



MONTGOMERY COUNTY

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PARKS AND RECREATION

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Wade Bourne
Nature Center
AT ROTARY PARK



2024 SPRING/SUMMER



MONTGOMERY COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION MISSION

The purpose of the Montgomery County Parks & Recreation Department is to develop and maintain quality parks and facilities; preserve open space and natural areas; protect environmental resources; promote healthy lifestyles; and provide recreational opportunities for all visitors and residents of Montgomery County.

We maintain ten (10) local parks throughout the county and each offers a wide variety of recreational options. So, you can find facilities for any recreational activity here in Montgomery County.





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MONTGOMERY COUNTY PARKS AND FACILITIES



BRIGHAM PARK

A 1.2 acre neighborhood pocket park

located at 1015 Daniel St. This park has a 0.1 mile paved path with a story book trail, pavilion with picnic tables, basketball court, and seating throughout.



CIVITAN PARK

A 50-acre community park located at 650 Bellamy Lane

in the St. Bethlehem community. The park is comprised of youth ball fields, an ADA playground and is designated as the home of the St. Bethlehem Little League.



DOWNTOWN COMMONS

A park, event space, and eatery in Downtown

Clarksville. This community space hosts various activities and events for all ages, including musical performances, yoga classes, game days on the lawn, and more!



FREDONIA COMMUNITY CENTER

Located at 4650 Old Ashland City Road

South, this center was the former Fredonia School built in 1926. The community center is available to rent and can accommodate up to 200 people.



RICHELLEN PARK

A 51-acre community park in the Cumberland Heights/ Palmyra community. This

is the home to the Montgomery Central Little League. RichEllen Park is located at 1466 Hwy 149, Clarksville.

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ROTARY PARK

A 111.3-acre nature park located at 2308 Rotary Park Drive near Sango community. It has over five miles of hiking/biking trails, the Wade Bourne Nature Center, a nature adventure trail, and a large ADA-accessible playground.



SPUR LINE TRAIL HEAD

A 0.7-acre pocket park with a 0.3 mile paved trail with a sitting area in the middle. There is a “Remember My Name Memorial Garden” and a “Children’s Memorial Garden.” Spur Line is located at 70 Gupton Alley.



SOUTH GUTHRIE COMMUNITY CENTER

Located at 5025 Guthrie Road, this site was the former Warfield School in 1922. The community center is available to rent and can accommodate up to 100 people.



WEAKLEY PARK

A 57-acre passive park in the Sango community. This park has a 2.26 miles paved walking trail. Weakley Park is located at 4674 Sango Road.



WOODLAWN PARK

A 56-acre community park that is home to the Woodlawn Little League. Woodlawn Park is located at 2910 Woodlawn Park Road.



EVENTS

DOWNTOWN @ SUNDOWN

The 7th Annual Downtown @ Sundown Concert Series, hosted at Downtown Commons, is set to return on May 17, 2024. This free outdoor concert series takes place in Downtown Clarksville, TN, offering residents and visitors an opportunity to enjoy live music in a vibrant urban setting.

Concert Dates: May 17, June 7, June 21, July 5, July 19, August 2, August 16, September 6, September 20, October 4



EVENTS



MONTGOMERY COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION

Easter EGG HUNT

MARCH 23, 2024

10:00 AM 0-2 YEARS	11:30 AM 6-8 YEARS
10:45 AM 3-5 YEARS	12:15 PM 9+ YEARS

Civitan Park | 650 Bellamy Lane | Lacrosse Field



MOVIES IN THE PARK

Experience the magic of Family Movie Nights across various Montgomery County Parks from May through September. This outdoor movie series, free for all, invites families to enjoy cinematic adventures under the stars in the beautiful settings of our different parks throughout the County!

May 11 – Tangled: Downtown Commons

June 1 – The Bad Guys: Rotary Park

June 15 – Finding Dory: Downtown Commons

June 29 – Dr. Seuss The Lorax: RichEllen Park

July 13 – The Lego Movie: Woodlawn Park

July 27 – The Super Mario Bros Movie: Downtown Commons

August 10 – Cars: Downtown Commons

August 24 – The Little Rascals: Civitan Park

EVENTS



Join us at Rotary Park for a special event in collaboration with the Clarksville Arts and Heritage Council on June 20th from 7-9 PM. The Keltic band *Red River Breeze* will fill the woods with folk music while you stroll along to discover the Fairy and Troll House Villages! Arts for Hearts is organizing special DIY workshops in May that will focus on guiding participants to create their own fairy houses, which are small, whimsical structures often associated with fantasy and folklore, designed to be hidden in wooded areas.

There are two ways to participate:

1. Attend one of the workshops where you'll be guided through the process of making your fairy or troll house. Check the website for dates.
2. If you can't attend the workshop, you can still create your own house independently and then hide it during a specific timeframe provided by Parks and Recreation.

ADDITIONAL EVENTS

We continuously update our calendar with fresh events! For the latest information and opportunities, be sure to check out our social media pages.





WADE BOURNE NATURE CENTER MISSION

The Wade Bourne Nature Center at Rotary Park serves to promote conservation and nature education for all ages while connecting visitors with the environment.

The Wade Bourne Nature Center is a museum and event space located at 2308 Rotary Park Drive. Here, you can learn about Clarksville native, Wade Bourne, who dedicated his life to hunting, fishing, and all things outdoors. We also have a nature discovery area where children can learn about the world around them.

Open Tuesdays to Fridays (10am - 5pm) and Saturdays (10am - 3pm).
Closed Sundays, Mondays, and Government Holidays.



MARCH

TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27	28	29	01 Reading Roundup @ 10:15-11am	02 Survival Skills for Families @ 10:30am-12pm
05 Spring Break Animal Week: Wing Day @ 10:30-11:30am & 12:30-1:30pm Turtle Time @ 1:30-2pm	06 Spring Break Animal Week: Insect Day @ 10:30-11:30am & 12:30-1:30pm DIY Gardening Workshop @ 5-6pm	07 Spring Break Animal Week: Adoption Day @ 10:30am-12:30pm Turtle Time @ 1:30-2pm	08 Spring Break Animal Week: Reptile Day @ 10:30-11:30am & 12:30-1:30pm	09 Puzzle Palooza @ 10:30am-1pm
12 Turtle Time @ 1:30-2pm	13	14 Turtle Time @ 1:30-2pm	15	16 Story Tails @ 10:30-11:30am DIY Paper Flower Bouquets @ 12:30-2:30pm
19 Turtle Time @ 1:30-2pm	20 WGW: Pinecone Bird Feeders @ 10am-4pm Taxidermy Demo @ 4-5:30pm	21 Turtle Time @ 1:30-2pm	22 DIY Tiny Terrarium Workshop @ 4:30-6pm	23 Bird Watching Hike @ 9-10am DIY Monet's Water Lilies Painting @ 12:30-2:30pm
26 Turtle Time @ 1:30-2pm	27 WGW: Spice Art @ 10am-4pm	28 Wildflower Walk @ 10-11am & 3-4pm Turtle Time @ 1:30-2pm	29 County Offices and Nature Center Closed for the holiday	30

10 All programs are hosted at the Wade Bourne Nature Center.

APRIL

TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
02 Turtle Time @ 1:30-2pm	03 WGW: Sunflower Planting @ 10am-4pm Wildflower Walks @ 2-3pm & 4-5pm	04 Turtle Time @ 1:30-2pm	05 Bird Watching Hike @ 9-10am Reading Roundup @ 10:15-11am	06 Survival Skills for Families @ 10:30am-12pm Arts for Hearts DIY Workshop @ 1-2:30pm
09 Turtle Time @ 1:30-2pm	10 WGW: DIY Nature Journals @ 10am-4pm	11 Turtle Time @ 1:30-2pm	12 Nature Journaling @ 4-5pm	13 Orienteering Clinic @ 9am-3:30pm
16 Turtle Time @ 1:30-2pm	17 WGW: Ant Colony Underground Maze @ 10am-4pm Taxidermy Demo @ 4-5:30pm	18 Turtle Time @ 1:30-2pm Wildflower Walk @ 2:30-3:30pm & 4-5pm	19 Bird Watching @ 8:30-9:30am DIY Tiny Terrarium Workshop @ 4:30-6pm	20 Story Tails @ 10:30-11:30am Earth Day Plant Swap @ 10:30am- 12:30pm
23 Turtle Time @ 1:30-2pm	24 WGW: Spring Wood Chimes @ 10am-4pm Ecosystem Hike @ 5-6pm	25 Turtle Time @ 1:30-2pm Wildflower Walk @ 2:30-3:30pm & 4-5pm	26	27 Wildflower Walk @ 9-10am & 11am-12pm Arts for Hearts DIY Workshop @ 12:30-2:30pm
30 Turtle Time @ 1:30-2pm	01	02	03	04



Register Here

MAY

TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30	01 WGW: Bird Mobiles @ 10am-4pm	02 Turtle Time @ 1:30-2pm	03 Reading Roundup @ 10:15-11am	04 Survival Skills for Families @ 10:30am-12pm Midnight Wildflowers Artist Exhibit Reception @ 1-3pm
07 Turtle Time @ 1:30-2pm DIY Gardening: Raised Beds and Containers @ 5-6pm	08 WGW: Light Up Fireflies @ 10am-4pm	09	10 Nature Journaling @ 5-6pm	11
14 Turtle Time @ 1:30-2pm	15 WGW: Clay Animal Tracks @ 10am-4pm	16 Turtle Time @ 1:30-2pm	17 Bird Watching @ 8:30-9:30 am DIY Tiny Terrarium Workshop @ 4:30-6pm	18 Story Tails @ 10:30-11:30am Bug Collecting @ 12-1pm
21 Turtle Time @ 1:30-2pm	22 WGW: Printing with Leaves and Other Natural Objects @ 10am-4pm DIY Gardening: Vegetable Garden Basics @ 5-6pm	23 Turtle Time @ 1:30-2pm	24 Herpetology Hike @ 5-6pm	25 Pollinator Garden Tours @ 10am, 11am, & 12pm
28 Nature Center Closed for the holiday	29 WGW: Build a Bird Nest @ 10am-4pm	30 Turtle Time @ 1:30-2pm	31	01



[Register Here](#)

JUNE

TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29	30	31	01 Turtle Time @ 2-2:30pm
04 Nature Camp Week 1 @ 8:30am-12pm & 1-4:30pm Turtle Time @ 4-4:30pm	05 WGW: Scavenger Hunt Day @ 10am-4pm	06	07	08 Turtle Time @ 2-2:30pm
11 Nature Camp Week 2 @ 8:30am-12pm & 1-4:30pm Turtle Time @ 4-4:30pm	12 WGW: Pollinator Week - Butterfly Decals @ 10am-4pm	13	14	15 Turtle Time @ 2-2:30pm
18 Pollinator Count Day @ 10am-4pm	19 County Offices and Nature Center Closed for the holiday	20 Midsummer Magic: Celebrating the Summer Solstice in the Enchanted Woods @ 7-9pm	21 Bird Watching @ 8:30-9:30am DIY Tiny Terrarium Workshop	22 Pollinator Garden Tours @ 10am, 11am, & 12pm Turtle Time @ 2-2:30pm
25 Nature Camp Week 3 @ 8:30am-12pm & 1-4:30pm Turtle Time @ 4-4:30pm	26 WGW: Barks Viewers & Rubbings @ 10am-4pm	27	28	29 Turtle Time @ 2-2:30pm

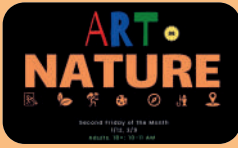
JULY

TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
02 Turtle Time @ 4-4:30pm	03 WGW: Nature Bookmarks @ 10am-4pm	04 County Offices and Nature Center Closed for the holiday	05 Reading Roundup @ 10:15	06
09 Nature Camp Week 4 @ 8:30am-12pm & 1-4:30pm Turtle Time @ 4-4:30pm	10 WGW: Tree Ring Magnets @ 10am-4pm	11	12	13 Turtle Time @ 2-2:30pm
16 Wilderness Survival Camp Week 5 @ 8:30am-12pm & 1-4:30pm Turtle Time @ 4-4:30pm	17 WGW: Food Web with Stickers @ 10am-4pm	18	19	20 Story Tails @ 10:30-11:30am Turtle Time @ 2-2:30pm
23 Wilderness Survival Camp Week 6 @ 8:30am-12pm & 1-4:30pm Turtle Time @ 4-4:30pm	24 WGW: Sensory Scavenger Hunt Wheel @ 10am-4pm	25	26	27 Turtle Time @ 2-2:30
30 Turtle Time @ 4-4:30pm	31 WGW: Camouflage Art @ 10am-4pm	01	02	03



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PROGRAMS



ADULT ART IN NATURE

*Adult art classes on various art and nature themed projects. Topics include natural collages, scientific illustration, spice art, and more!



ARTS FOR HEARTS DIY WORKSHOPS

*The Arts for Hearts organization regularly holds DIY classes and workshops at the Nature Center for various age groups.



BIRD WATCHING

*Join us to learn the basics of bird watching, as well as tips for identifying native bird species! Binoculars provided.



BUG COLLECTING

*Learn identification techniques while temporarily collecting insects to identify and study.



DIY GARDEN SERIES

Learn all about gardening here in Middle Tennessee. Whether in raised beds or in-ground, natives or veggies, we'll teach it all in this comprehensive series!



DIY TINY TERRARIUM WORKSHOP

*Bring a container and learn how to build a terrarium with a variety of natural materials.

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DIY WORKSHOPS

*We host a variety of DIY Workshops throughout the year! Topics can include card making, crafting projects, and more!



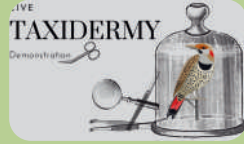
EARTH DAY PLANT SWAP

This annual swap is a friendly get-together for trading and giving away cuttings, plants, cacti, seeds, and more!



GUIDED HIKES

*Walk our trails with an experienced trail guide who will point out native species along the way. Topics include herpetology, botany, birds, and more!



LIVE TAXIDERMY DEMOS

*Come watch a trained taxidermist work on a bird specimen from start to finish.



NATURE CAMP

*Nature Camp is a 5 day, half-day camp all about nature! Kids will live a day in the life of a biologist. For ages 6-8, 8-11, and 12-16.



NATURE JOURNALING

*Create your own nature journal and learn to record observations and preserve foliage.

PROGRAMS



ORIENTEERING CLINIC

*A beginners course led by the Nashville Orienteering Club, leading participants to use a compass and read a typography map.



POLLINATOR COUNT DAY

Get your species list and guide on how you can help inventory pollinators at the Park! This data is submitted to gain a better idea of the biodiversity in Rotary Park.



POLLINATOR GARDEN TOURS

Join us for a tour of our pollinator and rain garden! Learn about what makes this garden special!



PUZZLE PALOOZA

*We provide the puzzles, you bring your team to compete! The fastest to complete their puzzle wins a prize!



READING ROUNDUP

*A monthly story time sponsored by The Blue Star Families of Tennessee and an Arts for Hearts craft program. Books, snacks and materials provided.



SPRING BREAK ANIMAL WEEK

*This week is all about live animals including things with wings, insects, domestic animals, and reptiles.

PROGRAMS



STORY TAILS

*Bring the little ones (6m-6y) for singing, dancing, reading and learning about nature! A new theme each month.



SURVIVAL SKILLS FOR FAMILIES

*Bring the whole family to learn how to get yourselves saved from a variety of situations.



TURTLE TIME

Penny, our Eastern Box Turtle, can be found around the campus getting her daily exercise. Learn about what makes these turtles special!



WE GROW WEDNESDAY

Wednesdays from mid-March to the end of September are dedicated to drop-in crafting activities geared towards ages 6 and under.



WILDFLOWER WALKS

*Participants are invited to join us throughout the season, as each new week introduces entirely new wildflowers!



WILDERNESS SURVIVAL CAMP

*Wilderness Survival Camp is a 5 day, half-day camp all about building skills to survive in the wilderness. For ages 10-16.

PROGRAMS

COMMUNITY GARDEN SCHEDULE



April 17, 10 AM -12 PM
May 1, 15, 29, 10 AM -12 PM
June & July, Summer camps take over larva counting
July 31, 9 AM - 11AM
August 10, 24, 9 AM-11 AM
September 14, 28, 9 AM-11 AM
October 12, 9 AM-11AM

MONARCH MONITORING SCHEDULE

Wednesdays, April 17-May 29,
12 PM-1PM

June & July, Summer camps take over larva counting

Wednesdays, July 31-October 9,
11 AM-12 PM



ROTATING ART EXHIBITS

2024
ART EXHIBITS
@ THE WADE BOURNE NATURE CENTER

Jan 23-April 20	May 1-July 26	Aug 6-Nov 11
Annalee Parker & Daniela Thomas	Midnight Dahlia Studios	Montgomery Academy Students

<https://mcgtn.org/parks/events-and-programs>



Annalee Parker & D.C. Thomas
Jan 23-April 20

Midnight Dahlia Studios
May 1-July 26

Montgomery Academy Students
August 6-November 11

VOLUNTEERS

Whether you need service hours for an organization or want to serve your local park, we have many opportunities for you to get involved! Scan the QR code below to register.



Scan QR Code
Select "Nature Center Programs"
& "Nature Center Volunteer Inquiry"
You will need to make an account for the first log in.



VOLUNTEER
Program, 2024

Contact:
NatureCenter@mcgtn.net
(931)648-5732
<https://secure.rec1.com/TN/montgomery-county-parks-recreation/catalog>

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BORROW BINOCULARS

The Wade Bourne Nature Center Foundation is generously sponsoring the new binocular checkout program. Simply fill out a request with your preferred time and day and you can pick them up from the Nature Center reception desk. There is no cost for this program, we simply ask you return the set before 4 pm T-F and by 2 pm on Saturdays.



Register Here

HOW TO REGISTER

Create a CivicRec Account

1. Go to: <https://secure.rec1.com/TN/montgomery-county-parks-recreation/catalog> OR Scan the QR code.
2. Select Login/Create Account in the upper left corner, then select Create Your Montgomery County Account.
3. On mobile devices, select Account in the upper right corner and click Sign Up.
4. Fill out the required information.
5. To receive text alerts (i.e. class cancellations, facility closings), indicate your mobile carrier next to your cell number.
6. To receive program and event announcements, opt-in to receive all communication types (courtesy notifications, critical announcements, upcoming events).
7. Additional household members (spouse, children, etc.) may be added at any time in your Account Settings. Keep your entire household on one account!
8. Browse our catalog for our facility rentals for your upcoming events and make a reservation online!
9. **For our users convenience, if you have an account with City of Clarksville Parks and Recreation, you will use the same log-in information**

Register for a Program or Volunteer Opportunity

1. Select the catalog tab ACTIVITIES.
2. Browse for the program/activity you are interested in and select it.
3. Make sure to select the correct account member(s) before adding it to your cart. This can be found on the right-hand side of the screen, where it says ACCOUNT MEMBERS.
4. Once the program/activity has been added to your cart, click checkout to finish your transaction.
5. A series of prompts/waivers will follow that need to be answered and signed.
6. Complete the transaction. A confirmation receipt will be issued at the end of the transaction as proof of your registration.



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HOW TO REGISTER (CON'T)

Reserve a Field or Facility

1. Select the catalog tab associated with the facility you would like to reserve space at.
2. Browse for the field/room/space you are interested in and select it.
3. Browse the calendar to choose your reservation date. If a space is available, it will show up as GREEN on the calendar, if it is unavailable, it will show up as YELLOW/GRAY on the calendar.
4. Once the date is selected, select the rate and time range for the rental.
5. Once the rental space has been added to your cart, click checkout to finish your transaction.
6. A series of prompts/waivers will follow that need to be answered and signed.
7. Complete the transaction. A confirmation receipt will be issued at the end of the transaction as proof of your registration.



**Reserve Facilities &
Register for Programs Here**



FIELD TRIPS

WADE BOURNE NATURE CENTER

- We have several activities to choose from depending on your needs. The maximum number of students who can attend each day is 75.
- We require you to bring a minimum of one chaperone per every 15 students if you plan to come inside the Nature Center.
- Requested activities may not be available depending on the day, weather, and/or personnel availability.



NATURE CENTER LED ACTIVITIES



Bird Beak Experiment



Mammals of Montgomery County



Community Garden



Bird Watching



Taxidermy Demonstration



Critter Crawl



Adaptation Creation



Habitat Building, Amphibians & Reptiles



Guided Hike



Scientific Drawing



Turtle Time

SELF-GUIDED ACTIVITIES



Outdoor Nature Play



Hiking on the Trails



Nature Journals/Leaf Pressing



Reading Circle



Blue Bird Trail Hunt



Creek Hunt



Exhibit Discovery Guides



Educational Panels Scavenger Hunt



Pollinator Count/ Pollinator BINGO



Bug Collecting




Geocaching: Maps & Navigation

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