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Photo | Glen Smith

*Tales from the Front Desk at Oxley Nature Center:* A young father and his excited 5 year old daughter came back from a hike on the trails. "I saw 12 white tailed reindeer!" she exclaimed, her feet dancing on the floor. "She did" said her smiling father. "And she noticed that if you looked at their hoof marks upside down, they were in the shape of a heart." Well spotted. Another happy hike at Oxley and a nature lover is born.



Downy Woodpecker - Photo | Glen Smith

**We've been Busy!**

It turns out that hiking outdoors and enjoying the peace that this brings is a tonic many are attracted to. Attendance at both Oxley Nature Center and Redbud Valley has been UP during these past several

months. While we were forced to cancel school tours and onsite group meetings, our forests, prairies, and wetlands were open to hikers. And they came! Both old and young, hearty and not, Tulsans and other visitors made the most of what we have to offer - a free outdoor space to wander and enjoy nature. Thank you for visiting and we look forward to seeing you again!



*Snow Days at Redbud Valley and Oxley Nature Center - Photos | Mary Seabourn and Mark Rusling*

## Mary K. Oxley Nature Center - January Programs

Call 918-596-9054 for information or to register if required (please register 48 hours in advance)

### 2 January "Saturday Morning Birding"

Ages: All

Saturday, 8:00-9:45 a.m. Free, Registration not required

*Join us for birding at Oxley. All skill levels are welcome.*

*Bring binoculars if you have them.*

### 9 January "Junior Naturalists, Winter Tree Study"

Ages: 8-12 years

Saturday, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Free for Members, Non-members \$5 per session.

Please bring exact change (cash).

Registration is required by Thursday, January 7 at 4:30 p.m.

Call 918-596-9054 to register.

*Join the junior naturalists to examine trees in winter to learn more about their identities, their work, and the wildlife who depend on them. Please pack a journal and a sack lunch. It's perfect hot tea weather! Meet at the Fawn Grove at Oxley and dress warm!*

### 23 January "Explore the Flora"

Ages: All

Saturday, 10:30-noon Free, Registration not required

*How do trees survive the winter? Are they in a type of dormancy?*

**23 January “Drawing & Painting the Nature around Us”**

Ages: Adult

Saturdays 1/16 - 2/6, 1:00-3:00 p.m. Pre-registration required through Waterworks - Teacher, Claire Harkness - Oxley Classroom/ Waterworks Classroom. NOTE: This 4-week session is full. The next 4-week session of this class will start on April 17th.

**28 January “Full Wolf Moon”**

Ages: All

Thursday, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

\$3 for members, \$5 for non-members

Please bring exact change (cash). Registration required by Sunday, December 27 at 4:30 p.m. Call 918-596-9054 to register.

*Winter has arrived! Dress in layers and join us for a beautiful walk in nature. Will we hear coyotes howling?*

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## Mary K. Oxley Nature Center Hours

### Oxley Nature Center will be closed:

Friday, January 1 for New Year's Day

Monday, January 11 for Martin Luther King Day.

The [Interpretive Building](#) will be open Monday through Thursday, and Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. and Sunday, noon - 4:30 p.m. We are closed on Fridays.

[Gate and parking lot](#) is open daily, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. except most City holidays.

[Hiking trails](#) are accessible during Mohawk Park hours, 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

## Redbud Valley Nature Preserve Hours

Redbud Valley Nature Preserve is open Saturday and Sunday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

The visitor center is open from 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.



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