

Pennsylvania Master Naturalist Training Course
Fall 2021 Schedule – Subject to Change
Centre County

Class/Field Trip # & Day	Date	Proposed Topic	Location	Time
Class 1 Thursday	8/12	Welcome; Pre-assessment; PA Master Naturalist Program Introduction; Ecoregions of PA; What is a Naturalist		6-8:30 p.m.
Class 2 Thursday	8/19	PA Geology, Soils, Weather & Climate		6-8:30 p.m.
Field Trip 1 Saturday	8/21	Introduction to Field Geology		9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Class 3 Thursday	8/26	Introduction to Ecological Concepts-Communities & Biological Diversity; Biological Classification & Naming		6-8:30 p.m.
Class 4 Thursday	9/2	Water in the Landscape — Watersheds; Wetland Communities		6-8:30 p.m.
Class 5 Thursday	9/9	Introduction to Plant Communities; Introduction to Capstone Projects (Project Planning Assignment)		6-8:30 p.m.
Field Trip 2 Saturday	9/11	Aquatic and Upland Communities		9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Class 6 Thursday	9/16	Introduction to Ornithology and Herpetology		6-8:30 p.m.
Class 7 Thursday	9/23	Introduction to Mammalogy and Entomology		6-8:30 p.m.
Field Trip 3 Saturday	9/25	Field Ornithology, Mammalogy, Entomology and Herpetology		9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Class 8 Thursday	9/30	Suburban/Urban Ecology; Citizen Science		6-8:30 p.m.
Class 9 Thursday	10/7	Ecological Restoration and Stewardship; Volunteer Opportunities		6-8:30 p.m.
Field Trip 4 Saturday	10/9	Restoration & Conservation Projects (Tour of local and regional projects)		9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Class 10 Thursday	10/14	Interpretation and Field Instruction		6-8:30 p.m.
Class 11 Thursday	10/21	Student Presentations		6-8:30 p.m.
Class 12 Thursday	10/28	Volunteer Opportunities; Being a PA Master Naturalist (Next Steps); Post-assessment & Evaluation		6-9:00 p.m.