

## 4th – 6th Grade Igniting Critical Thinking

### Wildflower Wonders (Botany)

Get up close and personal with wildflowers! Learn about the parts of a flower by sketching plants in your own nature journal (provided). Compare different types of flowers, and look for the animal pollinators.

### Be a Bird (Ornithology)

How (and why?) do birds come in all shapes and sizes? Let's find out! We'll learn about different adaptations by looking at types of bird beaks, go for a birding hike with binoculars, and check out different birdcalls.

## 4th – 12th Grade Quaking Bog Ecology

### Quaking Bog Adventure

Learn about the unique ecosystem of one of Minnesota's southernmost bogs. We'll learn how a bog forms over time and explore the unusual plants specially adapted to the harsh conditions of life in a bog.

## 7th – 12th Grade Becoming Stewards

### Stewarding Biodiversity (Botany)

Come learn about managing a landscape to maximize plant diversity. We'll learn about various strategies to keep introduced species at bay and native species flourishing in the Garden and surrounding areas.

### Count Your Birds (Ornithology)

Learn how to use a field guide to identify bird species. Students will divide into groups to count birds in the Garden. Garden Naturalists will teach students how to submit the data collected to the Cornell Lab of Ornithology.

## About the Garden

The Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden and Bird Sanctuary is a spectacular 16-acre public wildflower garden in Minneapolis with trails meandering through woodlands, wetlands, and an upland meadow. This naturalistic botanic garden showcases over 600 plant species and 140 resident and migratory bird species.

The Garden was founded in 1907 by Eloise Butler, a botanist and Minneapolis Public Schools teacher. The Garden offers environmental education programming for preschool through high school students. Younger students can hone their observational skills, and older students will be able to express themselves through games, hikes, and more.

### Our field trips are for EVERYONE!

Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) is committed to making all of its programs accessible to anyone. The Therapeutic Recreation staff will work with program staff, families, and individuals to provide support using individualized techniques and resources to enhance program participation without fundamentally altering the program. If you or someone you know has a disability and is interested in learning more about programs for people with disabilities and how to access MPRB programs, please contact the MPRB's Therapeutic Recreation and Inclusion Coordinator at 612.230.6400. For language translation services, please contact the Garden Curator at 612.370.4863.



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# FIELD TRIPS



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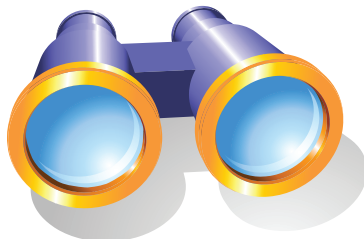
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Garden Naturalists at the Eloise Butler

Wildflower Garden host field trips for groups of children including pre-

schools, homeschool groups, day care centers, after school groups, summer camps and more! Field trips are organized by age-appropriate topics.



### When can our group schedule a field trip?

Field trips are available Tuesday–Friday from 10:30am–4:30pm from early May through mid-October. Space is limited, please schedule your field trip at least two weeks in advance.

### How much do field trips cost?

The cost is \$5 per student. Adults/chaperones are free.

### Can I apply for a scholarship or funding?

Yes! Some scholarships are available to reduce the cost per student or to subsidize bus transportation costs. Please note if a reduced program fee is being requested in the ‘special requests’ section of the Special Tour Interest Form. You may also fill out a request for transportation expense assistance for school groups at [www.minneapolisparcs.org/ebwg](http://www.minneapolisparcs.org/ebwg). The transportation grants are offered by the Friends of the Wild Flower Garden.

### How to schedule a field trip

Complete the **Group Tour Interest Form** at: [www.minneapolisparcs.org/ebwg](http://www.minneapolisparcs.org/ebwg).

### How long are field trips?

Field trips last one hour.

### Do I need to bring chaperones?

Yes. We ask that you have one adult per 10 students (teachers count as one chaperone).

### How big will our groups be?

We aim for a ratio of 10 students per Garden Naturalist. Groups may be larger or smaller, but no larger than 15 students per Naturalist. Our minimum is five students per field trip. Due to staffing, we typically keep groups to a maximum of 20 participants. School groups are allowed to bring one full classroom of students — up to 30.

### Who will lead our field trip?

Our knowledgeable and experienced Garden Naturalists will lead your field trip. It’s no exaggeration to say our experts bring their passion and excitement to the Garden every day!

### Will we be outside?

Yes! Please dress for the weather and to walk outdoors. We will only cancel or reschedule programs in the case of severe weather (thunder/lightning/tornado warnings). You will be contacted if we are concerned about weather.

### Can I request a special program not listed here?

At this time, we are not able to accommodate special requests.

### Is there a place to eat lunch or a snack?

If you don’t mind sitting on grass, yes! Unfortunately we do not have picnic tables, but we do have a large grassy area that can be used as a lunch gathering place. We are happy to store lunches while on field trips, but we do not have space to keep lunches or snacks refrigerated.

We are located near the Theodore Wirth Park beach pavilion area, which has picnic tables. We’re happy to provide more information about the location.

## Pre-K – Kindergarten Cultivating Curiosity

### Sensory Nature Hike (Botany)

Use your senses to explore the natural world! We might see exploding seeds, feel fuzzy leaves, sniff a sweet-smelling flower, or hear a hooting owl. We’ll do a nature quest while we hike, and stop at the Visitor Shelter to check out the ‘Touch & See’ table of natural objects.

### Feathered Friends (Ornithology)

The Garden is a ‘hotspot’ for birding in the Twin Cities, with great opportunities to see many types of birds—woodpeckers, goldfinches, and warblers, among others. We’ll learn to use binoculars, hear bird-calls, and then touch some real feathers and maybe even an owl wing.

## 1st – 3rd Grade

### Laying the Foundation

#### Tree-ology (Botany)

In this program, students learn about the tree life cycle. We’ll hike the Garden to find trees in different stages of life, discover animals that might live in a tree, and play a tree game to learn the parts of a tree!

#### Birding 101 (Ornithology)

How can we tell the difference between a cardinal and robin? In this class, you will find out! Learn the basics of birding while using binoculars, listening to bird calls, and checking out different types of nests.