

# MAY 2025: Programs & Events

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27	28	29	30	1 HNC Open	2 HNC Open	3 HNC Open
4	5	6 Morning Bird Walk 8 - 9 AM	7	8 HNC Open	9 HNC Open	10 HNC Open
11	12	13	14	15 HNC Open	16 ecoEXPLORERS Club 3 - 4 PM HNC Open	17 HNC Open
18	19	20	21 Experiencing Nature 3 - 4 PM	22 Drawing Club 3:30 - 4:30 PM HNC Open	23 HNC Open	24 HNC Open
25	26 HNC Open Summer Hours Begin 10 AM - 5 PM	27 HNC Open Salamander Meander 8 - 9 PM	28 HNC Open	29 HNC Open	30 HNC Open	31 HNC Open



Part of the Highlands Biological Station,  
a multi-campus center of Western Carolina University

## SPRING HOURS:

Thursday - Saturday, 10 AM - 4 PM  
Closed Sunday - Wednesday

## ADMISSION:

FREE to the general public.  
Donations appreciated.

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## Summer Hours begin May 26th!

Monday - Saturday  
10 AM - 5 PM



The Highlands Nature Center will open for summer hours beginning Monday, May 26th. Stop in to see our live animals, natural history exhibits, nature-themed gift shop & more!

## Morning Bird Walk

Tuesday, May 6th

8 - 9 AM

Meet at Ill Lower Lake Rd.

Eyes to the skies! Birders of all skill levels are welcome to join Jason Love, Assistant Director of the Highlands Biological Station, for an easy walk on our trails to look for birds including Spring Migrants. Binoculars available to borrow.

*Weather Dependent*



These programs are made possible thanks to funding by the Highlands Biological Foundation.

## ecoEXPLORERS Club: Herpetology Season

Friday, May 16th

3 - 4 PM

Meet at Nature Center

Did you know the Nature Center is an ecoEXPLORE Hot Spot? Join us for our third ecoEXPLORE program of the year, where kids in grades K-8 can explore the trails, search for reptiles and amphibians, and complete a Challenge to earn the Herpetology patch!

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**MAY PROGRAMS:**  
**FREE & no advance**  
**registration is required**  
**(unless otherwise noted).**



## Experiencing Nature

Wednesday, May 21st

3 - 4 PM

Meet at Nature Center

Join Maddie Wikstrom, Education Specialist, for a Nature Walk that offers three different approaches for ways to experience and connect with Nature. Attendees will experience what can be revealed to us through Sit Spots, a Silent Hike, and reflective drawing.

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Family-  
friendly!!



## Salamander Meander

Tuesday, May 27th

8 - 9 PM

Kick off Highlands Nature Center's summer season with a nighttime search for our secretive salamander friends!

**MEMBERS ONLY | Free**  
**Registration Required**  
[highlandsbiological.org](http://highlandsbiological.org)



## Nature Center Drawing Club

Thursday, May 22nd

3:30 - 4:30 PM

Meet at Nature Center

Love to draw or feel inspired by nature? Join the Nature Center's Drawing Club! We'll stroll the garden trails, offer an optional prompt, and spend time sketching and sharing. Supplies provided, or bring your own!



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other upcoming programs.



Nature trails open from dawn to dusk.