

CHESTER COUNTY
Pennsylvania Master Naturalist Training Schedule — Spring 2026
(Wednesday evenings and Saturday Sessions)

Class/Field Trip #	Date	Proposed Topic	Location	Time
1	4/1	Intro to PA Master Naturalist Program; Ecoregions of PA; What is a Naturalist	Welkinweir	6-8:45 p.m.
2	4/8	PA Geology, Soils, Weather & Climate	Welkinweir	6-8:30 p.m.
FT 1	4/11	Introduction to Field Geology	TBD	9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
3	4/15	Introduction to Ecological Concepts: Communities and Biological Diversity; Introduction to Biological Classification and Naming	Welkinweir	6-8:30 p.m.
4	4/22	Water in the Landscape — Watersheds and Wetland Communities	Welkinweir	6-8:30 p.m.
5	4/29	Introduction to Plant Communities, Introduction to Keystone Projects	Welkinweir	6-8:30 p.m.
FT 2	5/2	Aquatic and Plant Communities	TBD	9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
6	5/6	Introduction to Mammalogy and Herpetology	Welkinweir	6-8:30 p.m.
7	5/13	Introduction to Ornithology and Entomology	Welkinweir	6-8:30 p.m.
FT 3	5/16	Field Ornithology, Mammalogy, Entomology and Herpetology	TBD	9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
8	5/20	Interpretation and Field Instruction	Welkinweir	6-8:30 p.m.
9	5/27	Ecological Restoration & Stewardship/Urban Ecology Issues	Welkinweir	6-8:30 p.m.
10	6/3	Citizen Science/Volunteer Opportunities	Welkinweir	6-8:30 p.m.
FT 4	6/6	Restoration & Conservation Projects	TBD	9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
11	6/10	Student Presentations	Welkinweir	6-8:30 p.m.
12	6/17	Being a PA Master Naturalist (student presentations continued if more time needed)	Welkinweir	6-9:00 p.m.