

AUTUMN 2009

OCTOBER TRAILS

Thursdays in October, 1-3 PM

\$7/person in advance, \$10/person at the gate

Tucked into a hidden valley in the midst of urban sprawl, Owl's Hill offers the perfect afternoon get-a-way to enjoy the glory of autumn. Trail guides lead guests through the woodland trails, along the creek or up the ridge allowing plenty of time for photos, plant, bird and butterfly identification or sheer enjoyment of the view. If you have never been to Owl's Hill, this is the time to come! Wear sturdy walking shoes; cameras and binoculars welcome. This is an **adults only** program.



AUTUMN NATURE ADVENTURES

Weekdays, October 5-30

10 AM -11:30 AM and 12:00 PM -1:30 PM

\$7/person, \$70 minimum.

A **group** program to delight all ages: enjoy a hike, a hayride and a story then choose a pumpkin to take home. Perfect for schools, scouts and birthday parties.

OWLING, HOWLING, AND PROWLING

Oct. 22, Nov. 11, 6:00 -8:30 PM

Dec. 1, 5 -7:30 PM

\$20/person, pre-paid registration required



As the autumn sun sets behind the hills, a deep haunting call floats down from the top of the ridge....Hoo - hoo hoo hoo hoo. Slightly higher, but just as haunting, comes the response Hoo - hoo hoo, hoo hoo hoo. It is the mating season for Great Horned Owls. A few fortunate visitors, enjoying an *al fresco* dinner in the Owl's Hill Pavilion, witness this ancient ritual. Later, they will learn about other Tennessee owls, follow guides along the woodland trails and stop to call Barred and Screech owls. Perhaps these owls will answer with laughs and trills, or, even better, fly in silently to see who has invaded their territory. To be one of these fortunate visitors, register now for an Owl Prowl. You must be **at least nine years old** to attend.

SPECIES MONITORING

(Adults and **interested older children only**)

Labor Day Butterfly Count (With NABA)

Monday, September 14, 10 AM-2 PM

Registration requested. \$3/person



Fall Bird Count (With TOS)

Saturday, October ???, 7 AM-11 AM

Registration requested. No fee

Christmas Bird Count (With Audubon and TOS)

Saturday, December ???, 7 AM-11 AM

Registration requested. \$5/person

HOOTS AND HAYRIDES:

A GREAT PUMPKIN FAIR!!!

Sunday, October 18, 1 PM – 5 PM

\$12.00/person in advance. \$15/person at the gate



Choose and paint a pumpkin, ride the **hay wagon taxi** to nature and **live animal programs**, take a nature walk, participate in games and races; get your **face painted** with autumn nature designs, visit the **Beeman**, look for the **Monster** in the Meadow. Refreshments will be available for purchase at **Mother Nature's Café**. The pumpkins at Owl's Hill come with so many activities even the Great Pumpkin will have trouble doing them all! Make your reservations early!!!



BUTTERFLY DAY

Saturday, September 19, 10 am - Noon

Cost: **\$7/person** in advance, \$10 at the gate.

Celebrate these delicate beauties while learning to attract them to your own yard. See how to raise local caterpillars, study the lifecycle and identify common local butterflies. The program includes a short slide show.

MOMMY & ME!

MEET SQUIRREL NUTKIN!



Wednesday, October 1, 10 -11:30 AM

\$7/person in advance, \$10/person at the gate

Beatrix Potter's delightful story of an impertinent squirrel comes alive in this charming *Mommy and Me* program. Designed for children age 3 through second grade, the morning includes a visit to Owl Island, an introduction to the Owl's Hill Owls, a search for Nutkin's cousins, a hunt for autumn nuts and a reading of **The Tale of Squirrel Nutkin**. Look for more **Mommy & Me** programs throughout the year on the new page of our website!

OWL DAY

Saturday, November 7, 1-4 PM

\$7.00/person in advance, \$10/person at the gate

OWL DAY, a time when adults, children and families gather to have fun learning more about these mysterious, beautiful creatures. Live Exhibit Supervisor, Amy MacKenzie will present Live Owl programs while other Naturalists lead hikes through owl territory. Children and adults alike express their artistic talent creating one-of-a-kind owl pins, and everyone wants to browse through the Owl Boutique for the latest in owl goodies.

HOME SCHOOL DAY: Native Trees in Autumn

Wednesday, Sept. 30, 10-11:30 am

\$7/person in advance, \$10/person at the gate

This day has been reserved for home school participants. Register as a family or as a group. No children under 4. Prepaid reservations required. Space is limited, register early. *Additional Home School Days in the spring.* See our *Home School Guide or website for details.*



VOLUNTEER TRAIL GUIDES NEEDED!!!

September 15, 16 and 17 from 9 AM – 12:30 PM

The secret of the entertaining and educational events at Owl's Hill is the well-trained and enthusiastic volunteer corps - people who love nature and are committed to sharing that love with others. We are currently looking for Trail Guides for weekday school and scout programs. If you would like to join this elite group, register for the autumn Volunteer Trail Guide training. You must be 21 to volunteer in this position. For more information go to www.owlshill.org/volunteer, phone (615) 370-4672 or e-mail owlshill@bellsouth.net.

CHILDREN'S BIRTHDAY PARTIES



Owl's Hill offers seasonal children's birthday parties throughout the year. We provide activities; you provide food and paper products. Owl's Hill may also be rented for weddings, receptions, parties, meetings and other events. See our *Birthday Party Guide and Rental Guide for details.*

ADULT PROGRAMS

Reserve the Russell Gathering Pavilion or the Visitor Center for small meetings and luncheons. Special rental fee for weekday rental during business hours: \$50 for 1½ hours. Add a bluebird, butterfly, wildflower or owl program for an additional \$30. Programs may include slide show. See our *Adult Program Guide or web site for details.*

PRIVATE TOURS

\$8/person, minimum of \$50.00.

Are you looking for a great place to take out-of-town guests? Schedule a Private Tour at Owl's Hill! Tours are scheduled weekdays during regular working hours, 9 am – 4 pm; allow 1½ hours for the visit. **Owl's Hill is open by reservation only**, call early to secure a time. A minimum of two weeks noticed is recommended.

SCOUT PROGRAMS

Owl's Hill offers badge opportunities after school for both Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts. Requirements for several **Brownie Try It** badges, **Cadette** and **Senior** interest projects, **Webelo Naturalist** badge and certain **Tiger**, **Bear**, and **Wolf** projects can be completed in this 1 ½ to 2 hour format. Check our *Scout Program Guide or web site for details.* **Ask about our Eagle Service Project and Gold Project programs.**

AVAILABLE BY MAIL OR FROM OUR WEBSITE

(615) 370-4672 or www.owlshill.org

- Teacher's Guide
- Scout Program Guide
- Home School Guide
- Birthday Party Guide
- Rental Guide
- Adult Program Guide
- Summer Camp information (available Jan. 2010)