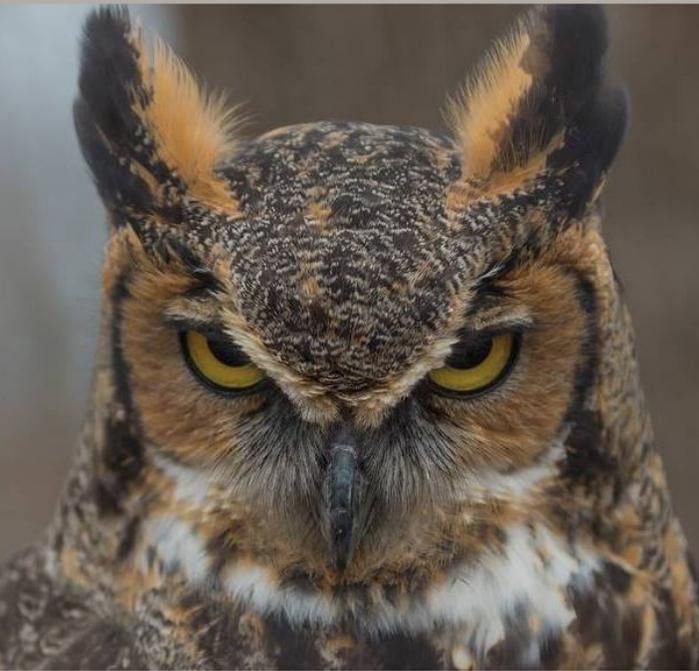


ABOUT TNP



The Tennessee Naturalist Program (TNP) is an independent 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization incorporated in 2010. TNP's educational courses are designed to introduce Tennessee's natural history to interested adults. Graduates join a critical corps of Tennessee Naturalist volunteers providing education, outreach, and service dedicated to the appreciation, understanding, beneficial management, and preservation of natural resources and natural areas in Tennessee. Tennessee Naturalists participate in many different types of volunteer activities. Examples include helping a nature outreach program at a park, museum, nature center or school; assisting the collection of scientific data for a bird census, water quality assessment, or rare plant monitoring; and working with trail maintenance or habitat restoration projects.

OUR CHAPTERS

AUDUBON ACRES

chattanoogaaudubon.org

BAYS MOUNTAIN PARK AND PLANETARIUM

baysmountain.com

BEAMAN PARK NATURE CENTER

beamanpark.nashville.gov

CUMMINS FALLS STATE PARK

tnstateparks.com/parks/cummins-falls

DISCOVERY PARK OF AMERICA

discoveryparkofamerica.com

FROZEN HEAD STATE PARK

tnstateparks.com/parks/frozen-head

IJAMS NATURE CENTER

ijams.org

LONG HUNTER STATE PARK

tnstateparks.com/parks/long-hunter

MEMPHIS CHAPTER AT PINECREST

camppinecrest.org

MURFREESBORO PARKS AT BARFIELD

murfreesborotn.gov/203/Outdoor-Murfreesboro

OWL'S HILL NATURE SANCTUARY

owlshill.org

PARIS LANDING STATE PARK & TN NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

tnstateparks.com/parks/paris-landing
fws.gov/refuge/tennessee

SEVEN ISLANDS STATE BIRDING PARK

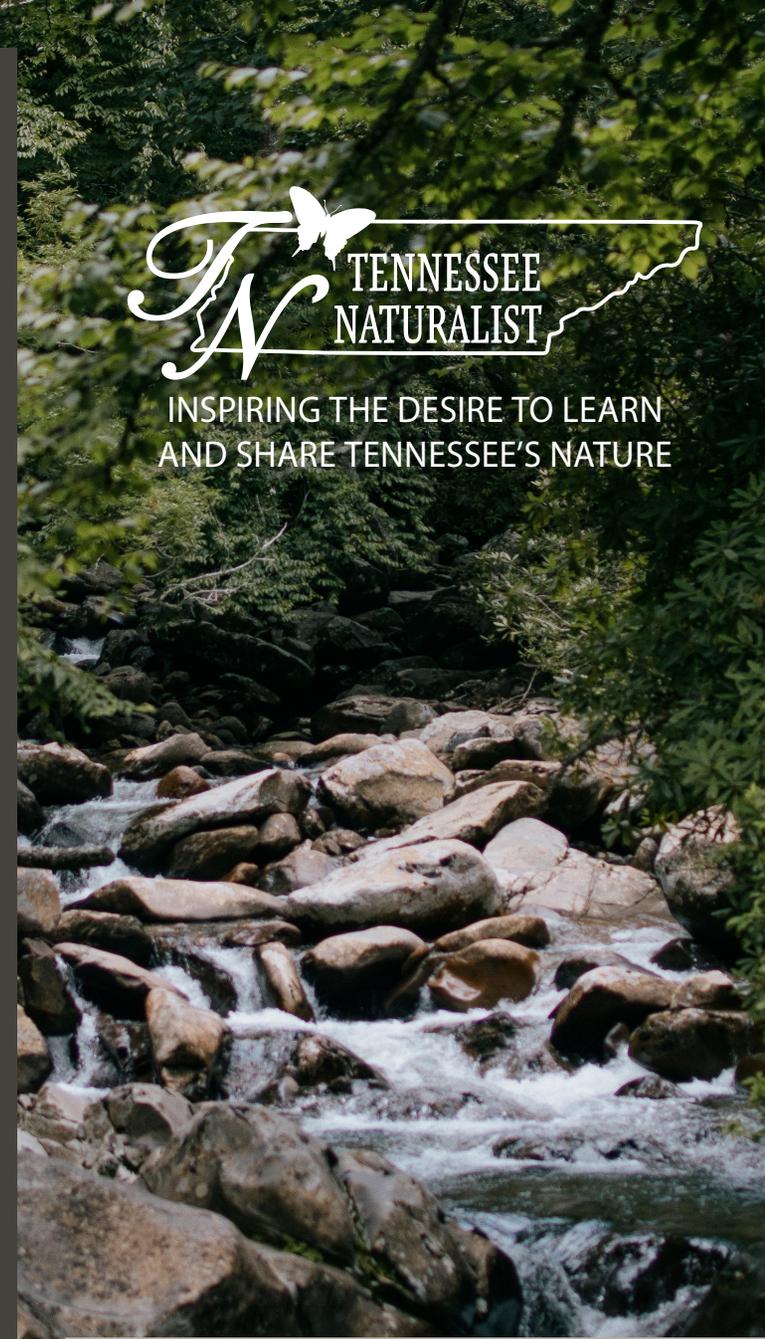
tnstateparks.com/parks/seven-islands

SOUTH CUMBERLAND STATE PARK

tnstateparks.com/parks/south-cumberland
friendsofsouthcumberland.org



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PROGRAM BASICS

The Tennessee Naturalist Program (TNP) provides a 10-class core course. The core course consists of a minimum of 40 hours of instruction, half in the classroom and half in the field. To become a certified Tennessee Naturalist, students must complete the classroom and field portions and perform a minimum of 40 hours of volunteer service. Participants take the core course at a TNP-designated chapter. These chapters set their own class schedules and engage local experts to lead the classes. There are TNP chapters across the state through agreements with individual state parks, municipal parks, and independent nature centers.

VOLUNTEER HOURS

Volunteer hours must fall within these categories:

1. Environmental Education
2. Community (Citizen) or Participatory Science
3. Stewardship
4. TNP/Chapter Support
5. Administrative Support



OUR MISSION

To teach Tennesseans about their natural world, inspire the desire to learn more, instill an appreciation of responsible environmental stewardship, and channel volunteer efforts toward education of the general public and conservation of Tennessee's natural resources.

COURSE CONTENT

TNP's core course explores a wide range of natural history disciplines and features carefully curated educational materials tailored to Tennessee. Twin goals of the course are to foster an ethic of environmental stewardship and to prepare naturalists for volunteer activities. Class instruction, led by local experts, features these main topics:

1. Naturalist Skills
2. Geology and Ecology
3. Rivers, Wetlands and Aquatic Communities
4. Insects and Other Invertebrates
5. Forests and Woody Plants
6. Plants and Fungi
7. Birds
8. Mammals
9. Reptiles and Amphibians
10. Nocturnal Nature and Astronomy

ENROLLMENT

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