

## Our Purpose

The purpose of Tennessee Naturalist Program is to teach Tennesseans about our natural world; to inspire in them the desire to learn more; and to instill an appreciation of responsible environmental stewardship.



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## Class Topics Explored

Geology, Geography, Climate and Ecology  
Naturalist Skills  
Rivers, Wetlands and Watersheds  
Invertebrates and Fish  
Forest and Woody Plant Identification  
Herbaceous Plants and Fungi  
Birds, Mammals, Reptiles and Amphibians  
Nocturnal Nature and Astronomy  
Environmental Stewardship  
Volunteer Preparation

## TNP Chapters

Bays Mountain Park &  
Planetarium

[www.baysmountain.com](http://www.baysmountain.com)

Cedars of Lebanon State Park  
[tnstateparks.com/parks/about/cedars-of-lebanon](http://tnstateparks.com/parks/about/cedars-of-lebanon)

Cumberland Mountain State Park  
[tnstateparks.com/parks/about/cumberland-mountain](http://tnstateparks.com/parks/about/cumberland-mountain)

Ijams

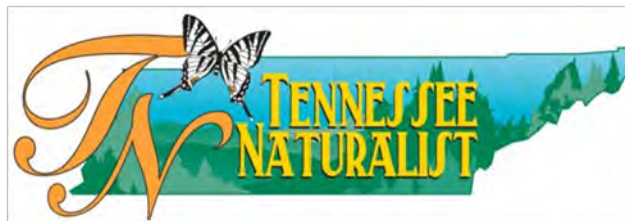
[www.ijams.org](http://www.ijams.org)

Memphis Botanic Garden  
[www.memphisbotanicgarden.org](http://www.memphisbotanicgarden.org)

Owl's Hill Nature Sanctuary  
[www.owlshill.org](http://www.owlshill.org)

Audubon Acres, Elise Chapin Sanctuary  
[www.ChattanoogaAudubon.org](http://www.ChattanoogaAudubon.org)

South Cumberland  
[www.friendsofscsra.org](http://www.friendsofscsra.org)



*Inspiring the desire to learn and share  
Tennessee's nature*



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## Tennessee Naturalist Program

The Tennessee Naturalist Program (TNP) is an education training course designed to introduce the natural history of Tennessee to interested adults.

The course provides a minimum of 40 hours of instruction, half in the classroom, half in the field. To become certified as a Tennessee Naturalist, participants must complete the course and a minimum 40 hours of approved volunteer service.

Graduates join a critical corps of Tennessee Naturalist volunteers providing education, outreach, and service dedicated to the appreciation, understanding and beneficial management of natural resources and natural areas within their communities.

**Cost:** Cost per person includes all classes, a flash drive with study guides and other helpful materials, a TNP patch, lapel pin and, upon completion of all requirements, a certificate suitable for framing. Check website for more information and to find your local chapter.

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