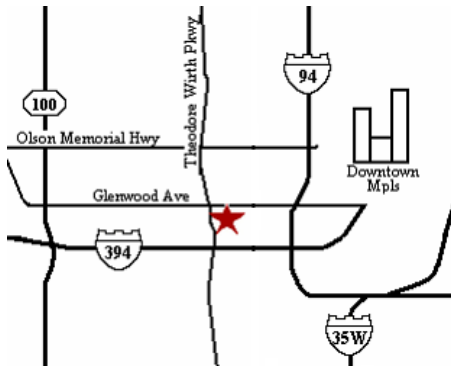


## The Garden

The Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden and Bird Sanctuary is a spectacular 15-acre garden in Minneapolis with trails meandering through woodlands, wetlands and oak savannas. This natural setting showcases over 500 plant species and 140 migratory birds.

### Getting to the Garden

The Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden is located in northwest Minneapolis. It can be reached by several major highways. Free and convenient parking is available for school buses.



### To Schedule a Program

Contact the Program Coordinator

Phone: 612-363-4722

Email: [ebwg@minneapolisparcs.org](mailto:ebwg@minneapolisparcs.org)

## Garden Programs (con't)

### Which Niche? (Spring – Fall) 1.5 hours

Find out the different roles that plants, animals and insects play within the three different habitats of the Garden. Discover the unique relationships organisms have formed. Take some time to draw these relationships in a nature journal.

### Tree-ology (Summer – Fall) 1.5 hours

Take a close look at the trees of the Garden to discover just how many different kinds there are! Discover trees unique adaptations to living in Minnesota. Find out how trees spread throughout the forest without being able to move. Students will learn the different parts of the tree by acting out the different roles.

### Signs of Fall (Fall) 1.5 hours

As the weather gets cooler the flowers of the Garden begin to fade, but the trees begin to put on a show! Find out why leaves change color and what animals do to get ready for the change of seasons. Make your own colorful leaf rubbings to take home.

### Mushroom Madness (Fall) 1.5 hours

Learn all about nature's recyclers and discover the role mushrooms and other organisms play in our forests. Take a close-up look at mushrooms and make a mushroom using a few fungi and paints.

# Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden & Bird Sanctuary



## Seventh & Eighth Grade Programs

## Scheduling a Program

### Program Availability

The Garden is open from April 1st to October 15th. Programs are available 7 days a week.

### Group Size

To ensure the best experience, 1 naturalist is scheduled for every 10 participants. The Garden accommodate groups up to 45 participants. Please contact the program coordinator for accommodations for larger groups.

### Cost

The cost is \$5.00 per participant per hour and a half. Chaperones are free of charge. There is a minimum fee of \$40 per program.

### The Naturalists

Our naturalists have a combination of 20 years experience teaching in the Garden. It is no exaggeration to say these experts bring their passion and excitement into the Garden every day.

### Scheduling Your Group

Programs are 1.5 hours long. Groups may schedule more than one program per visit. All programs can be adapted to fit the needs of your class.

**Please schedule your visit at least two weeks in advance.**

To schedule a program call or email.

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## Garden Programs

### Aliens in the Garden (Spring) 2 hours

Walk through the Garden in search of aliens! Find out what plants and animals don't belong here, how they got here, and what we can do to stop them spreading. Take part in a service project to help remove one of our aggressive invasive species, garlic mustard. Come prepared to pull weeds and work hard!

### The Ecology of the Garden (Spring – Fall) 1.5 hours

Find out what lives and grows in each of our three habitats – wetland, woodland and prairie. Where will you find the most trees? Where will you find the most birds? Where will you find the most insects? How does soil pH and sunlight affect what plants can grow? Take a “microhike” to get a close look our “microhabitats.”

### Forest, Wetland, & Prairie (Spring – Fall) 1.5 hours

Find out how nonliving elements of the environment effect living organisms within our three different habitats here at the Garden. Compare the temperature, light, wind, plants and animals of the forest, wetland and prairie through drawing and writing.

## Garden Programs (con't)

### Quaking Bog Tromp (Spring – Fall) 1.5 hours

Discover a true quaking bog right here in the city! Learn the characteristics of a wetland and how bogs are formed. Feel sphagnum moss, watch water striders, walk across the floating bridge, and see carnivorous plants all within our Quaking Bog!

### Nature Sketching (Spring – Fall) 1.5 hours

Spend an hour taking a close-up look at some of the beautiful flowers growing in the Garden and some of the insects that help pollinate our flowers. Students will spend some time drawing and coloring what they see – flowers, insects, birds – capturing the many colors of nature in their own “nature journals” to take back to school.

### Birding 101 (Spring – Fall) 1 hour

Take a bird walk with a seasoned expert to learn the basics of birding. Learn how to use binoculars, identify birds by sight and sound, bird behavior and how to use field guides. Take a close look at some bird nests and discover the variety of materials birds use to make them. Binoculars are provided.

### Poet-Tree (Spring – Fall) 1.5 hours

Walk through our Garden and become inspired to create works of poetry and art. Try writing a haiku. Discover the cinquain poem. Or combine art and writing using “picture poetry”. Bring home your poetry in your own nature journal.

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