

Reedy Creek Nature Center



2900 Rocky River Road,
Charlotte, NC 28215
704.598.8857

Open Mon-Sat 9:00 am to 5:00pm,
Sun 1:00pm to 5:00pm

All programs meet at Reedy
Creek Nature Center unless
otherwise noted.

Family Nature Explore Club: A "Shady" Color Adventure

Nature is filled with thousands of shades of green. Some of these shades are created by shadows. If you look closely, the light of the sun creates shadows. Let's go out and look more closely!
All Ages • **FREE** •
#26744 Sep 21 W 1:30pm to 3:30pm

Evening Nature Stroll

Join a naturalist on a stroll through the preserve after hours. Discover the secrets of nature at night. We may hear an owl or see a beaver...who knows what the night will bring. Participants must be able to hike 2 - 3 miles on uneven terrain.
Ages 5 and up • **FREE** •
#26745 Sep 21 W 7:00pm to 8:30pm

Take a Child Outside Week: Reedy Creek Family Fishing Derby

Let's go fishing! Reedy Creek Nature Preserve is hosting a Family Fishing Derby. Bring the whole family to enjoy this wonderful outdoor adventure. All children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian, and all participants must provide their own fishing equipment and bait. All fishing adults must have a North Carolina Fishing License. Registration is required.
Age 3 to 15 • **FREE** •
#26747 Sep 24 Sa 9:00am to 12:00pm



Hike for Your Health

Get outside, get moving, get healthy! Fresh air, sunshine, beautiful surroundings and wonderful people are included! This is a medium to fast pace walk.
Ages 12 and up • **FREE** •
#26729 Every Tuesday 5:00pm to 6:00pm

Yoga in the Preserve

Slow down and breathe while surrounded by the sights and sounds of nature. This is a gentle flow style class. No experience needed.
Ages 16 and up - \$8/drop-in or \$25/4 class pass
Every Tuesday 6:15pm to 7:15pm

100 mile Hike Club

Ready for a challenge? Come hike a hundred miles, register for our hikes throughout the year and earn credit miles to earn a t-shirt, patch, and more. Membership to the club is FREE but each hike may have a small fee and registration is required for each hike. Any naturalist led hike counts towards your credit miles. A staff signature is required for credit.
All ages • **FREE** •
#26758 Ongoing

End of Summer Campfire

Celebrate the end of summer with a campfire at Reedy Creek Nature Preserve! We will say goodbye to the summer with stories, marshmallows and music. Bring an instrument, your voice or just your ears and join in the fun!
All ages • **FREE** •
#26731 Sep 23 Th 6:00pm to 8:00pm

Kayaking 101

If you have never been on a kayak and want to learn the basics this is the right program for you. We will go over the basic paddle strokes and safety before launching the boats on Dragonfly Pond where you can get familiar with the gear and experience nature on a new way. No experience is required; bring shoes that can get wet and be secured to your feet.
Ages 12 and up - \$12
#26732 Sep 3 Sa 9:30am to 11:00am

Medicinal Plant Hike

Learn about the medical uses of Reedy Creek's many native plant species as we explore the preserve. We will have a short introduction in the classroom then head outside! Participants must be able to hike up to 3 miles on uneven terrain.
Ages 8 and up • **FREE** •
#26733 Sep 4 Su 2:00pm to 4:00pm

Biodiversity Hike: Mt. Mitchell

Join us as we hike the highest peak east of the Mississippi! Spectacular views and beautiful fall weather await you! This will be a moderately strenuous hike on uneven terrain. Bring plenty of water, a bag lunch and wear comfortable hiking shoes.
Ages 16 and up - \$12
#26735 Sep 10 Sa 8:00am to 8:00pm

Composting Basics

Come and learn the basics of home composting in a 2 hour hands on workshop.
This • **FREE** • class will also cover soil management, toxicity reduction, mulching and grass cycling. Because the class is conducted outdoors, please dress appropriately for the weather.
For more information, or to register, visit or call us at 704 336 4304.
Sep 10 Sa 10:00am to 12:00pm

Mushroom Walk

Join a naturalist as we discover the exciting world of fungi! We will have a short introduction at the nature center and then head outdoors to see what we can find! Must be able to hike 1 mile on uneven terrain.
All ages • **FREE** •
#26734 Sep 11 Su 2:00pm to 3:00pm

Home School: Crustaceans

Investigate the lives of the shelly, leggy invertebrates in fresh and salt water and even on land. Take a close-up look at animals from tiny water fleas to crayfish.
Ages 12 and up - \$5.
#26736 Sep 12 M 3:30pm to 5:00pm

Nature's Play Group: Get in Touch with Trees

Come play with mud, sticks and all that is nature while making some new friends. We will meet in the nature explore zone rain or shine.
Get in touch with trees as we explore trees and their parts by using the sense of touch.
Age 0 to 5 • **FREE** •
#26737 Sep 13 Tu 10:30am to 11:30am

Home School: Touchy Feely Mud Pies

This messy and fun learning experience will introduce you to the soils that support our world. We will make mud pies in the creek. Come prepared to get wet!
Ages 5 to 7 - \$5.
#26738 Sep 13 Tu 1:30pm to 3:30pm

4H Home School Wildlife Club: Earthworm Composting

Get outside with 4-H Wildlife Programs! The club will meet twice a month on the second and fourth Tuesday at Reedy Creek Nature Center.
Worms at work! Recycle food scraps just by feeding the worms! Each participant will take home their very own worm bin.
Age 8 to 12 - \$5
#26739 Sep 13 Tu 1:30pm to 3:30pm

Family Nature Explore Club: Insect Hunt

Rachel Carson once said "If a child is to keep alive his inborn sense of wonder, he needs the companionship of at least one adult who can share it..." Don't let your child be on the list of endangered species from the outdoors. Go outside! So much is happening in the insect world that we may not notice if we don't look closely.
All Ages • **FREE** •
#26740 Sep 14 W 1:30pm to 3:30pm

Field Studies Excursion: Hawk Watch

Join us in our efforts to document the migration of hawks through Mecklenburg County and the country. We will examine hawks and the identification of the common species in flight. Participants will then be able to assist the count at Cowan's Ford Wildlife Refuge in Huntersville, NC throughout the migration season.
Adults • **FREE** •
#26741 Sep 15 Th 6:00pm to 8:30pm &
Sep 18 Su 12:00pm to 6:00pm

Stream Creatures

Learn what really lives in our streams and how important the creatures are to our ecology. We will walk in the stream and try to see some of these strange animals. Wear tough wading shoes!
Ages 8 and up • **FREE** •
#26742 Sep 17 Sa 2:30pm to 3:30pm

Nature's Play Group: Snake Rattle and Who!

Come play with mud, sticks and all that is nature while making some new friends. We will meet in the nature explore zone rain or shine. Come to the nature center and check out some snakes that live in the area.
Age 0 to 5 • **FREE** •
#26743 Sep 20 Tu 10:30am to 11:30am

Biodiversity Hike: Catawba Lands Conservancy

We don't have to travel far to discover the beauty of the outdoors. Join us as we explore some of the special properties that the CLC has fought to preserve. This will be a 5 - 6 mile easy to moderate hike on uneven terrain. Bring plenty of water, a bag lunch and wear comfortable hiking shoes.
Ages 16 and up - \$6
#26748 Sep 24 Sa 8:00am to 4:00pm

Slimy Snails and Slugs

Snails and slugs are an important part of our forest ecology. Learn to love these fascinating and slimy creatures when you get a closer look.
Ages 6 and up • **FREE** •
#26749 Sep 25 Su 1:00pm to 2:00pm

Family Walk in the Woods

Take your child for a walk in the Preserve for "Take a Child Outside Week". A naturalist will guide you and answer your nature questions. Give your child a sense of wonder about nature.
All ages (trails are not stroller accessible) • **FREE** •
#26750 Sep 25 Su 2:30pm to 4:30pm

Home School: Environmental Chemistry

What techniques do scientists use to study the environment? Acid rain, pollution, plant and animal nutrients - it is all chemistry! We will use chemistry in the lab to study environmental conditions.
Ages 12 and up - \$5
#26751 Sep 26 M 3:30pm to 5:00pm

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Nature's Play Group: Sounds Around

Come play with mud, sticks and all that is nature while making some new friends. We will meet in the nature explore zone rain or shine. Explore the sounds of nature and imitate with your own voices and instruments we make in class.

Age 0 to 5 • **FREE** •
#26754 Sep 27 T 10:30pm to 11:30pm

Home School: Bee an Insect

Celebrate Honey Month! We will learn insect anatomy and what makes bees so special. This class includes a craft.

Ages 5 to 7 - \$5
#26752 Sep 27 T 1:30pm to 3:30pm

4H Home School Wildlife Club:

Fishing Bait

Find out which baits and lures attract fish and find out why. We will have a casting contest and learn different techniques of fishing.

Age 8 to 12 - \$5
#26753 Sep 27 T 1:30pm to 3:30pm

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All Ages • **FREE** •
#26755 Sep 28 W 1:30pm to 3:30pm
#26763 Oct 5 W 1:30pm to 3:30pm
#26772 Oct 12 W 1:30pm to 3:30pm
#26784 Oct 26 W 1:30pm to 3:30pm
#26931 Nov 9 W 1:30pm to 3:30pm
#26937 Nov 16 W 1:30pm to 3:30pm
#26945 Nov 30 W 1:30pm to 3:30pm

Bookworms

Come for a nature lesson based around a children's storybook, and see and touch an interesting item from the Nature Center!

All Ages • **FREE** •
#26756 Sep 28 W 4:00pm to 4:30pm



NOTE

Many programs require registration and have limited space available. To ensure that you can participate, please register by calling 311 or 704.336.7600. All programs require pre-registration unless otherwise noted. For more information, call Reedy Creek Nature Center at 704.598.8857. You can also register online at www.parkandrec.com.

Black Light Insectigations

A night-time program to see what insects fly at night and are attracted to a black light. Moths, caddis flies, and beetles may appear!

All Ages, 2 hours • **FREE** •
#26757 Sep 30 F 7:00pm to 9:00pm

GLOBE: Hydrology and Climate Change

The Global Learning and Observations to Benefit the Environment (GLOBE) program is a worldwide hands-on, primary and secondary school-based science and education program. GLOBE's vision promotes and supports students, teachers and scientists to collaborate on inquiry-based investigations of the environment and the Earth system working in close partnership with NAS, NOAA and NSF in study and research about the dynamics of Earth's environment. To register please contact UNC Charlotte Center for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Education at 704-687-8816.

Adults - \$30 includes snacks materials, and dinner Thursday evening
Sep 29 Th 4:30pm to 8:30pm &
Oct 1 Sa 9:30am to 4:00pm

4-Mile Creek Greenway Big Sweep

at 4-Mile Creek Greenway Parking lot off Johnston Oehler Road I-485 exit

Big Sweep is a national based program to clean up lakes, rivers, and streams and increase awareness about the protection of these resources. Discover the dangers that litter poses to wildlife, then go out along the shoreline for a cooperative litter sweep. Ages 17 and under must be accompanied by an adult. For more information or to register as a N.C. Big Sweep volunteer, call Charlotte-Mecklenburg Storm Water Services at 311 or check the Web site. All participants must pre-register.

All Ages • **FREE** •
Oct 1 Sa 9:00am to 1:00pm

Nature's Play Group

Come play with mud, sticks and all that is nature while making some new Friends. We will meet in the nature explore zone rain or shine.

Age 0 to 5 • **FREE** •
#26759 Oct 4 Tu 10:30pm to 11:30pm
#26760 Oct 11 Tu 10:30pm to 11:30pm
#26761 Oct 18 Tu 10:30pm to 11:30pm
#26762 Oct 25 Tu 10:30pm to 11:30pm

Spiders: Original Webmasters

They may be crawly, but maybe not as creepy as you think. We will learn more about spiders and how they live. You will feel differently about squashing them after this program!

Ages 6 and up • **FREE** •
#26764 Oct 8 S 10:00 to 11:00am

Nature Scavenger Hunt

Join a naturalist for a nature scavenger hunt along the trails of the Reedy Creek Preserve. We will look closely for signs of nature you may not have noticed. Great fun too!

Ages 6 and up • **FREE** •
#26766 Oct 8 Sa 2:30pm to 3:30pm

Virginia Creeper Bike and Hike Adventure

Fall leaves, fantastic scenery and fast bikes! This is a definite destination for anyone who enjoys the outdoors. We will explore the area by foot and bicycle! No experience needed. The trip includes transportation, camping fees and gear and most meals. Participants must attend a pre-trip meeting on October 5 at 6 p.m.

Ages 16 and up - \$100
#26767 Oct 8 to 9 Sa 8:00am to Su 7:00pm

Home School: Green Invaders

Our country, including our area, is being overrun by invasive plants and animals! Learn which ones are invasive or merely exotic and how to recognize them. Learn the impact they have on our environment.

Ages 12 and up - \$5
#26768 Oct 10 M 3:30pm to 5:00pm

Home School: Watery World

The water cycle will come alive as we experiment with this magical substance. We will also venture outside to find the spots our favorite animals use when they're thirsty.

Ages 5 to 7 - \$5
#26769 Oct 11 Tu 1:30pm to 3:30pm

4H Home School Wildlife Club:

Nature's Footprints

Whose track is that? Come find out as we identify animal tracks throughout the preserve and make a cast to take home.

Age 8 to 12 - \$5
#26770 Oct 11 Tu 1:30pm to 3:30pm

Full Moon Hike

Discover the preserve after hours. We will explore the trails by the light of the moon. We may hear an owl or see a beaver...who knows what the night will bring. Participants must be able to hike 2 - 3 miles on uneven terrain.

Ages 5 and up • **FREE** •
#26771 Oct 12 W 7:00pm to 8:30pm

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Oct 15 S 10:00am to 12:00pm

Biodiversity Hike: Linville Gorge

This Month brings us back to the Linville Gorge area but this time we will hike the trail less traveled. Our journey of discovery will take us into the gorge as we hike along the Linville River. This is a moderately strenuous hike on uneven terrain. Bring plenty of water, a bag lunch and wear comfortable hiking shoes.

Ages 16 and up - \$12
#26774 Oct 22 Sa 8:00am to 7:00pm

Playful Pedagogy: Expanding Children's Potential Through Play

Playful Pedagogy's play training workshop explores the importance of play in children's lives and the art and science of supporting children's play outdoors. We will look at how play engages the brain and impacts well being while exploring creative approaches to planning for play and how adults working with children outdoors using methods employed in the play work profession. Playful, inspired, engaged adults can expand children's potential to explore and experience through play! This session combines hands-on activities and informal discussions.

Age 18 and up - \$50
#26778 Oct 22 Tu 9am to 2:00pm

Soil Dwellers: What's in the Dirt?

Do you know what dirt is made of? Or what lives there? Come find out with some experiments and a walk in the woods.

Ages 6 and up • **FREE** •
#26779 Oct 23 Su 1:00 to 2:00pm

Feeder Birds

Learn about the birds you can expect at your feeder this winter and how to attract them. Look at the difference in plumage from summer to winter and find out which are visitors in the winter months only.

All Ages • **FREE** •
#26780 Oct 23 Su 2:30pm to 3:30pm

Home School: Spiders and Arachnid Kin

Learn about spiders and other arachnids. These have interesting life cycles and habits that are both fascinating and scary. Do YOU know how a spider eats?

Ages 12 and up - \$5
#26781 Oct 24 M 3:30pm to 5:00pm

Home School: Owl Pellets

Do you know what owls eat? Learn about these fascinating nighttime creatures through owl pellet dissection and other fun activities.

Ages 5 to 7 - \$5
#26782 Oct 25 Tu 1:30pm to 3:30pm

4H Home School Wildlife Club: Tools for Archers

Come find out about archery and create your own bow and arrow from recycled materials. Safety first of course! We will review the proper techniques and dangers before aiming at our target.

Age 8 to 12 - \$5
#26783 Oct 25 Tu 1:30pm to 3:30pm

Project Food, Land & People

This workshop promotes approaches to learning to help people better understand the interrelationships among agriculture, the environment and people of the world. Educators, teachers, home school leaders, scout and 4H groups, this is for you! Snacks and light refreshments will be included.

Age 18 and up - \$3
#26785 Oct 28 F 9:00am to 4:00pm

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Creepy Crawly Celebration!

Celebrate all that's creepy and crawly Halloween weekend! Most creatures in our world are not warm and fuzzy, but that doesn't make them any less lovable. Come see for yourself how these creatures play an important role in our environment. Live animals, touch tanks, costume contest, marshmallow roast, and trick or treating included. FREE hot chocolate!

All Ages • **FREE** •
#26786 Oct 28 F 6:00pm to 9:00pm



Green Your Home

How can you contribute to our planet's health during your day to day life? Learn simple and inexpensive techniques to reduce your footprint and keep your family healthy.

Ages 12 and up • **FREE** •
#26787 Oct 30 Su 2:00pm to 3:00pm

Project Feeder Watch: Do it for the birds!

Seize this opportunity to give back to wildlife, become a Citizen Scientist! Your participation helps to gather important information to continue bird conservation efforts in North America. No experience or feeders needed!

All ages • **FREE** •
#26917 Nov 5 Sa 10:00am to 11:30am

Tracks & Scat

We don't always see the animals in the preserve but we do see what they leave behind. Join us as we explore the trails looking for tracks and scat. Must be able to hike 1 mile on uneven terrain. Pay \$1 and stay after to make your own track!

All ages • **FREE** •
#26919 Nov 5 Sa 2:00pm to 3:30pm

Home School: Feathered Flyers

Birds are familiar animals and beautiful to watch. Learn how their unique adaptations allow them to occupy particular habitats. Which ones migrate and how?

Ages 12 and up - \$5
#26920 Nov 7 M 3:30pm to 5:00pm

4H Home School Wildlife Club: Animal Appetites

How do animals know what to eat? We will investigate what adaptations and preferences animals have when it comes to eating.

Age 8 to 12 - \$5
#26921 Nov 8 Tu 1:30pm to 3:30pm

Home School: Shielding Shelter

We will learn about the importance of shelter for our wild friends. Along our habitat walk, we'll stop and build our own creative homes in the forest.

Ages 5 to 7 - \$5
#26922 Nov 8 Tu 1:30pm to 3:30pm

Nature's Play Group

Come play with mud, sticks and all that is nature while making some new friends. We will meet in the nature explore zone rain or shine.

Age 0 to 5 • **FREE** •
#26927 Nov 8 Tu 10:30pm to 11:30pm
#26928 Nov 15 Tu 10:30pm to 11:30pm
#26929 Nov 22 Tu 10:30pm to 11:30pm
#26930 Nov 29 Tu 10:30pm to 11:30pm

Book Club Discussion and Full Moon Hike: Rewilding North America by Dave Foreman

Join us for light refreshments as we discuss this thought provoking book. We will take our discussion to the trails as we appreciate the wilderness of Reedy Creek Nature Preserve. Participants must be able to hike 2 - 3 miles on uneven terrain.

Ages 16 and up • **FREE** •
#26932 Nov 10 Th 6:00pm to 8:00pm

Biodiversity Hike: Raven Rock State Park

Discover North Carolina State Parks! This unique park sits along the fall zone giving way to some amazing scenery. The park is named after Raven Rock, a crystalline structure that rises 150 feet and measures over a mile long! We will also enjoy a walk through a long leaf forest and a trip to a waterfall! This will be a moderately strenuous hike on uneven terrain. Bring plenty of water, a bag lunch and wear comfortable hiking shoes.

Ages 16 and up - \$12
#26933 Nov 12 Sa 8:00am to 8:00pm

Home Composting

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Ages 12 and up • **FREE** •
#26935 Nov 12 Sa 9:00am to 10:30am

Wormy Composting

Recycle all that kitchen waste and Mother Nature will provide FREE fertilizer! Find out how vermicomposting works and create your very own worm bin to take home with you. Your fertilizer will be ready in time for your spring garden!

All Ages - \$15
#26934 Nov 12 Sa 10:30am to 12:00pm

ELEE: Geology

Environmental education learning experiences (ELEE's) are educational programs held at NC State Parks and are correlated to the North Carolina Standard Course of Study. Competency goals in science, social studies, and mathematics and English/language arts are explored. Each program includes pre-visit, on-site and post-visit student activities that have measurable objectives, background information, vocabulary, references and step-by-step activity instructions. To register please contact UNC Charlotte Center for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Education at 704-687-8816.

Ages 18 and up \$30 includes snacks materials, and dinner Thursday evening
Nov 17 Th 4:30pm to 8:30pm &
Nov 19 Sa 9:30am to 4:00pm

Home School: Soil Science

What is dirt made of? Is there a difference in dirt of different colors? Is there good dirt and bad dirt? Answers to these and more from your experiments with soil.

Ages 12 and up - \$5
#26938 Nov 21 M 3:30pm to 5:00pm

Home School: Winter Wildlife

How do plants and animals cope with the cold winter months? Come to Reedy Creek for a close-up look at what is happening as the days get colder and shorter.

Ages 5 to 7 - \$5
#26940 Nov 22 Tu 1:30pm to 3:30pm

4H Home School Wildlife Club: Beavers: Ecosystem Engineers:

Get outside with 4-H Wildlife Programs! The club will meet twice a month on the second and fourth Tuesday at Reedy Creek Nature Center.

We will examine the benefits and problems that might result from those busy beavers.

Age 8 to 12 - \$5
#26939 Nov 22 Tu 1:30pm to 3:30pm

Walk off the Turkey Hike

Feeling like a stuffed turkey after all the holiday festivities? Join us for a moderately fast fitness hike to work off that holiday meal! The morning hike will be a faster hike of about 4 miles. The afternoon hike will be a moderately paced hike of about 2 miles.

All Ages • **FREE** •
#26942 Nov 25 F 10:00am to 11:30am
#26943 Nov 25 F 2:00pm to 3:00pm

Holiday Harvest Hike for Health

A moderately fast hike for fitness to work off that holiday meal and see some of the fall fruits in the forest. Be prepared to walk 2 - 3 miles over rough trails.

Ages 12 and up • **FREE** •
#26946 Nov 26 Sa 2:00pm to 4:00pm

Make a Wisteria Holiday Wreath

Create a rustic vine holiday wreath from an invasive plant. Decorate your wreath with autumn natural objects. Supplies limited - register by November 23!

Ages 12 and up • **FREE** •
#26944 Nov 27 Su 3:30pm to 4:40pm

