

Are you ready to get outside Albany?

Nature Bus is headed your way!



Through generous support of state, local and private funds Nature Bus is FREE!
Partners at each destination are also offering free programs and kid-related activities on most Saturdays!

Nature Bus is brought to you by Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy in partnership with CDTA. This free bus serves Albany City communities. Jump on board in the morning and spend your Saturday exploring trees of the world at Pine Hollow Arboretum, walking trails in the woods at Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy preserves, or visiting Five Rivers for outdoor education opportunities. You can also take the bus to Thacher Park for a spectacular view from the top of the Helderberg Escarpment!

Check out the full list of destinations below.

Where can I get on the bus?

- Livingston & Lark
- North Pearl & State
- South Pearl & State
- Second & South Pearl
- Second/Whitehall & Delaware
- Whitehall & New Scotland

Where will Nature Bus take me?

- Tivoli Lake Preserve and Farm, Albany
- Pine Hollow Arboretum, Slingerlands
- Albany County Helderberg-Hudson Rail Trail, Slingerlands
- Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Delmar
- Hilton Barn Park & Helderberg-Hudson Rail Trail, Voorheesville
- John Boyd Thacher State Park, Voorheesville
- Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy's Bennett Hill Preserve, Clarksville
- Lawson Lake County Park, Feura Bush
- Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy's Norman's Kill West Preserve, Delmar

**Starting
June 12, 2021!**



Good to Know Before You Go!

Children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult when visiting Five Rivers, Thacher, and Pine Hollow Arboretum.

What amenities are available?

Five Rivers: picnic tables under shelter, restrooms, no bicycles permitted, visitor center (limited hours per COVID; check website)

Thacher Park: visitor center/shelter, restrooms, picnic tables, snacks available for purchase

Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy: benches, varied cell coverage

Pine Hollow Arboretum: picnic tables, reliable cell service throughout

Tivoli Lake Preserve and Farm: reliable cell service throughout

All Nature Bus destinations are “carry-in, carry-out” (no trash cans) and have varied cell service coverage.

How do I make sure I don't get lost?

All trails have maps and are marked, so navigation is easy! We also have a list of resources so you can plan your trip in advance. Trail maps can be found on all kiosks of the destinations served by the bus. Many of our program partners also have mobile apps for phones that make navigating trails even easier.

Am I stuck at locations all day?

No. Nature Bus picks up and drops off 4 times per day, working to fit your schedule for a short day out, or a long day with many stops. Morning, afternoon, we have you covered!

What should I wear or bring?

Sturdy shoes are a must at all locations. Bring an extra layer of clothing and a bottle of water. A hat and sunscreen are suggested as well as bug spray to repel ticks. Pre-load apps on your phone for the bus schedule and maps, as needed, and you are ready to go!

Will my kids have fun?

Yes, every location has exciting places to explore, and many locations will be leading kid-related activities to make your experience successful and fun! Note: Five Rivers requires registration for guided programs, and space is limited. Call ahead (518-475-0291) to check on availability and to reserve a space. Last minute walk-ins may be accommodated if the program is not full.

You can find the Nature Bus schedule on CDTA's website: www.cdta.org.



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