

## Daisy & 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. *This program can meet some of the requirements for the Brownie Bugs Badge.*

### Nature Sketching (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 some of the requirements Brownie Hiker Badge.*

### 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 some of the requirements for the Brownie Senses Badge.*

### Bugs! (Spring—Fall) 1.5 hours

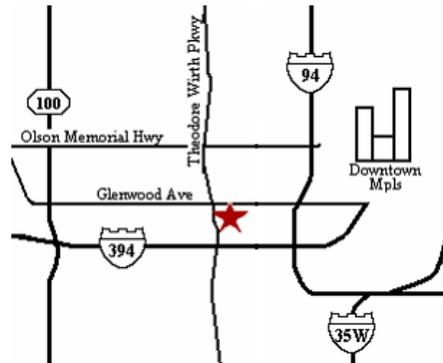
Come along on a Bug Field Trip! Explore insect homes big and small. Learn what bugs eat and what eats them! Join our naturalist on a scavenger hunt for creepy crawlies, beautiful butterflies, and other six-legged friends. *This program meets some of the requirements for the Brownie Bugs Badge.*

## 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: 612-499-9244

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

# Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden & Bird Sanctuary



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# 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. We can accommodate groups up to 20, groups of 20 or more are scheduled based on current staffing availability.

### 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, 2 for every 10 nature explorers 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.**

To schedule a program call or email.

phone: 612-499-9244

email: EBWG@minneapolisparcs.org

## Junior Programs

### Flower Power! (Spring—Fall) 1.5 hours

There is no better place than a wildflower garden for a flower hunt! We will spend some time looking closely at the bloom and the rest of the plant and drawing what we see. We will also learn a few plants that are helpful to people (How about one that heals poison ivy rashes?).

*This program meets some of the requirements for the Junior Flowers Badge.*

### Nature Sketching (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 nature journal to take home. *This program meets some of the requirements for the Junior Flowers Badge and the “Get Some Perspective” part of the It’s Your Story, Tell It! Journey.*



### 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!

## Cadette Programs

### Night Owl (Spring– Fall) 1.5 hours

Explore our Garden at dusk! Find out what animals come out as night settles over the Garden. We will look for owls, raccoons, singing evening birds, insects, bats, and more! Along the way we will learn a little about the nighttime skies, identifying constellations, planets, and more. *This program meets some of the requirements for the Night Owl portion of the It’s Your Story Tell it! Journey.*

### Tree-ology (Spring—Fall) 1.5 hours

Can you tell the difference between an oak tree and a pine tree? How about a maple tree and an elm tree? Come along with one of our naturalists to learn how to identify trees using their leaves, their bark or even their buds! We will teach you how to use a dichotomous key to identify a few of the native Minnesota trees that grow here in the Garden. *This program meets some of the requirements for the Cadettes Trees Badge.*

## Senior Programs

Senior Scouts are welcome to visit the Garden and do a program of their choosing. Many natural history topics can be covered here at the Garden. From birding to insects to invasive species, the topics for Senior Scouts are many. Service projects such as invasive species pulling or native wildflower planting are always an option. Please call to talk with our coordinator and/or gardening to discuss the option.