



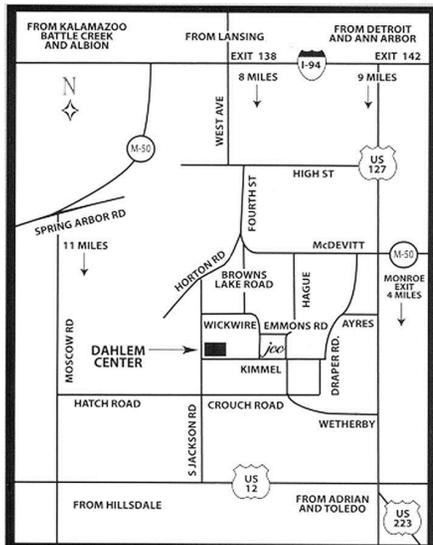
**April 2; Life Under A Log.** Some people might see just a mushy, rotten log. We see a fascinating habitat for all kinds of organisms. We see a very important step in the life cycle of nature and a fascinating science lesson. Look for yourself! Our time will be spent outdoors starting with a story, *A Log's Life* followed by a walk in the forest to investigate life in and under logs, among leaf litter, under rocks, and down into the soil. You'll be amazed at what we find hiding in dark places!

Come dressed for the weather, invite your friends to attend these fun educational programs with you!

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## Mighty Naturalist Programs

Share your love of nature with your young child(ren). We will explore and play with nature while developing critical early childhood skills and growing self-confidence. The Mighty Naturalist Programs are geared toward children 5 years and younger with an adult caregiver to learn about animals, winter survival, birds, tracks, and more. Each program offers a different theme and activities to give you and your mighty naturalist many program opportunities. Invite your friends to sign up, too.

**Ages:** 1-5 years old with a caregiver

**Fee:** \$8 per child (\$5 Dahlem member); free for adult & children under 1 year old

**When:** Tuesday morning 10:00 am - 11:15 am

**Advance Registration Required:** Please register online at [dahlemcenter.org](http://dahlemcenter.org) or call 517-782-3453 to reserve and pay for your spot. Payment due upon registration. (Registered participants who did not attend program and/or give minimum 24 hour cancellation notice will not be refunded.)

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**January 8; Tree House.** Nature is full of hidden clues about the animals that live there. You may not know where to look or what to look for but animal clues are everywhere. You'll learn how to spot and identify common clues that animals live in or near forest trees. We'll read a story, go on a short outdoor adventure, then head into the classroom to see an assortment of animal furs and homes, and make a quick craft.



**January 15; Our Feathered Friends.** What is unique about birds, and what do their characteristics (feathers, feet, beak, color, etc.) tell us about their life? We will read a bird-themed story, look at bird mounts, take a short birding hike to observe our local birds in action, then return indoors for hands-on 'beak' activities, and make a small bird feeder to take home. Join us, and help feed the birds!



**January 22; How Animals Survive in Winter Time.** What are some actions nature takes and why to survive winter? We will explore and learn about hibernation, migration and adaption. Monarchs fly to Mexico, Groundhog goes to bed, and Weasel changes his wardrobe! Find out how other animals cope with winter's worst weather. We will spend time outdoors seeking clues before heading into the classroom for stories, hands-on activities and craft time.

**January 29; What is Texture?** The way something feels is called texture. Let's look around to see what textures we can find in the natural world, then we'll collect a variety of items to take back to the classroom to experiment and discover the fascinating unique impressions and designs with nature's stampers. Nature art stimulates creativity, imagination and brings joy.

**February 5; Winter Animal Tracks.** How animals make tracks can tell us what they are, what they're doing and where they're headed. We'll read a story go on a hunt to see where animal tracks take us; across a trail and up a tree, along the stream, or maybe to a protected home hidden under trees? Indoors we will use rubber tracks to create our own tracks and stories. One step at a time and you'll learn the common tracks we see this time of year.



**February 12; Super Squirrely.** If you followed a squirrel for a day, what would you see? Climbing branches, storing seeds, making homes in tree holes, and maybe even flying! Discover different kinds of squirrels as they scamper, eat, and—finally—sleep. We will go on a squirrely outing to look for clues squirrels are actively busy in winter, head indoors to make 'n take squirrel craft, and read a cute story about squirrels.