

**Tennessee Naturalist Program
Owl's Hill Nature Sanctuary
2020-2021 Course Schedule**

Session A: Thursdays

1 pm - 5:30 pm*

Bring a Snack

Session B: Saturdays

9 am - 1:30 pm*

Bring a sack lunch

* unless otherwise noted below

Topic	Dates	Instructor
Becoming a Naturalist	Session A: Thursday Aug. 20, 2020 Session B: Saturday Aug. 22, 2020	Margie Hunter, Author & Owl's Hill Staff
The World of Invertebrates: Pollinators, Predators, and Pests	Session A: Thursday Sept. 17, 2020 Session B: Saturday Sept. 26, 2020	Dr. Kaushalya Amarasekare, TN State University Dr. Steve Murphree, Belmont University
Feathered Fauna: The Birds of Tennessee Both Sessions: 7:30 am - Noon	Session A: Thursday Oct. 22, 2020 Session B: Saturday Oct. 24, 2020	David Hanni, TN Wildlife Resources Agency Polly Rooker, TWRA (retired) assisting with field portion
The Ecology and Geology of Tennessee	Session A: Thursday Nov. 12, 2020 Session B: Saturday Nov. 14, 2020	John Bowers, Environmental Geologist (retired) Margie Hunter, Author
Tennessee Mammals: Creatures of Habitat	Session A: Thursday Jan. 14, 2021 Session B: Saturday Jan. 16, 2021	David Coats, TNP Alum
Tennessee Reptiles and Amphibians: Scutes, Scales and Skin Both Sessions: 1 - 5:30 pm	Session A: Thursday Feb. 25, 2021 Session B: Saturday Feb. 27, 2021	Pandy Upchurch, TN Wildlife Resources Agency Robert English, LEAPS
Trail Building (Bonus Class) **NEW** 9 am - 1:30 pm <i>Bring work gloves and refillable water bottle</i>	Saturday Mar. 13, 2021	Michael Meister, TN State Parks
Forests and Trees of Tennessee	Session A: Thursday Mar. 25, 2021 Session B: Saturday Mar. 27, 2021	Dave Walters, TN Division of Forestry (retired) Dr. Cindi Smith-Walters, MTSU Center for Environmental Education
Forbs, Ferns, Mosses, and More: Herbaceous Plants and Fungi of Tennessee	Session A: Thursday, Apr. 15, 2021 Session B: Saturday, Apr. 10, 2021	Margie Hunter, Author
Nocturnal Naturalist BOTH Sessions: 4pm - 8:30pm	Session A: Thursday May 6, 2021 Session B: Saturday May 8, 2021	Ranger Leslie Ann Rawlings, Long Hunter State Park
Tennessee's Living Waters	Session A: Thursday May 20, 2021 Session B: Saturday May 22, 2021	Catherine Price, Cumberland River Compact Angel Fowler, Sr. Environmental Scientist, Blueway

REGISTRATION conveys a commitment to class work AND volunteer hours (40). Volunteer hours must be completed within 15 months of date of first class. Participants must be 18 years of age or older.

REFUND POLICY: If you cancel in writing to laura@owlshill.org more than 14 days in advance of your first class you will receive a full refund. Cancellations less than 14 days but before the day of your first class will receive a 50% refund. Your registration is nonrefundable the first day of class and beyond.

ATTENDANCE is required. Students missing 3 classes will be dropped from the program (no refund). Students may register for a future class at full price.

WHAT TO BRING: Bring a refillable water bottle. Dress for the weather (unless under severe weather threat, sessions are rain or shine). Attire and closed-toe footwear should be appropriate for hiking and outdoor activities. Depending on the season, consider bringing sunscreen, hat and bug spray. *Current COVID protocols require all visitors (age 12+) to bring a facial covering to cover your nose and mouth for instances when social distancing cannot be maintained.

MAKEUPS: There is no refund for missed classes. Makeup class attendance is contingent on available space. Registration includes two (2) free makeup classes at home chapter; \$25/class after that. Please confirm a spot by emailing laura@owlshill.org in advance of the desired class.

CERTIFICATION: Students have 15 months from the date of class start to complete volunteer work toward initial certification. Final assessment is required and you must get at least a 70 to earn certification.