



19th Annual Take-A-Hike Week



Monday, April 14– Friday, April 18, 2025

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- *All programs meet at the Overbrook Nature Center. Meet the Heckscher WILD! animals will be held in the Otter Outdoor Classroom unless the weather is inclement. In that case, the program location will be available at the gate on the day of the program.
- *All programs are free with admission except for Solar System & the Night Sky on Friday
- *Preregistration is recommended for Solar System & Night Sky. Tickets, if available, will be sold at the door.
- *Programs will be about 35-40 minutes

ONGOING & SELF-GUIDED OPTIONS

- *New Wheels in the Woods self-guided trail (available at Overbrook)
- *Orange Adventure Trail
- *Self-guided Crafts at the Overbrook Nature Center (10-2 Monday-Thursday)



Site Map & Trails Map

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GUIDED PROGRAMS

MONDAY APRIL 14

11:30 a.m. **The Secret Pond: Vernal Pools**

Join us for a special spring-time expedition as we venture up into the hills above the nature center and explore one of our best-kept secrets, the vernal pools! These ponds are home to some of our most special native animals, including some friends who are just starting to grow their legs! You already have yours, so grab a net and come with us as we explore the vernal pools and meet some of our most secret SM&NC spring residents.

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2:30 p.m. Bird Color Scavenger Hunt

From the black cap of a chickadee to the red on the heads of many woodpeckers, birds come in a lot of different colors! We'll hit the trails for a scavenger hunt to see how many colors we can find on birds. We'll keep an eye out for some colorful spring warblers too! We'll make a bird journal to take home too!

3:30 p.m. Meet the Heckscher WILD! animals

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TUESDAY, APRIL 15

10:30 a.m. Life under Leaf Litter & Logs

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1:00 p.m. Follow the River

How does a forest impact an ocean? Find out while following Poorhouse Brook. Learn about watersheds and how the entire world is connected through the waterways.

2:00 p.m. Fiber to Wool Walk

Which farm animals provide fiber for socks and sweaters? Join us to meet our fiber animals—llamas, alpacas, and sheep—and see how we use their fiber to produce yarn and other products. We'll say hello to our new spring lambs as well!

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10:00 a.m. Tree-t Yourself!

Join Joshua, our resident tree enthusiast, for a hike through SMNC's woodland trails, observing and enjoying the incredible trees that make up our landscape. Learn a little about tree identification, ecology, and anatomy, while we discuss how we should all love trees more than we already do! The hike will be slightly hilly, with some mildly bumpy terrain.

11:00 a.m. Hopping for Herpetology

Come with our naturalist Niall on a scaly/slimy excursion through the forest and learn all about the wonders of reptiles and amphibians. From the slithering snakes to the hopping frogs, it's going to be a wild time!

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11:00 a.m. Animal Tracks & Traces

Who made that track? Who left that scat? Let's be animal detectives by searching for the signs that animals leave behind! We'll look and listen to see who is in the forest!

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1:30 p.m. Building and Tools in Nature

Children will learn about how different animals use aspects of nature to build their homes and use tools to help in their everyday lives. Then, help to build some "gnome homes" and shelters with materials in the woods.

3:45 p.m. Solar System & Night Sky* (ticketed event, limited seating, no strollers)

Explore our solar system this last year in our current planetarium! Recommended for ages 5 and up. Please, no light up shoes allowed in planetarium.