

Exploring Nature Your Way: Nature Exploration

Topics covered: Walk a forest boardwalk two stories high. Discover what lives in the lake at our underwater viewing area. Watch fish and turtles from the lake and marsh boardwalks. Check out our interactive exhibits. Visit the animals in the Backyard Wildlife Center. Explore our beautiful trails. And do it all at your own pace with this self-guided experience.

Ages: PK – 8th

Purchase Details: \$4

Programs can be reserved by phone: 901-636-2221
Tuesday - Friday, by appointment

Objectives:

1. Visit each Lichterman Nature Center habitat (lake, forest, and meadow).
2. Explore the trails and boardwalks and see native plants and animals.
3. Go at your own pace! Spend as much time as you'd like watching the turtles basking in the sun or the geese gliding across the lake.

Vocabulary: adjusted for specific grade levels

habitat

exhibit

marsh

native (endemic) species

invasive species

flora

fauna

biodiversity

conservation

pollution

mammal

reptile

amphibian

Fun Facts:

- Lichterman Nature Center has 65 acres of lake, forest, and meadow habitats.
- There are over 1,000 animals being cared for by Lichterman staff members and volunteers, not including the wild animals on the grounds! You can see many of these animal ambassadors in our Backyard Wildlife Center.
- You can see preserved specimens of several bird, mammal, reptile, amphibian, and insect species in the Lichterman Nature Center Visitor Center.

Web Resources:

Tennessee Wildlife Resource Agency – www.tn.gov/twra.html

Tennessee Wildlife Federation – www.tnwf.org

Exhibit Information at Lichterman Nature Center – www.memphismuseums.org/lichterman-nature-center/

Tennessee Herpetological Society – www.tnherpsociety.org/

Museum Resources:

- **At Lichterman Nature Center:** View preserved specimens of some of Tennessee’s native wildlife in the Visitor’s Center. Visit the Backyard Wildlife Center to see our animal ambassadors, including snakes, fish, lizards, birds, and more. Walk the grounds to see Myrtie’s Lake, and wander through our forest and meadow trails.

Where: Lichterman Nature Center Habitat Trails

When: Year-round, Tuesday – Friday, sessions by appointment

- **Standards:**
 - (Grade Level) K - 8
- **Tennessee: (Life Science)**
 - LS (1-4), ETS2
- **Mississippi: (Life Science)**
 - L (1-4), E (9-10)
- **Arkansas**
 - LS 1, 2, 3, 4