautiful meadow and the Motus tower.

After Hours at Abbott's Mill Nature Center

Friday, October 2 | 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM

1964 Circle, Guardian, and Member Exclusive

Kick off Autumn at Abbott's with a Friday evening hike along scenic after-hours trails, then relax at happy hour surrounded by the vibrant colors and crisp autumn atmosphere of Southern Delaware.

Donor Appreciation Celebration

Thursday, December 10 | 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

1964 Circle and Guardian Exclusive

Join us for cocktails, light refreshments, and joyful celebration at the Ashland Nature Center Auditorium as we reflect on our accomplishments in 2026.

**1964 Circle level donors are Members who contribute \$1,964+ annually. Guardian level donors are Members who contribute \$1,000+ annually.*

Please contact Suzanne Geouque, Director of Advancement
by emailing Suzanne.Geouque@DelNature.org or calling 302.413.5050 if you have any questions.

COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Escape the Farm | *Adults*

11/1 | 1:00 PM - 3:30 PM | \$35

Missed the adventure in the spring? Join us this fall! Scavenger hunt meets escape room has teams solving puzzles and uncovering secrets. Crack the clues and unlock the grand celebration at the end! Bring some friends or meet new ones

COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Knee High in the Kitchen

Preschoolers, ages 3-5

11/4 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$25

Preschoolers and their grown-ups enjoy a hands-on cooking class using simple, fresh ingredients. Together they mix, measure, and taste, building early skills and confidence. Each session ends with a tasty snack they make side-by-side.

ABBOTT'S MILL NATURE CENTER

Knee High Naturalists: Hibernation

Preschoolers, ages 2-5

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

Hibernation, torpor, or brumation? Discover how some animals rest. We all need our sleep, but some need to sleep for survival.

ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

Knee High Naturalists: Woolly Bears

Preschoolers, ages 3-5

11/6 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15

Learn all about woolly bear caterpillars and their winter survival skills! Discover the wonders of nature with your little one! Enjoy hands-on nature discovery outdoors with our Teacher Naturalists.

ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

Nature Journaling: Raptor Migration

All Ages

11/7 | 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM | \$30

Raptors galore! Set your sights on hawks, falcons, eagles, and more as raptors start to travel south for the winter. Hike up to Hawk Watch hill and sketch what you see.

DUPONT ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER

Worm Composting in the City | *All Ages*

11/7 | 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM | \$25

Take care of kitchen waste without adding to the landfill! Vermiculture, or worm composting, is an easy way to turn food scraps into nutrient-rich compost for your summer veggies and native plantings.

ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

Hawk Migration at Hawk Mountain | *Adults*

11/8 | 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM | \$110

Spend the day with Ashland Hawk Watcher, David Brown and visit the longest running raptor migration count in the world.

COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Teen Chef | *Teens, grades 7-10*

11/8 | 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM | \$90

Join us for a hands-on afternoon of cooking & good food! We'll bring recipes from our featured cookbook to life, share the meal we made together, and have a great time doing it. No experience needed. Spots are limited!

ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

School Day Off: Autumn at Ashland

Children, grades K-3

11/11 | 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM | \$85

Spend the day going back to summer camp as you hike the trails, search for birds, play with autumn foliage, and cozy up to a campfire at Ashland!

ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

School Day Off: Child Vs. Wild

Children, grades 4-6

11/11 | 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM | \$85

Learn how to keep yourself warm this fall by building shelters and fires, cooking outdoors, and fishing. Get yourself out of the boondocks in one piece in a orienteering adventure.

ABBOTT'S MILL NATURE CENTER

Knee High Naturalists: Hiking Discoveries

Preschoolers, ages 2-5

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

There is an adventure in every step we take. What will we discover on Abbott's trails? Make a pine cone bird feeder.



COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Coverdale Farm Book Club:

Sing Like Fish | *Adults*

11/11 | 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM | \$18 / \$50 series

Discover the joy of reading! Join our monthly Book Club for lively discussions on books about food, eco-farming, and nature. Enjoy great conversation, tasty snacks, and a welcoming community.

COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Dessert Duel | *Adults*

11/12 | 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM | \$60

Adults face surprise ingredients and whip up creative desserts in this fun, hands-on competition. Test your skills, get inspired, and savor sweet creations in a friendly, interactive culinary showdown!

COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Knee High Naturalists: Turkey Time

Preschoolers, ages 3-5

11/13 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15

Gobble, gobble! Meet the Coverdale turkeys and see how farmers take care of these bold birds. Discover the wonders of nature with your little one! Enjoy hands-on nature discovery outdoors with our Teacher Naturalists.

VIRTUAL

Be An Environmental Advocate

All Ages, ages 12+

11/13 | 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM | *Free*

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

COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Wake up the Farm Breakfast | *All Ages*

11/14 | 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM | \$15

Rise and shine—it's farm time! Start your day with a relaxing tour around the farm, say good morning to the animals, and enjoy a light, tasty breakfast. It's a fun way to explore, sample, and soak in the magic of a fresh new farm day!

ABBOTT'S MILL NATURE CENTER

Knee High Naturalists: Silly Squirrels

Preschoolers, ages 2-5

11/18 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15

Silly Squirrels! They always seem like they are having fun. Are they just playing or working? Make a squirrel puppet.

COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Rooted in Community:

Craft Together and Pinecones | *Adults*

11/18 | 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM | \$20

Create a one-of-a-kind fall floral arrangement from dried pine cones! With some careful shaping, a little paint, and wire, you'll transform pine cones into unique flowers to gift or display this holiday season. Cost is \$10 if you bring your own project.

ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

Knee High Naturalists: Squirrels Leap

Preschoolers, ages 3-5

11/20 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15

Squirrels leap, squirrels sleep - learn all about these furry friends. Discover the wonders of nature with your little one! Enjoy hands-on nature discovery outdoors with our Teacher Naturalists.

DUPONT ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER

DEEC Day of Service | *All Ages*

11/21 | 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM | *Free*

Come to restore urban marshlands, protect wildlife, and foster a greener future.

ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

Talkin' Turkey | *Children*

11/25 | 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM | \$25

Who's the best gobbler in your family? Learn all about wild turkeys and get your Thanksgiving table ready with a turkey centerpiece!



Middle Run Tree Planting

Saturday, November 7 | 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Give back to nature! Volunteer to plant trees at New Castle County's Middle Run Natural Area.

Holiday Traditions at Coverdale Farm Preserve

Farm Fresh Finds: Turkeys, Trees, Produce & Artisan Goods



THANKSGIVING TURKEYS

We are proud to continue our holiday tradition offering our Standard White Turkeys for Thanksgiving. Our turkeys are pasture-raised, enjoying lush fields and fresh air.

Pre-sale begins Sunday, 11/1.

Pick-up your turkey: Tuesday, 11/24, 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM.

Coverdale Farm will be closed 11/22 and 11/27.



CELEBRATE THE SEASON

Join us for a joyful holiday experience. Find your perfect Christmas tree*, create festive winter crafts and gifts at our DIY Workshop, and explore our Winter Market.

Saturday & Sunday, 11/28, 11/29 | Friday - Sunday, 12/4, 12/5, 12/6

10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

**subject to availability*



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COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Knee High in the Kitchen

Preschoolers, ages 3-5

12/2 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$25

Preschoolers and their grown-ups enjoy a hands-on cooking class using simple, fresh ingredients. Together they mix, measure, and taste, building early skills and confidence. Each session ends with a tasty snack they make side-by-side.

COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Knee High Naturalists: Celebrate the Season | *Preschoolers, ages 3-5*

12/4 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15

Welcome in winter and create festive winter crafts and gifts in our DIY Workshop! Discover the wonders of nature with your little one! Enjoy hands-on nature discovery outdoors with our Teacher Naturalists.

ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

Gingerbread House for Birds | *Families*

12/5 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$40

Decorate an assembled house with all the fixins to create a beautiful house for your backyard birds! Enjoy a crackling fire and cocoa! Peanuts are used in the program. Price is per house.

ABBOTT'S MILL NATURE CENTER

Gather and Create:

Hollyday Wreath Making | *All Ages*

12/5 | 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM | \$35

Put your personal touch on a "hollyday" wreath for the holiday season. Two sessions available: 12 PM and 2 PM. Price is per wreath.

ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

Knee High Naturalists: Hibernation Celebration | *Preschoolers, ages 3-5*

12/11 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15

Who at Ashland may be hibernating this winter? Discover the wonders of nature with your little one! Enjoy hands-on nature discovery outdoors with our Teacher Naturalists.

DUPONT ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER

Natural Holiday Crafts | *All Ages*

12/12 | 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM | \$20

Collect materials from the Marsh to use in ornaments and greeting cards and create unique holiday crafts for your home.

COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Gather and Create: A Winter Wreath Workshop | *All Ages, ages 8+*

12/12 | 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM | \$18

Enjoy a winter stroll to learn about evergreens and collect greenery, then warm up indoors to craft a mini wreath or natural ornament. A cozy blend of nature, creativity, and seasonal fun.

COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Kids Night Out | *Children, grades K-5*

12/12 | 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM | \$80

Drop the kids off for an evening of adventure while you enjoy a well-deserved break!

COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Rooted in Community:

Craft Together and Gifts | *Adults*

12/16 | 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM | \$28

Make a few winter crafts to give as gifts, decorate your home or just for fun. no experience needed. Whether you're a seasoned creator or a curious beginner, there's a spot for you. Cost is \$10 if you bring your own project.

COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Knee High Naturalists: Evergreens

Preschoolers, ages 3-5

12/18 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15

Enjoy a winter stroll to learn all about evergreens and collect greenery for seasonal craft! Discover the wonders of nature with your little one! Enjoy hands-on nature discovery outdoors with our Teacher Naturalists.



Eco Tours

Explore the world sustainably with local DelNature guides. Explore alongside people who share a passion for nature, learning, and conservation.



PANAMA

A Cloud Forest Retreat & The Canal

Monday, March 22, 2027 – Monday, March 29, 2027

Led by Holly Merker & Judy Montgomery

On this weeklong retreat, sample lowland rainforest birding at the canal, followed by an extended stay at one of Panama's best kept secrets, Mount Totumas. Soak up Cloud Forest vibes, while seeking Resplendent Quetzal, Three-wattled Bellbird, Keel-billed Toucan, and other iconic Neotropical birds and animals.

Register by November 22, 2026.

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COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Knee High in the Kitchen

Preschoolers, ages 3-5

1/6 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$28

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ABBOTT'S MILL NATURE CENTER

In Stitches Abbott's | *Adults*

1/6 | 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM | \$30

Create a hand-sewn keepsake quilt block.

COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Knee High Naturalists: New Year in Nature

Preschoolers, ages 3-5

1/8 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15

Celebrate 2027 with your Knee High friends and discuss the yearly cycles in the environment. Discover the wonders of nature with your little one! Enjoy hands-on nature discovery outdoors with our Teacher Naturalists.

ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

Winter Sowing and Bird Walk | *Adults*

1/9 | 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM | \$20

Learn how to grow your own wildflowers during the winter

Members Only

ABBOTT'S MILL NATURE CENTER

In Stitches Abbott's | *Adults*

1/13 | 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM | \$30

Create a hand-sewn keepsake quilt block.

ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

Knee High Naturalists: Owl Babies

Preschoolers, ages 3-5

1/15 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15

Read a story about Owl Babies and learn about these amazing birds! Discover the wonders of nature with your little one! Enjoy hands-on nature discovery outdoors with our Teacher Naturalists.

ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

Citizen Science Symposium

Adults, ages 14+

1/16 | 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM | \$25

Learn about what organizations and people in the community are studying in nature. Featured topics could include Delaware's Hawk Watch Program, Pollinators, iNaturalist, Nesting Birds, and others. Registration fee includes lunch and refreshments.

COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Budding Chefs | *Children, grades K-2*

1/17 | 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM | \$75

Budding Chefs are ready to explore the kitchen! They measure, mix, and create tasty treats while discovering new flavors and learning the basics of cooking, all with a big sprinkle of fun.

ABBOTT'S MILL NATURE CENTER

In Stitches Abbott's | *Adults*

1/20 | 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM | \$30

Create a hand-sewn keepsake quilt block.





COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Rooted in Community: Craft Together and Pyrography | Adults

1/20 | 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM | \$35

Try your hand at pyrography or wood burning! Explore this historic folk-art form as you etch words or designs into a decorative wooden cutting board. Cost is \$10 if you bring your own project.

COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Knee High Naturalists: Snowy Day

Preschoolers, ages 3-5

1/22 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15

No matter the weather, we'll feel some chilly ice and learn about how snow works! Discover the wonders of nature with your little one! Enjoy hands-on nature discovery outdoors with our Teacher Naturalists.

ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

Nature at Night: Owl Prowl | All Ages

1/23 | 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM | \$15

Explore the world of nature at night, owl prowling style. Learn all about the owls of Delaware, their calls, and incredible adaptations. Then, take a night hike in search of owls. Can you decipher the hoots of the night?

ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

Guided Winter Birding | Adults

1/24 | 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM | \$25

Find a variety of species on a field trip for people new to birds and birding. Practice your birding skills with an experienced guide at exclusive birding areas.

ABBOTT'S MILL NATURE CENTER

In Stitches Abbott's | Adults

1/27 | 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM | \$30

Create a hand-sewn keepsake quilt block.

ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

Knee High Naturalists: Winter Birds

Preschoolers, ages 3-5

1/29 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15

Bundle up, hike the Ashland trails, and see which birds are flying around. Discover the wonders of nature with your little one! Enjoy hands-on nature discovery outdoors with our Teacher Naturalists.

ABBOTT'S MILL NATURE CENTER

An Introduction to Lichen Diversity

All Ages

1/30 | 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM | \$15

You've seen lichens on tree trunks, fence posts, and perhaps even on the ground. What are they and what role do they play in nature? Come find out at Abbott's Mill.

ABBOTT'S MILL NATURE CENTER

Winter Tree Identification | All Ages

1/30 | 12:30 PM - 2:30 PM | \$15

Walk Abbott's Mill Nature Center trails and learn to identify trees without leaves in the winter.



Make a Difference with DelNature

Support our Mission



Membership

Membership is at the heart of everything we do. Every program we offer, every acre we protect, and every impact we make is possible because of the support of our members.

- **Discounts on programs for all ages**
- **Native Plant Sale Members Day**
- **Discounts on birthday parties and facility rentals**
- **Exclusive Members Only programs**

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

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COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Knee High in the Kitchen

Preschoolers, ages 3-5

2/3 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$28

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COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Knee High Naturalists: Cozy Animal Homes

Preschoolers, ages 3-5

2/5 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15

Explore how different animals may construct their nests to keep cozy in the wintertime. Discover the wonders of nature with your little one! Enjoy hands-on nature discovery outdoors with our Teacher Naturalists.

ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

Winter Seed Sowing for Families | *Families*

2/7 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$20

When winter covers the ground with frost, seeds are bundled up beneath the soil getting ready to grow! Learn about native plants and how to grow plant seeds during the winter to kickstart your garden for birds, butterflies, and more!

ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

Knee High Naturalists: Nighttime Sky

Preschoolers, ages 3-5

2/12 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15

Early sunsets mean more stargazing! What happens in the sky at night? Discover the wonders of nature with your little one! Enjoy hands-on nature discovery outdoors with our Teacher Naturalists.

ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

Birds, Data and Donuts! | *All Ages, ages 5+*

2/13 | 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM | \$20

Help us spot birds around Ashland for the Great Backyard Bird Count then relax inside with hot drinks and donuts!

Members Only

COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Hearts and Hoots

Members Only Hike | *Adults*

2/13 | 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM | Free

Celebrate Valentine's Day in nature at Coverdale Farm! Join us for a night hike to spot owls and nocturnal wildlife, followed by s'mores and refreshments. Enjoy the sights and sounds of the farm at night. Members only event!

COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Kids Night Out | *Children, grades K-5*

2/13 | 5:00 PM - 10:00 PM | \$80

Drop the kids off for a Valentine's adventure while you enjoy a date night! They'll play, explore the farm, make Valentine's treats, and share a special dinner all with caring staff. Hearts, fun & memories await!

ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

Owls and Other Winter Raptors

Adults, ages 18+

2/14 | 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM | \$50

Join Jim White on a full day search for all 8 species of owls that may be found in our area in winter as well as other raptor species.

ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

School Day Off: Animals of Ashland

Children, grades K-3

2/15 | 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM | \$85

Discover the animals of Ashland on this day off adventure! Get up close and feed our Animal Ambassadors, look for winter dens, and search for critters beneath rocks and logs.

ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

School Day Off: Ultimate Scavenger Hunt

Children, grades 4-6

2/15 | 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM | \$85

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.



COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Rooted in Community:

Craft Together and Mosaics | Adults

2/17 | 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM | \$25

Make your own mini mosaic tray in this hands-on workshop! Learn how to cut and glue your design, then apply grout, and wipe clean at home. Cost is \$10 if you bring your own project.

COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Knee High Naturalists: Soft Fluffy Wool

Preschoolers, ages 3-5

2/19 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15

Meet the sheep at Coverdale and explore what can be done with wool. Discover the wonders of nature with your little one! Enjoy hands-on nature discovery outdoors with our Teacher Naturalists.

DUPONT ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER

Black History Celebration:

Sankofa Sowing Workshop | All Ages

2/20 | 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM | Free

Celebrate Black History Month at DEEC with art, storytelling, music, and a hands-on winter seed sowing workshop using native wildflowers and edible herbs.

COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Young Chefs | Children, grades 3-6

2/21 | 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM | \$75

Join our Young Chefs Cooking Class! Explore cooking with a new cookbook, learn kitchen skills, experiment with ingredients, and create tasty dishes. Let's embark on a delicious journey together!

ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

Knee High Naturalists: Nature's Shapes

Preschoolers, ages 3-5

2/26 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15

Explore and identify the beautiful shapes that form in nature. Discover the wonders of nature with your little one! Enjoy hands-on nature discovery outdoors with our Teacher Naturalists.



ABBOTT'S MILL NATURE CENTER

An Introduction to Lichen Diversity

All Ages

2/27 | 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM | \$15

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ABBOTT'S MILL NATURE CENTER

Winter Tree Identification | All Ages

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COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Teen Chef | Teens, grades 7-10

2/28 | 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM | \$90

Join us for a hands-on afternoon of cooking & good food! We'll bring recipes from our featured cookbook to life, share the meal we made together, and have a great time doing it. No experience needed. Spots are limited!



Calling all Teens!

Join the DelNature Environmental Leaders Program

Join us for a one-of-a-kind opportunity to connect with nature and make lasting memories. This program is designed for teens who are passionate about the outdoors and want to develop leadership skills while giving back to their community and the environment.

The Environmental Leaders Program strives to empower high schoolers to become leaders in environmental conservation, advocacy, and education! Starting this spring, the program begins by preparing teens with a leadership retreat and trainings to prepare participants to volunteer with Summer Camp as Camp Aides.

After summer, participants will continue with community outreach, environmental mentorship, career building, and recreational opportunities throughout the year. Participants are required to volunteer for 4 weeks with summer camp as Camp Aides and will be required to attend one event per season.

We understand that teens are busy, especially during the school year, and will be offering a variety of events to attend.

Applications open January 1, 2027. Visit our [Nature Programs](#) page to learn more.



Knee High Naturalists

Get outdoors with your little one

Ashland Nature Center
Abbott's Mill Nature Center
Coverdale Farm Preserve

Various dates

10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Looking for fun activities for your preschoolers? Each week, discover new programs designed for little explorers. Browse through the monthly offerings and get ready to explore, play, and learn together.



COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Knee High in the Kitchen

Preschoolers, ages 3-5

3/3 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$28

Preschoolers and their grown-ups enjoy a hands-on cooking class using simple, fresh ingredients. Together they mix, measure, and taste, building early skills and confidence. Each session ends with a tasty snack they make side-by-side.

ABBOTT'S MILL NATURE CENTER

Knee High Naturalists: World Wildlife Day

Preschoolers, ages 2-5

3/3 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15

Wildlife is all around you. Let's learn about different species in and around Abbott's Mill.

COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Cookbook Club: Dishing up the Dirt | Adults

3/4 | 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM | \$140

Join us as we sample recipes from Local Dirt by Andrea Bemis, a celebration of local, seasonal ingredients. Work together to create recipes and sit down to enjoy the dinner we all had a hand in making! Cookbook included!

COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Knee High Naturalists: Compost Stew

Preschoolers, ages 3-5

3/5 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15

Learn all about compost and the cycles of life in nature. Discover the wonders of nature with your little one! Enjoy hands-on nature discovery outdoors with our Teacher Naturalists.

ABBOTT'S MILL NATURE CENTER

Build a Birdhouse | Families

3/6 | 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM | \$25

Build your own birdhouse for a native cavity nester, all materials provided but you can customize your birdhouse by bringing your own personal license plate.

COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Woodcocks and Wine | Adults, ages 21+

3/9 | 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM | \$45

Join us to witness the amazing displays of the American Woodcock, whose arrival and bizarre mating rituals signal the beginning of the young spring season.

ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

Maple Sugar Festival

Saturday, 3/13 | 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

All Ages | Adults \$20 | Children \$12

Savor a cozy pancake breakfast with toe-tapping live music, explore maple themed activities, local vendors, and enjoy member exclusive activities, and head outdoors to learn the age-old tradition of turning sap into syrup.



ABBOTT'S MILL NATURE CENTER

Knee High Naturalists: What Will the Wind Blow | *Preschoolers, ages 2-5*
3/10 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15

Discover facts about the wind, direction it blows, and make a kite.

COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Coverdale Farm Book Club: Helm | *Adults*
3/10 | 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM | \$18

Discover the joy of reading! Join our monthly Book Club for lively discussions on books about food, eco-farming, and nature. Enjoy great conversation, tasty snacks, and a welcoming community.

ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

Knee High Naturalists: Mammal Moves
Preschoolers, ages 3-5
3/12 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15

Raccoons waddle, deer scamper, and squirrels scurry. How do you like to move? Discover the wonders of nature with your little one! Enjoy hands-on nature discovery outdoors with our Teacher Naturalists.

ABBOTT'S MILL NATURE CENTER

Knee High Naturalists: How's the Weather Today | *Preschoolers, ages 2-5*
3/17 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15

The weather is changing from cold to warmer days. What will spring bring us? Make a spring craft.

COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Rooted in Community: Craft Together and Vivariums | *Adults*
3/17 | 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM | \$35

Join our hands-on terrarium workshop—learn to build a mini moss ecosystem and take home living decor. Cost is \$10 if you bring your own project.

COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Knee High Naturalists: Hot or Cold
Preschoolers, ages 3-5
3/19 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15

Experience different temperatures in our sensory bins and experiment with temperature changes. Discover the wonders of nature with your little one! Enjoy hands-on nature discovery outdoors with our Teacher Naturalists.

ABBOTT'S MILL NATURE CENTER

Insect Population Biology | *Adults*
3/20 | 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM | \$15

Join Abbott's Mill Director Michael Valenti for some detailed insights on how native and exotic insects affect the forests of our area, both positively and negatively.



DUPONT ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER

Wildcraft: Seed Paper | *All Ages, ages 6+*
3/20 | 12:00 PM - 2:30 PM | \$30

Learn to make seed paper using recycled materials and native seeds.

ABBOTT'S MILL NATURE CENTER

Knee High Naturalists: Birds, Eggs, and Nests | *Preschoolers, ages 2-5*
3/24 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15

Learn how a bird builds a nest. Explore their homes and make a nest yourself.

ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

Knee High Naturalists: Terrific Trees
Preschoolers, ages 3-5
3/26 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15

Oak, birch, hickory, walnut, sassafras, tulip poplar...I wonder which trees we will see on our journey? Discover the wonders of nature with your little one! Enjoy hands-on nature discovery outdoors with our Teacher Naturalists.

ABBOTT'S MILL NATURE CENTER

Knee High Naturalists: What Clouds Tell Us
Preschoolers, ages 2-5
3/31 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | \$15

Horse's tail, cotton-like, towering, or flat. What will it bring and how can clouds help us determine the weather?

Leave a Lasting Legacy Through Planned Giving

Join the Monarch Legacy Society.

Consider making a planned gift to DelNature and joining our **Monarch Legacy Society** to create a meaningful legacy that supports environmental education, strengthens conservation efforts, and advances advocacy to protect the natural resources we all cherish.

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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.

BUCKTOE CREEK PRESERVE

Bird Banding | *All Ages, ages 8-99*

Wednesdays | Sept-Nov

7:30 AM - 10:30 AM | *Free*

See birds up close as trained professionals band and measure them to track their movements and survival. This program is free but does not take place in windy or wet weather. Meet at 432 Sharp Road, Avondale PA

BUCKTOE CREEK PRESERVE

Bird Walks at Bucktoe Creek Preserve | *Adults*

Sundays | Sept & Oct

8:00 AM - 10:30 AM | *Free*

Explore a hike around the meadows and woods of a beautiful private preserve in search of birds. Meet at 432 Sharp Road, Avondale PA

MIDDLE RUN NATURAL AREA

Bird Walks at Middle Run | *Adults*

Tuesdays | Sept & Oct

8:00 AM - 11:00 AM | *Free*

Identify birds with an expert to see migrant and nesting species that use the property in the Fall. Meets at the parking lot at the end of the gravel road off Possum Hill Road, Newark, DE 19711.

COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Celebrate the Season | *All Ages*

11/28, 11/29, 12/4, 12/5, 12/6

10:00 AM - 5:00 PM | *Free*

Kick off the season at Coverdale Farm! Find your perfect Christmas tree (based on availability), create festive winter crafts and gifts at our DIY Workshop, and explore our Winter Market. Join us for a joyful holiday experience

ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

Hawk Watch | *All Ages, ages 8-99*

Daily | Sept-Nov

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM | *Free*

Visit hawk watch hill to help identify and count birds of prey migrating overhead! Free.

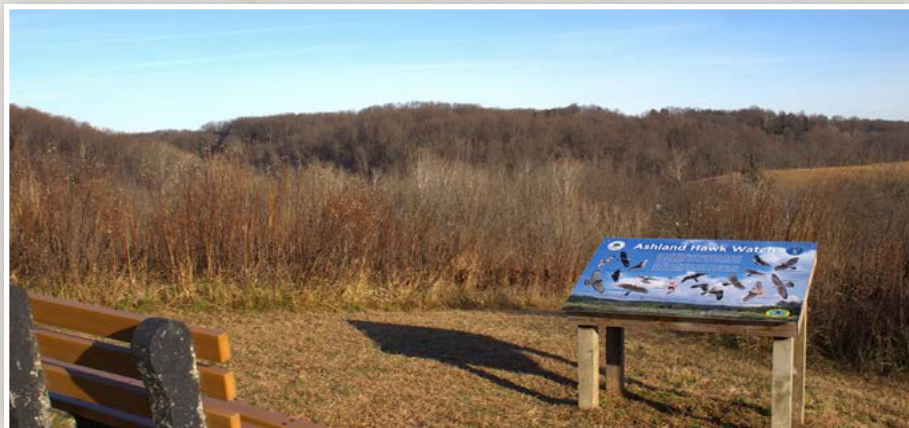
DUPONT ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER

Meet Marsh Animals | *All Ages*

Saturdays | year-round

1:45 PM - 2:15 PM | *Free*

Take a naturalist guided boardwalk stroll to look for wildlife and see our live animal collection. Just drop in, or let us know you're coming by registering now.



ASHLAND NATURE CENTER
Lunch Time With the Animals
Children

Wednesdays | Dec & Jan
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM | Free

Bring a packed lunch and join us for an unforgettable experience at Ashland! Watch our staff feed the animals, enjoy a captivating story, and have lunch surrounded by friends.



DUPONT ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER

Netting in the Marsh | All Ages

Saturdays | April-Oct
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

Nature Walk | All Ages

2nd and 4th Saturdays | April - Oct
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM | Free

Join us for a guided nature walk through the marsh.. Observe the plants and animals that call the marsh home and learn about the important role wetlands play.

DUPONT ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER

Storytime at the Marsh | Children

Wednesdays
10:45 AM - 11:30 AM | Free

Join us to a read a story together and then participate in an extension activity.



The Market at Coverdale Farm Preserve



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

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





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