

Bowie Homeschool

Fall 2026

Bowie Nature Park • Ages 5 & up • Rain or shine



Bowie Homeschool is specially designed for homeschool families, groups, and co-ops to learn about *the fascinating natural world around us.*

Two kinds of sessions

1ST SESSION OF THE MONTH

Naturalist-led

10 – 11:30am

A 45-minute rotation period and a 45-minute hike (approximately), led by Parks Naturalists.

Registration is required in advance.

2ND SESSION OF THE MONTH

Open Hours

10am – 2pm

Self-led activities. You may drop in any time during open hours to complete activities.

Registration is not required.

Good to know



Ages 5 & up

Programs are designed for ages 5 and above.



Rain or shine

Some activities are held outdoors — dress for the weather.



Bring along

Appropriate shoes and a water bottle.



Not a drop-off

Bowie Homeschool is NOT a drop-off program.

TUE

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SEPT

Bowie Homeschool Fall Picture Day

10 – 11am • Historical Village (Triangle School)

We will host a DIY photo booth with a vintage desk and chalkboard backdrop to capture special back-to-school memories of our students! Parents may bring any type of camera or props for photos.

HOW TO REGISTER

Call or email the Nature Center

For more information, check out our Homeschool Guide at bowiepark.org and at Bowie Nature Center.

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Sessions

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September

WED

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SEPT

NATURALIST-LED

Clouds and Climates

10 – 11:30am

Discover how weather is created, forecasted, and measured with Parks Naturalists, then join us for a 45-minute Signs of Weather hike.

Location: Bowie Nature Center

Registration is required – closes September 4th

WED

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SEPT

OPEN HOURS

Sunshine Scholars

10am – 2pm

Students will have the option to:

1. Create a weather measurement tool
2. Take a stroll while completing a fall scavenger hunt
3. Learn about the fall equinox by measuring their shadows over time, and more!

Location: Bowie Nature Center

October

WED

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OCT

NATURALIST-LED

Leaves, Limbs, and Twigs

10 – 11:30am

Identify different types of trees, learn about their growth cycles, and discover how trees provide many benefits to our ecosystems with Parks Naturalists, then join us for a 45-minute Tree ID hike.

Location: Joann's Outdoor Classroom

Registration is required – closes October 2nd

WED

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OCT

OPEN HOURS

Forest Friends

10am – 2pm

Students will have the option to:

1. Make their own tree growth slice based on environmental factors
2. Create a craft using twigs
3. Watch leaves change color through a chromatography experiment, and more!

Location: Bowie Nature Center

November

WED

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NOV

NATURALIST-LED

Surviving the Night

10 – 11:30am

Learn how animals use their senses to find food, communicate, avoid predators, and navigate at night with Parks Naturalists, then join us for a 45-minute Senses hike.

Location: BNP Shelter 1

Registration is required – closes October 30th

WED

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NOV

OPEN HOURS

Senses After Sunset

10am – 2pm

Students will have the option to:

1. Create a soundscape nature journal
2. Complete a nocturnal adaptations matching game
3. Learn how fireflies communicate by replicating bioluminescence with a flashlight, and more!

Location: Bowie Nature Center

For questions or comments regarding park programs, please contact Parks Program Coordinator Breanna Bailey at bbailey@fairview-tn.org or 615-799-5544.