

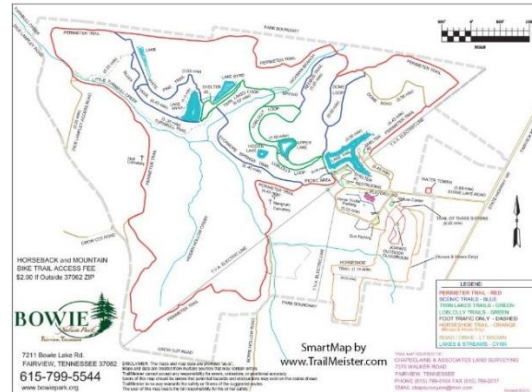
BOWIE BIO

Dr. Evangeline Bowie began buying land in Fairview in the 1950's. The land that is now Bowie Nature Park was a mix of overrun farmland and old forest. Dr. Bowie was told the only thing that would grow on the land were Loblolly Pines, so that is what she planted. Her goal was to start a tree farm and sell the trees for pulp and lumber. She began by paying children a penny for every tree they planted. Eventually she moved on to a planting machine to speed up the process. Dr. Bowie also created a complex hydrology system of terraces and berms to slow water from eroding the hillsides. She had five lakes created as well to help keep her trees watered. When harvesting season came, Dr. Bowie realized that she loved her forest so much that she could not cut it down.

When the time came for her to decide on a future for the land, good friend and Mayor John Stark suggested that she leave it to the city so that future generations could enjoy its beauty. In December of 1988 Dr. Bowie deeded the park to the city of Fairview, insisting that it be called Fairview Nature Park. After she passed away, it became Bowie Nature Park in her honor.

Additions to the park were made years later to further the wishes of Dr. Bowie. In 2003, to allow for more education opportunities, the Nature Center was built. The park was placed under a Conservation Easement by The Land Trust in 2008 so that Bowie Nature Park would remain a place for natural enjoyment for as long as it stands. Thanks to Dr. Bowie, we have this special place where anyone can come enjoy nature, learn about the natural environment, and have a place for relaxation and renewal.

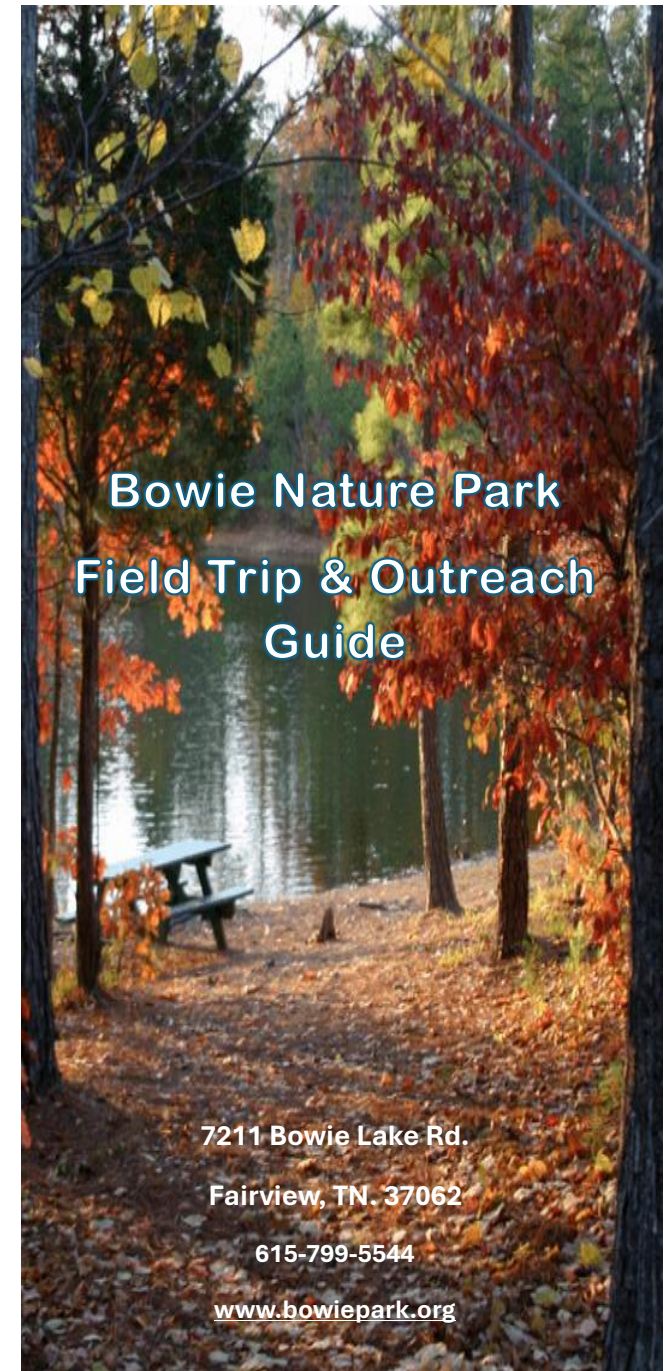
LOCATION & CONTACT INFORMATION



From Highway 840 W: Take exit 7 to merge onto TN-100 E/Fairview Blvd W towards Fairview. Drive 5 miles. Turn left onto Bowie Lake Road. Drive 0.3 miles. The Nature Center will be on your left.

From I-40 W: Take exit 182 toward TN-96 E. Drive 0.1 miles. Turn right onto TN-96 E. Drive 4.7 miles. Take the right-hand ramp to Bowie Nature Park. Drive 0.2 miles. Merge onto TN-100 W/Fairview Blvd W. Drive 1.3 miles. Turn right onto Bowie Lake rd. Drive 0.3 miles. The Nature Center will be on your left.

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Bowie Nature Park Field Trip & Outreach Guide

7211 Bowie Lake Rd.

Fairview, TN. 37062

615-799-5544

www.bowiepark.org

PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

A Program consists of two activities and lasts about 1.5 hours. Each activity will last approximately 40 minutes with a 5-minute rotation time built in. A second program may be added with an additional fee.

Spring

- **Life Cycles & Pond Study**
Explore the life cycles of different freshwater inhabitants.
- **Plant Growth & Flower Hike**
Learn plant anatomy, growth phases, and genetic patterns.
- **Animal Anatomy & Owl Pellet Dissection**
Discover what makes different animals unique and which adaptations allow for survival.

Summer

- **Aquatic Critters & Pond Study**
Learn about the fish, insects, reptiles, and amphibians that inhabit freshwater ponds and streams.
- **Weather Wonders & Weather Lab**
Discover which meteorological factors influence the different types of weather we feel outside.
- **Foraging & Botanicals**
Create your own botanicals while learning about different types of vegetation, their medicinal value, or health benefits.

Fall

- **Senescence & Scavenger Hunt**
Discover how the leaves change from green to beautiful hues of purple, red, orange, yellow, and brown.
- **Weather Wonders & Weather Lab**
Learn how meteorological factors influence the different types of weather we feel outside.
- **Ecology & Geocaching**
Explore the relationship between living organisms and their physical environment.

CUSTOM PROGRAMS

Do you have a specific program or topic in mind that is not listed? Please contact us to discuss possible lessons for your class. A customized program may be developed.

Potential topics include:

- Life Cycles
- Photosynthesis
- Ecology & Geology
- Meteorology & Weather
- Flower, Tree, Shrub ID
- Ecological Conservation
- Pond Studies
- Tracks & Anatomy
- Animal senses

And more!



OUTREACH PROGRAMS

Can't make it to Bowie Nature Park? Have a naturalist from the Bowie Nature Center come to your classroom! We bring the lesson plan and all materials. Please contact us for additional information.

PROGRAM REGISTRATION

To sign up for a program, please contact Parks Program Coordinator Breanna Bailey at 615-387-6074 or bbailey@fairview-tn.org. Registration and itinerary must be approved at least one month in advance from the Field Trip/Outreach date. Payment is due at the time of registration approval unless other arrangements have been made prior.

Registration fee is non-refundable. Programs are to be held rain or shine. In the event of inclement weather, programs may be rescheduled to the rain date established at registration. Tardiness of more than 45 minutes may result in removal of an activity at staff discretion.

Bowie Park 2025-2026 Field Trip Fees

County	1 st Program per Student	2 nd Program per Student
Williamson	3.00	2.00
Other	3.50	2.50

Outreach 2025-2026 Program Fees

County	1 st Program per Student	2 nd Program per Student
Williamson	4.00	3.00
Other	4.50	3.50

PARK AMENITIES

- 17+ miles of trail system
- 3 Covered Shelters
- 700+ acres open to hiking, biking, fishing, and horseback riding
- Joann's Outdoor Classroom
- Lakeside picnic areas
- Nature Center with classroom and animal exhibits
- State of the art Playground
- Weekly programs and events