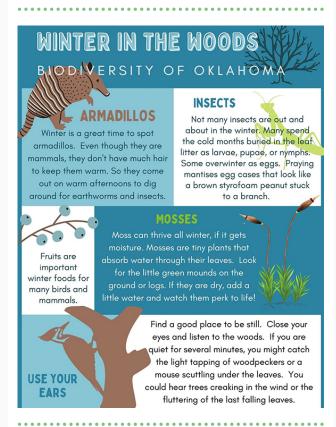
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Bald Eagles | Greg Silva

The winter months are wonderful for walking in the woods at Oxley! The trees without their leaves show their graceful forms, and all sorts of mammals and birds can be more easily spotted hopping from limb to limb or perched high above you. We have so many opportunities for you to enjoy the winter months here at Oxley Nature Center: there will be Saturday Morning Birding, Plant walks, Discovery Walks, Full Moon Walks and coming in February a chance to draw and paint in nature. Try something new in the New Year!



Mary K. Oxley Nature Center - January Programs

Call 918-596-9054 to register for any program that requires pre-registration.

Saturday Morning Birding

January 3, 8:00 – 9:45 a.m.

All ages and skill levels are welcome for this free drop-in Birding Walk, guided by a staff naturalist. Bring binoculars if you have them!

*Full Wolf Moon Walk

January 3, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Join us as we head out in small, guided groups to experience the nocturnal sights and sounds of Oxley.

*Little Seedlings, January's theme: "Trees Rest during the Cold"

January 13 and 16, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

This program for curious little nature-lovers (ages 1-5) and their caregivers includes a craft and a guided trail walk to explore the theme of the month; (The Tuesday and Friday sessions are the same).

Plant Walk

January 17, 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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*Nature Story Time

Select Thursdays, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

In partnership with Early Learning Works Talking is Teaching program, Oxley Nature Center invites families with children 8 and under to join us for a free, fun, nature-themed opportunity to TALK, READ, and SING. This event includes time to enjoy a book with your child, a free book to take home, a fun activity, and an optional short nature walk. January is sold out but there are spaces available for the following months. Please visit RecDesk for details and if you are interested in this type of programming, please consider signing up for Little Seedlings.

*Nature Journaling Group

Meets on Thursdays, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Led by Mary Seabourn, this program offers the opportunity to dive in deep with your observations of the more-than-human world. Each session will include time out on the trails, time to reflect, write, and sketch about what you notice, and time for optional sharing and group discussion. Participants can join the group at any time; There is a one-time materials fee of \$20.

*All About Nature Book club

January 23, 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

January's selection: "Our Moon: How Earth's celestial companion transformed the planet, guided evolution, and made us who we are" by Rebecca Boyle. Everyone is welcome.

Project FeederWatch

Every Thursday and Friday, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Stay warm inside while helping collect community science data to submit to Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology.

Fall-Winter Discovery Walks

Fridays at 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., and Sunday at 2:00 p.m.

These informal walks will be facilitated by Oxley staff naturalists. Meet by the message board in the parking lot and we'll walk together to see what the trails have to show us. These are free, drop-in events for all ages and abilities.

*Track Chairs

We are taking reservations for folks interested in taking the Track Chairs out onto the trails. These all-terrain motorized chairs are available any time the building is open and can be reserved by anyone who has any type of mobility issues. Call us for more information or to reserve!

COMING UP IN FEBRUARY

*Drawing and Painting Nature Around Us

February 21 and 28, 12:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Do you want to learn to draw and paint the natural world around you? Have you seen a lovely flower in a garden or spied on a colorful bird perched on a branch when out on a walk and wanted to capture this outdoor beauty accurately? This two-session workshop introduces you to the pleasures and the skills gained by starting a nature drawing practice. Students learn several illustration techniques including careful observation of a subject, measurement, representing depth and three-dimensional form, as well as gain on-site painting and/or colored pencil skills and best practices ensured to enhance the finished drawing. A supply list is provided to each enrolled student. No previous experience is necessary. The first session, February 21, is held at Oxley Nature Center; the second session, February 28, is held at WaterWorks Art Center. Don't miss this! incredible opportunity!

*Intermediate Birding: Waterfowl, Warblers and Sparrows (oh my!)

February 28, March 7, and March 14, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Join Oxley Natural Resources Coordinator Josh Smith for an in-depth look at Waterfowl, Warblers, and Sparrows. Participants will learn key identifiers, what to look for, what to listen for, along with information on behaviors and tips for effective location scouting. We will also get into which species we are seeing around Oxley and compare the "usual suspects" with more rare visitors. Each of the three sessions will include some time in the classroom followed by time on the trails. This class is recommended for people who have a little bit of birding experience, but we are also happy to work with enthusiastic beginners!

2026 Artist Residency

Applications are now open and will be accepted until mid-January. More information can be found here: https://irp.cdn-

website.com/fc433091/files/uploaded/2026+Oxley+Artist+In+Residence+Info.pdf And a link to the application is here:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfWiBTesrjL3tuldfDp9CyeCuihupNMhEharJGDkoZ2-uHYxQ/view form

*indicates that pre-registration is required. To register for programs or to find out more please visit https://tulsaparks.recdesk.com/Community/Program?category=14

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OXLEY NATURE CENTER HOURS

Interpretive Center hours are 10-4:30PM Tuesday through Saturday, and Noon - 4:30PM on Sunday.

After Interpretive Center hours, trails are open for hiking until 9:00 PM.







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