

**Allegheny County**  
**Pennsylvania Master Naturalist Training Schedule — Fall 2026**  
**(Wednesday evenings and Saturday Sessions)**  
**\*Subject to Change\***

<b>Class/Field Trip #</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Proposed Topic</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Time</b>
1	8/5	Introduction to PA Master Naturalist Program; Ecoregions of PA; What is a Naturalist	Pittsburgh Botanic Garden	6-8:30 p.m.
2	8/12	PA Geology, Soils, Weather & Climate	PBG	6-8:30 p.m.
FT 1	8/15	Introduction to Field Geology	TBD	9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
3	8/19	Introduction to Ecological Concepts	PBG	6-8:30 p.m.
4	8/26	Introduction to Plant Communities. Introduction to Keystone Projects	PBG	6-8:30 p.m.
FT 2	8/29	Aquatic and Plant Communities	TBD	9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
5	9/2	Water in the Landscape — Watersheds and Wetland Communities	PBG	6-8:30 p.m.
6	9/9	Introduction to Ornithology and Herpetology	PBG	6-8:30 p.m.
7	9/16	Introduction to Mammalogy and Entomology	PBG	6-8:30 p.m.
FT 3	9/19	Field Ornithology, Mammalogy, Entomology and Herpetology	TBD	9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
8	9/23	Urban Ecology – impacts of cities on natural systems	PBG	6-8:30 p.m.
9	9/30	Communicating Your Message - Interpretation and Field Instruction	PBG	6-8:30 p.m.
10	10/7	Citizen Science and Volunteer Opportunities	PBG	6-8:30 p.m.
FT 4	10/10	Restoration & Conservation Projects	TBD	9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
11	10/14	Student Presentations	PBG	6-8:30 p.m.
12	10/21	Being a PA Master Naturalist	PBG	6-8:30 p.m.

The Pittsburgh Botanic Garden is located at 799 Pinkerton Run Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15071