

Pennsylvania Master Naturalist Training Course SPRING SCHEDULE 2021 – Allegheny County (subject to change)				
Class/Field # & Day	Date	Topic	Location	Time*
Class 1 Tue	Apr 6	PA Master Naturalist Program Introduction; Intro to Ecoregions; What is a Naturalist?	FEC	6-8.30pm
Class 2 Tue	Apr 13	PA Geology, Soils, Weather & Climate	FEC	6-8.30pm
Field 1 Sat	Apr 17	Introduction to Field Geology	Pittsburgh area (Driving Tour)	9am – 2pm TBD
Class 3 Tue	Apr 20	Introduction to Ecology Herpetology 1 (Amphibians)	Zoom	6-8.30pm
Class 4 Tue	Apr 27	Water in the Landscape; Macroinvertebrates	FEC/ Zoom	6-8.30pm
Class 5 Tue	May 4	Introduction to Upland Plant Communities; Intro to Capstones Projects	FEC	6-8.30pm
Class 6 Tue	May 11	Mammalogy Herps 2 (Reptiles)	Zoom	6-8.30pm
Field 2 Sat	May 15	Upland and Wetland Communities (wetland component will include field herps)	Sewickley area Devil's Hollow & Bell Acres	9am – 3.30 pm
Class 7 Tue	May 18	Ornithology	FEC/Zoom	6-8.30pm
Field 3 Sat	May 22	Field Biology	Wingfield Pines & Boyce Mayview Park	7.30am – 3.30 pm
Class 8 Tue	May 25	Urban Ecology – impacts of cities on natural systems; challenges and solutions.	FEC – outdoors, weather permitting	6-8.30pm
Class 9 Tue	Jun 1	Communicating Your Message – interpretation & field instruction; teaching diverse audiences.	North Park Lodge, North Park	6-8.30pm
Field 4 Sat	Jun 5	Restoration & Conservation Projects	Various sites, Pittsburgh area	9am – 3.30 pm
Class 10 Tue	Jun 8	Volunteer Opportunities & Citizen Science	Zoom TBD	6-8.30pm
Class 11 Tue	Jun 15	Student Presentations – students present their Capstone Project, 5-10 mins each	FEC	6-8.30pm
Class 12 Tue	Jun 22	Becoming a fully fledged PA Master Naturalist volunteer – leaving the nest!	FEC	6-8.30pm

* Field Trip times are tentative at this point. Field Trip days may be shorter but are unlikely to be longer

Weekly Tuesday evening classes will be held at the Frick Environmental Center (FEC), 2005 Beechwood Blvd, Pittsburgh, PA 15217 *when in-person is feasible*. (Zoom is alternative).

Thanks to Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy for their generous donation of classroom space.