

The Garden

The Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden and Bird Sanctuary is a spectacular 15-acre native plant garden in Minneapolis. Its trails meander through woodlands, wetlands and oak savannas to showcase over 500 plant species and 140 migratory birds. The Garden was founded in 1907, making it the oldest wildflower garden in the country. A beautiful visitor center is housed in the Garden, containing field guides, maps of the Garden, seasonal displays and helpful staff to answer all of your questions.



Eloise Butler (left) and companions study a natural graft in Theodore Wirth Park. c. 1900 Minneapolis Public Library, Minneapolis Collection.

Naturalist-led programs are provided at the Garden for groups of various backgrounds and interests. All types of groups are encouraged to visit—including garden clubs, senior citizens, birding clubs and school groups.

We look forward to seeing you at the Garden!

Eloise Butler Wildflower
& Bird Sanctuary
3800 Bryant Ave South
Minneapolis, MN 55409

Group Programs For Adults



Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden & Bird Sanctuary

Scheduling a Program

The Garden is open from April 1st to October 15th. Programs are available 7 days a week from 9 am to an hour before sunset.

The Naturalists

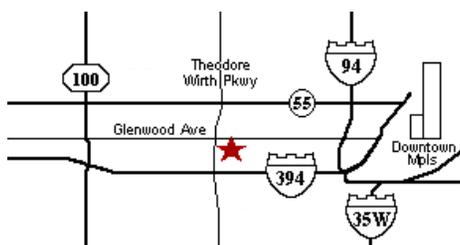
Our naturalists have a combination of 15 years experience teaching the wonders of the Garden.. To ensure the best experience for your group, 1 naturalist is scheduled for every 10 participants. The Garden accommodate groups up to 20 participants. Please contact the program coordinator for accommodations for larger groups.

Cost

The cost per participant is \$10.00 per hour. There is a minimum fee of \$40.

Location

The Garden is located within Theodore Wirth Park in Minneapolis. Picnic shelters, a beach and additional hiking trails are located just outside the Garden's gate.



Scheduling Your Group

For question or to schedule your group please contact our Program Coordinator at:

612-499-9244 or EBWG@minneapolisparks.org.

Garden Programs

All programs are 1 hour long. Groups are welcome to schedule more than one program per visit.

Wildflowers of the Garden

With so many plant species at the Garden it is sometimes difficult to know just where and what to look at. Explore the more unusual flowers of the Garden and their adaptations. From spring ephemerals to fall grasses, every season is a new chance to discover!

Birding

Take a bird walk with a seasoned expert to learn the birding basics, or fine-tune your skills, in this ideal location. Topics may include how to use field guides, bird identification, birding by ear and bird behavior. Binoculars are provided.

Quaking Bog and Ecology Tour

Located a short walk from the Garden, you'll find a true quaking bog right here in the city! Discover the significant characteristics that define a bog and some of it's unique inhabitants as you walk on the floating boardwalk. Participate in a hands-on analysis of the water.

Garden Programs (cont.)

Mushroom Madness

Behind the scenes of the Wildflower Garden hosts of mushrooms are hard at work. Come and hear the story of these interesting organisms, and search for a variety of species. You will learn the basic structure of mushrooms and how to identify some species. Available August - October

All About Fall

Come discover some of the spectacular fall features. This program highlights nature's adaptations to prepare for winter; including the chemistry and biology of fall colors, which plants turn which colors and how, when and why trees lose their leaves.

Discovering Eloise Butler

Take a walking history tour of the Garden and learn about the Garden's first curator, Eloise Butler. Join us on an exploration of her work, find out about her "botanizing" adventures, and listen to the story of how the oldest public wildflower garden in the United States came to be.

We are able to accommodate groups up to 20, groups of 20 or more are subject to current staffing availability.