

Pennsylvania Master Naturalist Training Course
FALL SCHEDULE 2026 – SUBJECT TO CHANGE
Cambria County – Disaster’s Edge Environmental Center

Class/Field Trip #	Date	Proposed Topic	Location	Time
Class 1 Wednesday	8/12	PA Master Naturalist Program Introduction; Ecoregions of PA; What is a Naturalist	Disaster’s Edge Environmental Center (DEEC)	6-8:30 PM
Class 2 Wednesday	8/19	PA Geology, Soils, Weather & Climate	DEEC	6-8:30 PM
Field Trip 1 Saturday	8/22	Introduction to Field Geology	TBD	9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Class 3 Wednesday	8/26	Introduction to Ecological Concepts – Communities, Biological Diversity and Biological Classification	DEEC	6-8:30 PM
Class 4 Wednesday	9/2	Water in the Landscape — Watersheds; Wetland Communities; Intro to iNaturalist	DEEC	6-8:30 PM
Class 5 Wednesday	9/9	Introduction to Upland Communities; Introduction to Keystone Projects (Project Planning Assignment)	DEEC	6-8:30 PM
Field Trip 2 Saturday	9/12	Aquatic and Upland Communities	Prince Gallitzin State Park	9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Class 6 Wednesday	9/16	Introduction to Entomology and Ornithology	DEEC	6-8:30 PM
Class 7 Wednesday	9/23	Introduction to Mammalogy and Herpetology	DEEC	6-8:30 PM
Field Trip 3 Saturday	9/26	Field Ornithology, Herpetology, Mammalogy, and Entomology	TBD	9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Class 8 Wednesday	9/30	Conservation Organization Intros & Volunteer Opportunities	DEEC	6-8:30 PM
Class 9 Wednesday	10/7	Suburban & Urban Ecology; Green Infrastructure; Backyard Habitats	DEEC	6-8:30 PM
Class 10 Wednesday	10/14	Interpretation and Field Instruction; Teaching to Diverse Audiences	DEEC	6-8:30 PM
Field Trip 4 Saturday	10/17	Restoration & Conservation Projects (Tour of local projects)	St. Michael AMD plant, Bottle Works	9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Class 11 Wednesday	10/21	Student Presentations	DEEC	6-8:30 PM
Class 12 Wednesday	10/28	Being a PA Master Naturalist (Next Steps); Post-assessment & Evaluation due	DEEC	6-8:30 PM

All Classes will take place at Disaster’s Edge Environmental Center (138 Park Rd, South Fork, PA 15951) unless otherwise noted.