



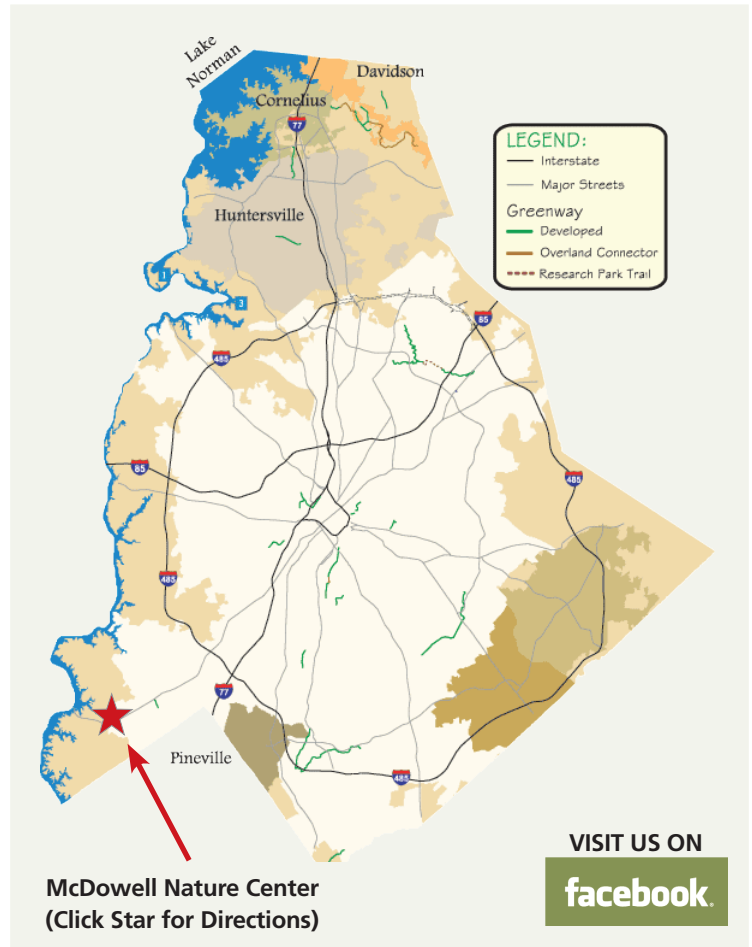
Nature

McDowell Nature Center

15222 York Road • Charlotte • 704-588-5224 • Open Mon-Sat, 9:00am to 5:00pm and Sun 1:00pm to 5:00pm

The McDowell Nature Center serves as the gateway to the 1,107 acre McDowell Nature Preserve and is the source for educational programs and information on the preserve's natural communities, flora and fauna. The preserve, the oldest in Mecklenburg County, has been left 90% undeveloped and protects mostly forested, rolling terrain along the banks of Lake Wylie.

- **Covers 1,107 Acres**
- **Indoor Nature Center**
- **56-Site Campground**
- **Copperhead Island - Fishing and Boating Access, Primitive Group Camping**
- **7 Miles of Hiking Trails**
- **Playgrounds**
- **Picnic Areas**
- **Wildlife Viewing Opportunities**



The McDowell Nature Center is a proud member of the North Carolina Association of Environmental Education Centers and supports Environmental Educators of North Carolina. The Nature Center is recognized as a WNCW Oasis and accepts the Oasis member discount card for gift shop purchases. The Nature Center is also a member of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Water Quality Coalition, is a certified National Wildlife Federation Backyard Habitat, participates in the Groundwater Guardian program and serves as an ambassador for Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology's Project FeederWatch.



Summer 2014 Programs & Activities





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Nature Center

Preschool Explorer Series

Little ones and adults will discover nature together through crafts, games, songs, animal encounters, and outdoor exploration. Each week features a different theme – try one to start or sign up for them all! Registration required.

Ages 2 to 5 **\$3.00**

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Lovely Ladybugs

#58534 Jun 13 Fri 10:00am to 10:45am

#58535 Jun 13 Fri 11:00am to 11:45am

Totally Turtles

#58536 Jun 20 Fri 10:00am to 10:45am

#58537 Jun 20 Fri 11:00am to 11:45am

Snail Tales

#58538 Jul 11 Fri 10:00am to 10:45am

#58539 Jul 11 Fri 11:00am to 11:45am

Marvelous Moths

#58540 Jul 25 Fri 10:00am to 10:45am

#58541 Jul 25 Fri 11:00am to 11:45am

Busy Bees

#58542 Aug 15 Fri 10:00am to 10:45am

#58543 Aug 15 Fri 11:00am to 11:45am

Fantastic Fish

#58544 Aug 29 Fri 10:00am to 10:45am

#58545 Aug 29 Fri 11:00am to 11:45am



McDowell Craft Corner (Formerly Nature's Artists)

Join us for an afternoon of crafty fun at the McDowell Nature Center. Each program will vary with the opportunity for children to create two or more nature-inspired crafts such as bird houses, picture frames, refrigerator magnets, collages, and much more. Registration required.

Ages 5 and up **FREE**

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#58546 Jun 7 Sat 3:00pm to 3:45pm

#58547 Jun 22 Sun 3:00pm to 3:45pm

#58548 Jul 5 Sat 3:00pm to 3:45pm

#58549 Jul 20 Sun 3:00pm to 3:45pm

#58550 Aug 2 Sat 3:00pm to 3:45pm

#58551 Aug 17 Sun 3:00pm to 3:45pm

McDowell Nature Center Volunteer Corps!

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to work at a nature center? Do you enjoy doing service for your community? Are you interested in learning about animal husbandry? Are you a new volunteer needing to attend an orientation? If you can answer yes to one or more of these questions, then sign-up to learn more at the McDowell Nature Center. We have lots of opportunities including animal care, docent, greenhouse care, and administrative services. Registration required.

Ages 16 and up **FREE**

McDowell Nature Center

#58552 Jun 7 Sat 10:00am to 12:00pm

#58553 Jul 5 Sat 10:00am to 12:00pm

#58554 Aug 2 Sat 10:00am to 12:00pm

For More Information or to Register Visit

www.parkandrec.com

Nature Creations

Take a walk on the natural side with us as we collect items from nature to create wonderful works of art. We will create whimsical boats, faces, flowers, collages, forts and many other wonderful creations out and about the preserve. Registration required.

Ages 4 and up **FREE**

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Bark Boats

#58714 Jun 3 Tue 3:30pm to 4:30pm

Gnome Homes

#58715 Jul 8 Tue 3:30pm to 4:30pm

Tree Faces

#58716 Jul 15 Tue 3:30pm to 4:30pm

Toad Abodes

#58717 Aug 16 Sat 3:30pm to 4:30pm



Nature Scavenger Hunt

Scavenger hunts are a great way to take in nature and see things that you may not have noticed before! Each month will be a different collection of items to locate. Come and join us! Registration required.

Ages 4 and up **FREE**

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#58718 Jun 13 Fri 2:30pm to 3:30pm

#58719 Jul 10 Thu 2:30pm to 3:30pm

#58720 Jul 17 Thu 2:30pm to 3:30pm



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Butterfly and Dragonfly Hike

The prairie at McDowell is a great place to find butterflies and dragonflies. Join us and learn to identify several of the beautiful species that call McDowell their home.

Registration required.

Ages 6 and up **FREE**

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#58766 Jul 13 Sun 4:00pm to 5:00pm
#58767 Aug 24 Sun 4:00pm to 5:00pm

Night Insects

Have you ever noticed that insects like to fly around lights? Come and join us as we intentionally lure in night insects with light and with a method called "sugaring". This is a must for anyone interested in insects and also for those who are just interested in the wonderful natural world we live in. Registration required by 5:00pm the day of the program.

Ages 10 and up **FREE**

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#58722 Jun 2 Mon 8:00pm to 10:00pm
#58723 Jul 15 Tue 8:00pm to 10:00pm

Outdoor Recreation

Lake Wylie Family Kayak Tour

Paddle the border of the Carolinas with views of the Buster Boyd Bridge, Copperhead Island, and more. All equipment and instruction provided. Children ages 5-9 are required to share a tandem kayak with an adult. Registration required.

Ages 5 and up **\$15.00 (single) or \$20.00 (tandem)**

Waterfront Deck Programming Area

#58396 (single) Jul 5 Sat 9:30am to 11:30am
#58397 (tandem) Jul 5 Sat 9:30am to 11:30am
#58398 (single) Jul 5 Sat 1:30pm to 3:30pm
#58399 (tandem) Jul 5 Sat 1:30pm to 3:30pm
#58400 (single) Jul 12 Sat 9:30am to 11:30am
#58401 (tandem) Jul 12 Sat 9:30am to 11:30am
#58402 (single) Jul 26 Sat 9:30am to 11:30am
#58403 (tandem) Jul 26 Sat 9:30am to 11:30am
#58404 (single) Aug 30 Sat 9:30am to 11:30am
#58405 (tandem) Aug 30 Sat 9:30am to 11:30am
#58406 (single) Aug 31 Sun 9:30am to 11:30am
#58407 (tandem) Aug 31 Sun 9:30am to 11:30am

Lake Wylie Evening Kayak Tour

Join us for a relaxing but fun kayak tour with McDowell's paddle guides. Learn the basics of flat-water kayaking and some of the history of the Lake Wylie area. Registration required.

Ages 16 and up **\$15.00**

Waterfront Deck Programming Area

#58408 Jun 4 Wed 6:30pm to 8:30pm
#58409 Jun 6 Fri 6:30pm to 8:30pm
#58410 Jun 18 Wed 6:30pm to 8:30pm
#58411 Jun 25 Wed 6:30pm to 8:30pm
#58412 Jun 27 Fri 6:30pm to 8:30pm
#58413 Jul 2 Wed 6:30pm to 8:30pm
#58414 Jul 9 Wed 6:30pm to 8:30pm
#58415 Jul 11 Fri 6:30pm to 8:30pm
#58416 Jul 16 Wed 6:30pm to 8:30pm
#58417 Jul 18 Fri 6:30pm to 8:30pm
#58418 Jul 23 Wed 6:30pm to 8:30pm
#58419 Jul 25 Fri 6:30pm to 8:30pm
#58420 Jul 30 Wed 6:30pm to 8:30pm
#58421 Aug 6 Wed 6:30pm to 8:30pm
#58422 Aug 8 Fri 6:30pm to 8:30pm



Outdoor Skills

This combination of lecture and hands-on skill practice will provide learning and discussion opportunities for all skill levels. Learn from the mistakes of others and be prepared when you enter into the wild. Registration required.

Ages 14 and up **\$3.00**

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The 7 Priorities of Wilderness Survival

#58423 Jul 12 Sat 2:00pm to 5:00pm

#58424 Aug 30 Sat 2:00pm to 5:00pm

Wilderness Emergencies

#58425 Jul 26 Sat 2:00pm to 5:00pm

#58427 Aug 31 Sun 2:00pm to 5:00pm

McDowell Senior Day Trips

Spend a fun day out and about with our outdoor recreation specialists.

Ages 55 and up **\$12.00**

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Destination: McDowell Nature Preserve

#58724 Jul 10 Thu 9:00am to 12:00pm

Destination: The Schiele Museum

#58725 Jul 24 Thu 9:00am to 5:00pm

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(Hot) Yoga in the Preserve

Enjoy a summer day practicing Vinyasa outside in our peaceful preserve. We will meet at the Nature Center and take a short walk together to a secret yoga platform in the woods. Breathe in the fresh air and embrace the power of nature. Prior yoga experience is helpful, but not completely necessary. Please bring your own mat and exact change. *(Location is subject to change due to inclement weather. Please call the Nature Center for details.)*

Ages 16 and up **\$5.00**

McDowell Nature Center - please call for exact location

#58434 Aug 25 Mon 11:00am to 12:00pm

Kayak Water Study

Explore basic Earth Science concepts and riparian education involving hands on activities that encourage stewardship at the local level. Participants will paddle in kayaks for the first hour while collecting samples for testing. The second hour we will conduct water quality analysis testing on our samples. Concepts covered will be: Investigating, Measuring, Documenting and Reporting. Registration required.

Ages 12 and up **\$15.00**

Waterfront Deck Programming Area

#58479 Jul 19 Sat 9:00am to 11:00am

#58480 Aug 9 Sat 9:00am to 11:00am

Hiking with Hounds

Learn about dog etiquette on the trails while enjoying a hike with your beloved K-9 companion and a McDowell Nature Center staff member. Registration required.

All Ages **FREE**

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#58527 Jun 15 Sun 3:00pm to 4:00pm

#58528 Jun 29 Sun 3:00pm to 4:00pm

#58529 Jul 13 Sun 3:00pm to 4:00pm

#58530 Jul 27 Sun 3:00pm to 4:00pm

#58531 Aug 10 Sun 3:00pm to 4:00pm

Lake Wylie Clean Up

Participate in a day of stewardship with our staff by cleaning up the shores of Lake Wylie. After all your hard work, enjoy a lunch on us! Registration required.

All Ages **FREE**

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#58533 Jun 28 Sat 10:00am to 1:00pm

Summer Camps

Family Adventure Camp

Explore the great outdoors and learn the skills you need to do so... fire building, fishing, kayaking, and campfire cooking. Cap off the experience with an overnight campout - tell stories, roast s'mores, and take a night time wagon ride before falling asleep in your private family tent. All gear and campout meals (dinner Friday and breakfast Saturday) are provided. Additional friends or family are welcome to join in the Friday evening cookout and wagon ride for a small fee. Registration required.

Ages 5 and up **\$65.00 per person**

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#53725 Aug 7 Thu 9:00am to 4:00pm

Aug 8-9 9:00am Fri to 10:00am Sat



McDowell Survival Camp

Pre-teens who are ready for bigger adventures can expect to climb mountains, paddle lakes, cook their own food and discover new places. This summer, a survival challenge will put campers to the test! As always, animal encounters, games, and creative play time are part of the camp experience. Registration required.

Ages 10 to 12 **\$160.00**

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#53375 Aug 18-22 Mon-Fri 9:00am to 4:00pm

Green Crusaders

Will you complete the quest toward sustainability? Can you harness the energy of the sun and wind? Will you stay afloat in your recycled boat? Witness cutting-edge sustainable solutions in action during field trips to local businesses, then use your ingenuity and creativity to invent new ways to go green. Registration required.

Ages 13 to 18 **\$120.00**

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#53376 Jun 30-Jul 3 Mon-Thu 9:00am to 4:00pm



Register 1 of 3 Ways:

Registration is required for most programs whether or not there is a fee. *Select an option:*

1. **CLICK on Eparks** at www.parkandrec.com and use the course code number.
2. **CALL 311 (704-336-7600)** or the number listed for that program.
3. **COME to the location** where the program is offered.

Recreation & Nature Center addresses and phone numbers listed on pgs. 32, 36 and 39. Phone and Web registration requires payment with Visa or MasterCard only.

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