

**PHILADELPHIA COUNTY**  
**Pennsylvania Master Naturalist Training Schedule — Spring 2026**  
**(Tuesdays and Saturdays)**

<b>Class/Field Trip #</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Proposed Topic</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Time</b>
1	4/7	Introductions; Pre-Assessment; PA Master Naturalist Program; Ecoregions of PA; What is a Naturalist?	TBD	6-8:30 p.m.
2	4/14	PA Geology, Soils, Weather & Climate	TBD	6-8:30 p.m.
FT 1	4/18	Introduction to Field Geology	Wissahickon	9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
3	4/15	Introduction to Ecological Concepts: Communities and Biological Diversity; Introduction to Biological Classification	TBD	6-8:30 p.m.
4	4/28	Water in the Landscape — Watersheds and Wetland Communities	TBD	6-8:30 p.m.
5	5/5	Introduction to Plant Communities. Introduction to Keystone Projects	TBD	6-8:30 p.m.
FT 2	5/9	Upland and Aquatic Communities	John Heinz	9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
6	5/12	Introduction to Ornithology and Herpetology	TBD	6-8:30 p.m.
7	5/19	Introduction to Mammalogy and Entomology	Academy of Natural Sciences?	6-8:30 p.m.
8	5/26	Urban Ecology	TBD	6-8:30 p.m.
FT 3	5/30	Field Ornithology, Mammalogy, Entomology and Herpetology	Schuylkill Center	8 a.m. – 3 p.m.
9	6/2	Ecological Restoration & Stewardship; Citizen Science	TBD	6-8:30 p.m.
FT 4	6/6	Restoration & Conservation Projects	FDR Park	9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
10	6/9	Interpretation and Field Instruction; Teaching to Diverse Audiences	TBD	6-8:30 p.m.
11	6/16	Student Presentations	TBD	6-8:30 p.m.
12	6/23	Being a PA Master Naturalist; Assessment & Evaluations	TBD	6-8:30 p.m.

The Discovery Center is located at 3401 Reservoir Drive, Philadelphia, PA 19103

The Academy of Natural Sciences is located at 1900 Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia, PA 19103

\*Our class at the Academy will be held in the BEES Classroom, located on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor.