

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.



Scheduling Your Group

Programs are 1 hour 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

Contact the Program Coordinator

Phone: 612-363-4722

Email: ebwg@minneapolisparks.org

Directions

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.



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Preschool & Kindergarten Programs

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Program Availability

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

Group Size

The Garden requires a minimum of 8 participants to schedule a program. 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. 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.

Garden Programs

Insect Hunt (Summer – Fall) 1 hour

Come along on a hunt for insects! View insects up close and at work in our Garden. Find out why bees, beetles, flies, and even mosquitoes are important residents of the Garden!

Nature Scavenger Hunt (Spring – Fall) 1 hour

Learn about the insects and animals that use camouflage in the Garden. Look for some of the masters of natural disguise in the Garden and some not-so natural items on our “Un-Nature Trail”.

Sensory Walk (Spring – Fall) 1 hour

Use your senses while taking a walk through the woods and prairie to search for items in nature. Look for colors, listen for sounds, feel textures, smell the flowers all around!

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Nature Sketching (Spring – Fall) 1 hour

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.

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