



**Tennessee Naturalist Program
Bays Mountain Park and Planetarium Chapter
2026 Core Course Schedule**

The Bays Mountain chapter typically meets weekly on Saturdays in the fall. Note that the chapter determines their own schedule and the schedule is subject to change year to year. To schedule a make-up class, contact chapter coordinator Laura Ellis at lauraellis@kingsporttn.gov.

Class Name	Date and Time
Becoming a Naturalist: Scope, Skills, and Service	Saturday, August 1 10:00am-3:00pm ET
Geology and Ecology: Foundation and Context	Saturday, August 8 10:00am-3:00pm ET
Tennessee Mammals: Creatures of Habitat	Saturday, August 15 10:00am-2:00pm ET
Tennessee Forests: Seeing the Forest and the Trees	Saturday, August 22 10:00am-2:00pm ET
Tennessee Reptiles and Amphibians: Scutes, Scales, and Skin	Saturday, August 29 10:00am-2:00pm ET
Birds of Tennessee: Feathered Fauna	Saturday, September 12 9:00am-1:00pm ET
The World of Invertebrates: Pollinators, Predators, and Pests	Saturday, September 19 10:00am-2:00pm ET
Forbs, Ferns, Mosses, and More: Plants and Fungi of Tennessee	Saturday, October 3 10:00am-2:00pm ET
Tennessee's Living Waters: Rivers, Wetlands, and Watersheds	Saturday, October 10 10:00am-2:00pm ET
Nocturnal Naturalist: Darkness Is Habitat	Saturday, October 17 5:00pm-9:00pm ET