



In this guide, you will find Park Naturalist-led programs specifically designed for preschoolers. Use this guide to locate the programs that best compliment your classroom lessons, and to help you schedule a field trip for your class. Every program listed can be enjoyed at any of our Nature Centers.

Our four Nature Centers are :

Caldwell Nature Center
430 W. North Bend Road (513) 761-4313
Carthage/Hartwell

California Woods Nature Center
5400 Kellogg Avenue (513) 231-8678
California

LaBoiteaux Woods Nature Center
5400 Lanius Lane (513) 542-2909
College Hill

Trailside Nature Center
3400 Brookline Drive (513) 751-3679
Clifton



Reasonable accommodations can be made upon advance request.

Call: 321-6070 or 352-3380 (TTY)

Wheelchair hikes are possible at Caldwell Preserve.

"If a child is to keep alive his inborn sense of wonder... he needs the companionship of at least one adult who can share it, rediscovering with him the joy, excitement and mystery of the world we live in."
Rachel Carson

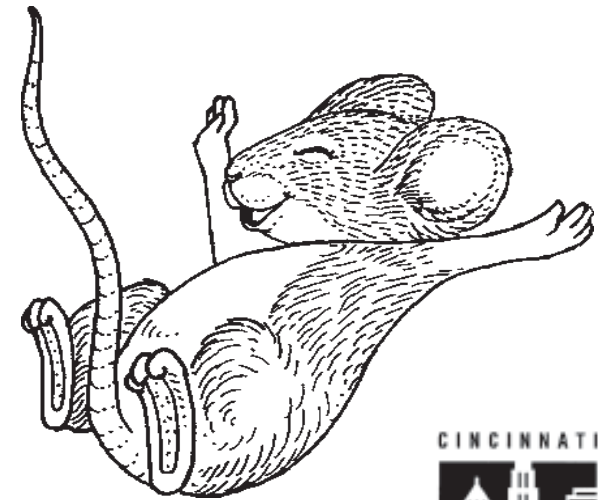


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NATURE PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS



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School Year Programs:

All programs emphasize age-appropriate hands-on activities. Nature Center staff will be happy to answer questions about program specifics.



Making Sense of Senses

Preschool students will explore the natural world while using and learning about their five senses. They will compare their hearing to how other animals hear. Your students will discover what tools or adaptations are used by wild creatures to feel, and the many ways animals see and smell. They will hike, and have a chance to meet one of our resident animals for a close-up look at how it uses its senses.

Nature's ABC'S and 123's

"A" is for acorn. A spider has eight legs. These are a few of the many things your students will learn as they practice their letter recognition and counting skills. We will play games, hike and meet an animal up close. Who knows what we will come up with for the letter "z"?

A World of Colors, Shapes and Sizes

What an amazing world we live in!

Join the Naturalists as we discover the many colors, shapes and sizes in nature. Preschoolers will work on sorting natural items by size and shape. They will also go on a hike searching for different colors.

Every season of the year offers a rainbow of colors to those who know where to look.

The children will meet an animal or two, and learn how wildlife uses color to warn, attract and survive.



Seasonal Programs:

We offer seasonal programs as well! Seasonal programs are a wonderful way to introduce young children to the world of nature. Each seasonal program will feature a puppet show, hike, activity and a craft.

Fabulous Fall

The leaves are changing colors. Animals are preparing for winter. Join us as we find out what makes this season special!

Winter Wonders

There is a chill in the air! Find out who is out and about and who is snoozing the winter away. Bundle up for some winter exploration.



Springing into Spring

Things are warming up. Plants are greening up. Animal babies are springing up. Come see what's happening in spring.



Maple Sugaring

Maple Sugaring programs are offered at Caldwell Nature Center and California Woods Nature Center.

Find out the secrets of maple sugaring first hand.

Preschoolers will learn where the sugar comes from, and how we tap the trees. Then they see (and taste!) how tree sap becomes maple syrup. This program, only offered during the month of February, is typically a one-hour program.

Have a special request?

Cincinnati Park Nature Centers are able to do other programs as well for your preschoolers. Enjoy programs like:

- Native Americans
- Pioneer Life
- Local Wildlife
- Habitats, and many more.



Call the Bettman Natural Resources Center at (513) 321-6070.

We will connect you to a Nature Center that will meet your students' needs.

Some very important things to keep in mind:

- Programs are designed for 4 and 5 year olds only. Please no 3 year olds.
- Programs are 2 hours long; times can be adjusted if prior notice is given.
- Please make sure students are dressed for the weather. Sneakers or boots are recommended footwear for our trails.
- Name tags help Naturalists call on and answer the children by name.

To Schedule, Call: (513) 321-6070
Bettman Natural Resources Center

Fees: \$3.00 per child for schools located within the City of Cincinnati.
\$5.00 per child for schools located outside the city's limits.

Minimum Fee: equivalent to 20 children / paying adults

We accept credit card, PO/voucher, money order or cashier check. No personal checks.

Note: Teachers and staff room aides do not pay, but fee does apply to additional chaperones.

"The years of early childhood are the time to prepare the soil." Rachel Carson