



## Maplewood Nature Center & Neighborhood Preserves

2659 East Seventh Street  
Maplewood, MN 55119

651.249.2170

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

We are also on Facebook & Twitter.

**FREE TO COME AND EXPLORE!**

Grounds and trails:  
Open daily,  
dawn to dusk.

Visitor Center:  
Open Tuesday-Saturday,  
8:30-4:30



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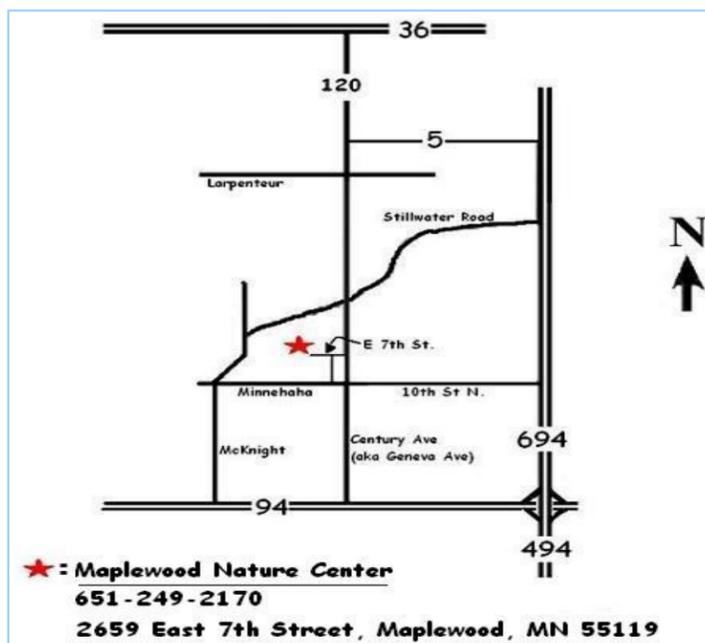
November 11, 24-26 and December 24 and January 1.

### PROGRAM REGISTRATION

- Register online for paid or free programs [www.maplewoodnaturecenter.com](http://www.maplewoodnaturecenter.com) then click on the Register Online-Go! button.
- You can also register in person, phone or mail with credit card, cash or check by the date indicated. Program sizes are limited, register early.
- No need to register for Drop-in programs.
- Most programs are held at the Maplewood Nature Center unless otherwise noted in program description.



The nature center's photovoltaic panels can produce up to 2.15 KWH of energy per year.



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## Maplewood Nature Center ADULT & FAMILY NATURE PROGRAMS October 2016-February 2017

Look inside for more nature programs. →

### OCTOBER

#### HIKE AROUND THE POND

(For ages 5+ with an adult)

AT MAPLEWOOD NATURE CENTER

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2:00PM-3:30 PM

It's fun to hike in the fall! Create and decorate your very own hiking stick, then hike around the pond with the naturalist!

Fee: Prepay \$5.00/hiking stick by Thursday, October 13.

#### NATURE FAMILY FUN WITH ECFE

(For children birth - 5 years, before kindergarten)

AT MAPLEWOOD NATURE CENTER

SATURDAY, 10:00AM-11:30AM

Make nature discoveries, get resources to explore & protect your world together, and meet new friends! This class is offered at the Maplewood Nature Center in collaboration with Early Childhood and Family Education staff. Parents stay with their child(ren) during the entire class.

10/15/16 Terrific Trees

11/12/16 Live Animals

Fee is \$5 per child per session.

To register contact ECFE: [651-748-7280](tel:651-748-7280) or register online at [www.isd622.org/ecfe](http://www.isd622.org/ecfe).

#### THURSDAY MORNING BIRD WALK

(For all ages)

Where: LAKE PHALEN

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20, 8:30AM-11:00AM

Participants will meet in the north parking lot. Join a naturalist on a hike to see and hear migrating songbirds as well as waterfowl. Bring your own binoculars or borrow a pair from the nature center. Learn how to identify birds by sight and sound as well as keep a record of birds observed during the hike. After the hike, learn how to enter the observed data onto Ebird.org to contribute to science and conservation studies. All birding skill levels welcome! Wear close-toed, sturdy walking shoes.

Fee: Prepay \$5/person by Monday, October 17.

Directions: From Hwy 36 and White Bear Avenue. Take White Bear Avenue south to Frost Avenue, turn west (right). Follow Frost west to the second roundabout at Frost and East Shore Drive.

Turn south on East Shore Drive. Turn west (right) at the "y".

Travel one block to the turn around and park in the parking area. The address on Google is 1998 East Shore Drive, Maplewood, MN 55109.



### SPECIAL EVENTS!

#### HALLOWEEN FUN!

**OUTSTANDING OWLS (LIVE!)** (Program is full)  
(For all ages)

AT MAPLEWOOD NATURE CENTER  
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28, 4:30PM-7:30PM

Meet an owl up close and learn what makes these creatures such a hoot!

4:30PM: Halloween Hijinks Puppet Show and a tasty treat.

5:00PM: Raptor Center presentation

6:00PM-7:30PM: Older kids can dissect owl pellets, while younger ones make an owl craft! Learn owl calls and go on a night hike around the pond in search of our feathered friends.

◆ Dress for the weather! Treats and beverage provided.

Register early space is limited!  
Co-sponsored by the Friends of Maplewood Nature.

Fee: Prepay \$5/person by Wednesday, October 26.



#### LEARN ABOUT OJIBWE CULTURE! OJIBWE SEASONAL LIFE

AT MAPLEWOOD NATURE CENTER  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29, 1:00PM-3:00PM

Learn the traditional ways of the Ojibwe in early Minnesota. They moved seasonally to follow food and resources to live straight from nature. This different way of life helps us compare our modern lifestyles and impact on the environment. You will also learn Ojibwe games and hear traditional stories!

Fee: Prepay \$5/person by Thursday, October 27.  
(For adults & families with children ages 8+ with adult)



Join Today!  
Basic Membership  
\$25/household.

The Friends is a non-profit organization supporting the mission of Maplewood Nature Center & Neighborhood Preserves.

Check out the Friends on the web:

[www.maplewoodnaturecenter.com](http://www.maplewoodnaturecenter.com) or

<https://friendsofmaplewoodnature.wordpress.com/>

#### GIVE TO THE MAX DAY NOVEMBER 17!

Did You Know-- that you can directly support Maplewood Nature Center and Neighborhood Preserve special programs and projects by donating online? The Friends of Maplewood Nature is a 501 C3 non-profit group that promotes awareness of and fundraises for the nature center and preserves. It's simple and easy- simply go to the Friends website <https://friendsofmaplewoodnature.wordpress.com> and click on "donate". This will take you to the GIVEMN.org website where you will have several options for amounts. You can schedule your giving as early as November 1. You may also mail in a donation by sending a check written out to the Friends to the Maplewood Nature Center, 2659 E 7th St., Maplewood, MN 55119.

Friends have supported the nature center by co-sponsoring speakers for programs, such as live raptors for the Outstanding Owls event, special events such as the Outdoor Expo, exhibits such as the Solar Display and the Energy Bike; the new entrance sign, items for the play yard, and much more!

## NOVEMBER



### **BUILD A BIRDFEEDER**

(For 2nd grade and up, with adult)  
**AT MAPLEWOOD NATURE CENTER**  
**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5,**  
**10:00AM-11:00AM OR 11:00AM-NOON**

Build a birdfeeder with reclaimed cedar fencing and learn which Minnesota native winter birds will visit your feeder. Explore stations to learn about different beak types and more. Your backyard birdfeeder will be a joy to you and birds throughout the chilly season!

**Fee: Prepay \$5/birdfeeder by Tuesday, November 1.**



### **IT'S THE BOMB!**

(For adults & children ages 8+ with adult)  
**AT MAPLEWOOD NATURE CENTER**  
**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2:00PM-4:00PM**

Make and take a scented bath bomb using simple, natural ingredients. Add a few dried flower petals for some extra pizzazz! Bring home one bomb, a recipe and plastic mold to get a jump on your holiday gift giving.

- ◆ Wear old clothes (we will use food coloring), bring a medium sized bowl, and a whisk.

**Fee: Prepay \$5/person by Wednesday, November 9.**

### **NATURALIST ACTIVITIES FOR WEBELOS SCOUTS**

**AT MAPLEWOOD NATURE CENTER**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19,**  
**9:30AM-11:30AM or 1:30-3:30PM**

Identify common Minnesota wildlife, and learn about poisonous plants and animals in Minnesota. Explore wetland and woodland habitats on a hike with binoculars. Many of the activities during this program help you meet requirements for a Webelos Naturalist Activity Badge. Badges are not provided by the Nature Center.

- ◆ Scout leaders can call to register their group, or individuals can register online, by November 17.

**Fee: Prepay \$5/child by Thursday, November 17.**

### **FREE! TALK TURKEY**

(Ages 2+ with adult)  
**AT NORTH ST. PAUL LIBRARY – 2290 North 1st Street,**  
**North St. Paul, 55109**  
**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 10:30AM-11:30AM**

Learn all about Wild Turkeys and other winter active animals. Gather acorns for winter, touch and feel animal feathers and fur, and explore all that a Minnesota autumn has to offer.

**Free. Drop-in.**

## DECEMBER



### **MEET THE ANIMALS**

(For all ages)  
**AT MAPLEWOOD NATURE CENTER**  
**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2:00PM-3:00PM**

Meet a snake, salamander, & turtle, and learn more about Minnesota's wild animals and where they are in the winter. You can share your stories about real wild animal encounters, if you choose! Wild animal crafts and wild animal activities for all ages, too!

**Fee: Prepay \$5/person by Friday, December 9.**



### **WALK WHEN THE MOON IS FULL**

(For ages 6+ with adult; small scout troops welcome!)  
**AT MAPLEWOOD NATURE CENTER**  
**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 6:30PM-8:00PM**

Hike by the light of the moon, learn some fun facts about the moon, and c'mon outside as we enjoy the moonshadows of the trees and breathe the brisk air! Back at the nature center enjoy a cup of hot cider as we listen to stories from Ojibwe, Dakota and other cultures! Dress for the weather, and bring a mug!

**Fee: Prepay \$4.00/person by Sunday, December 11.**



### **WINTER BIRD OPEN HOUSE**

(Ages 7 and up, with an adult)  
**AT MAPLEWOOD NATURE CENTER**  
**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17, 10:00AM -3:00PM**

Stop in to observe winter birds at our feeders, learn how to use binoculars and make a pinecone birdfeeder. Compare and contrast our birding field guides. A naturalist will answer nature questions, and orient you to the nature center trails. Free to attend. Drop-in program.



### **NEW YEAR'S EVE DAY NATURE CHILL-OUT**

(For all ages)  
**AT MAPLEWOOD NATURE CENTER**  
**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1:00PM-3:00PM**

Chill with nature; something for grownups, or for the whole family! Indoor options include gorgeous nature coloring pages, sipping hot-cocoa, and a funny scavenger hunt in our indoor exhibits.

- ◆ Outdoor options include a self-guiding trail hike set up especially for the day to search for our local yeti, and other wildlife.

You can also try our snowshoes if there is snow!  
**Fee: Prepay \$5/person by Friday, December 30.**

*Our mission is to enhance awareness and understanding of land, water and wildlife resources; to empower the community to become stewards of the environment.*

## JANUARY



### **FREE! SNOW FLAKE WONDERS**

(All ages)  
**AT MAPLEWOOD NATURE CENTER**  
**SATURDAY, JANUARY 7, 1:00PM-3:00PM**

Cut and create beautiful snowflakes for your windows. Learn how snowflakes are formed in the sky, and peer at preserved snowflake crystals up close on the microcam. **Drop in for a half-hour for self-guiding activities or stay the whole time. Free!**

Nature Center exhibits and trails open. Snowshoes available for rent all day if we have snow. **Snowshoe rental: \$5/pair.**

### **WINTER OPEN HOUSE: SNOWSHOES & TRACKS**

(All Ages)  
**AT MAPLEWOOD NATURE CENTER**  
**Saturday, January 14, 10:00AM-3:00PM**  
Snowshoes available to rent for ages 4 to adult to rent. Learn how to walk, run, and turn around on snowshoes. Try wood or metal snowshoes (wood snowshoes require 6+ inches of snow). Learn about Animal Tracks and Signs from self-guiding activities. A naturalist will answer nature questions, and orient you to the nature center trails. Sleds will be available for pulling young kids.

Dress in layers and wear winter boots.

Hot chocolate for all attendees!

**Free to attend. Drop-in program.** Snowshoe rental: \$5/pair.



### **FUR TRADE HERITAGE**

(Best for adults and kids ages 6 and up)  
**AT MAPLEWOOD NATURE CENTER**  
**Saturday, January 28, 1:30PM-2:30PM**

Assume the persona of a voyageur from this historical era! Examine historical replicas of fur trade items. Make a spark from flint and steel, drill a hole with a pump drill. Try on a capote and moustache and practice your French Accent! Ooh la la, c'est fun! Small scout groups are welcome. Snowshoe rental available afterward. **Fee: \$5 per family, prepay by Jan. 26.**



Backdrop courtesy of John Discroll AKA "Jacque Le Voyageur"

## FEBRUARY



### **SNOWSHOE HIKE**

(Ages four and up, children accompanied by adult)  
**AT MAPLEWOOD NATURE CENTER,**  
**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 10:00AM-NOON**

Learn about snowshoes, strap on a pair, and walk with a naturalist through our Winter Wonderland. Instruction and snowshoes provided.

Wear sturdy winter boots and bring your own mug for hot cocoa. \*Note: if snow is scarce, we will hike to search for animal tracks.

**Fee: \$5/person, prepaid by Feb 12.**

### **NATURE FAMILY FUN WITH ECFE 2016-2017**

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2/25/17 Animal Tracks

3/25/17 Maple Sap Into Syrup

4/22/17 Honk and Quack Parade

### **Nature Center WILD Birthday Parties!**



Live Animal Birthday parties are available for kids ages 4 & up. Reserve the party room for treats, then visit with a snake, toad, or salamander!

Outdoor hikes & party favors included!

Fee: \$75.00

Call 651.249.2170 for additional or go to:

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

& click on Programs & Events/Birthdays