

Brownie Programs

Creatures of the Air (Spring—Fall) 1.5 hours

Come to the Garden and spend some time looking for creatures that rule the sky! We will look for feathered friends and insect friends as we walk through the Garden. Learn how to use binoculars to get a closer look at these winged creatures. Take some time to draw your favorite flying friend. *This program meets the requirements for “Creatures of the Air” activity of the Earth and Sky Try It.*

Rainbow Hike (Spring—Fall) 1.5 hours

How many colors can you find at the Garden? Take a walk through our Garden trails and see how many different shades of greens, reds, yellows, purples and more you can see. Walk through the woodlands, wetlands and prairie drawing the many colorful plants and animals that live in the Garden. *This program meets the requirements for the “Day Hike” activity of the Outdoor Adventurer Try It.*

Sensory Hike (Spring—Fall) 1.5 hours

Did you hear that bird singing? Do you see the leaves rustling in the wind? Can you smell the purple flowers? Can you feel how rough this tree bark is? Take a walk and use your senses to explore the Garden! Try a fun scavenger hunt for the senses! *This program meets the requirements for the “Touch, Smell, Listen” activity of the Outdoor Adventurer Try It.*

Animal Talk (Spring—Fall) 1.5 hours

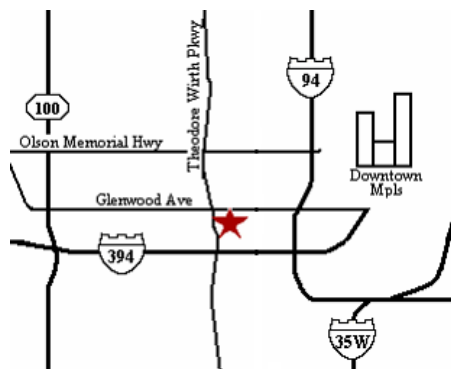
How do bees know where all the good flowers are in the Garden? How do wolves know if another wolf has been through their territory? Why do birds sing? Come to the Garden and find out! *This program meets the requirements for the “Animal Talk” activity of the Watching Wildlife Try It.*

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 or Workshop

Contact the Program Coordinator

Phone: 612-363-4722

Email: ebwg@minneapolisparcs.org

Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden & Bird Sanctuary



Girl Scout 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

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.

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 troop. Programs for Daisy Troops are also available. Many of the Brownie programs can be modified for your Daisy Troop.

Please schedule your visit at least two weeks in advance.

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Junior Programs

An Outdoor Career (Spring—Fall) 1.5 hours

Come to the Garden and spend some time talking with one of our naturalists. She will tell you about what she does while at work at the Garden and take you on a walk to learn about phenology. Come prepared to ask her questions about her job and why she decided to become a naturalist! *This program meets the requirements for “An Outdoor Career” activity of the Your Outdoor Surroundings Badge.*

Color Palette Hike (Spring—Fall) 1.5 hours

Search for a rainbow of colors as you walk through the Garden trails! Draw the flowers, birds, and insects in nature that color our world. Share your drawings with your friends and keep them all in a color palette journal to take home. *This program meets the requirements for “A Nature Hike” activity of the Your Outdoor Surroundings Badge.*

Birding 101 (Spring—Fall) 1.5 hours

Come to the Garden to learn a new hobby – bird watching! Learn how to use binoculars, how to spot birds and how to identify them through sight and sound. Our naturalist will teach you the tricks of the trade and start you off on your birding adventures! *This program meets the requirements for “An Outdoor Hobby” activity of the Your Outdoor Surroundings Badge.*

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The Artist & The Scientist (Spring—Fall) 1.5 hours

Are scientists and artists really all that different? Spend some time at the Garden exploring how a scientist looks at nature and how an artist would look at the same thing. Challenge your friends to play the role of artist or scientist or both! *This program meets the requirements for “Classifying Outdoor Objects: the Artist and the Scientist” and “What Do You See?” activities of the Your Outdoor Surroundings Badge.*

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. *This program meets the requirements for “Many Ways to Be Creative”, “Nature in Three Lines”, and “Diversity in Nature” activities of the Outdoor Creativity Badge.*

Junior Badge Workshops

These badge workshops can be scheduled as half day events or over a series of scheduled programs. The fee for these workshops is **\$15/scout** for a 3.5 hour long program with a \$75 minimum fee. Bring a snack for a break and some water. **Badges are not provided at the end of the workshop.**

Earth Connections Badge Workshop — 3.5 hours

Visit the Quaking Bog and the Garden to explore different habitats and discover how they are all connected.

Wildlife Junior Badge Workshop — 3.5 hours

Learn what plants grow here in the Garden and how wildlife depend on those plants. View our native birds through binoculars and learn how to identify some of our common species.