Worcester Nature Challenge

What is the Worcester Nature Challenge?

The Worcester Nature Challenge is a four-day-long ecological exploration event of the wildlife that lives all around us. From May 22nd - May 25th, we will go outside where we live, take pictures of the plants and animals we find, and share our discoveries using iNaturalist, a mobile phone app that can help us identify plants and animals. As people upload their findings into iNaturalist, we can see how alive our city is and come together around mutual support of our local community and wildlife.

Who is organizing this event?

We are bringing together a wide array of organizations to help people learn about nature right where we live while helping to support our whole community throughout this crisis. The Greater Worcester Land Trust, in partnership with the Wild Hometown Movement, WildWorcester, MassAudubon, Ecotarium, Worcester Tree Initiative, Indian Lake Watershed Association, Worcester Roots, Worcester Public Libraries, Worcester Garden Club, Clark Hadwen Arboretum, and more are bringing our communities together to support the Worcester Nature Challenge. We would love to include your organization as a partner in the Worcester Nature Challenge, and you can help by sharing this event with your networks in Worcester and the surrounding towns!

Who can participate?

Anyone and everyone can participate in the Worcester Nature Challenge! We are hoping that this event can help all people, children and adults, connect with nature in our city and (safely) get outside while caring for our mental and physical well-being. While we may be physically apart, we can still learn together about our local environment, share our findings with one another, and take care of the plants, animals, and people around us. With an immense number of urban parks and forests throughout the city, this could be an opportunity for many people to discover nature where they live and in places they might not have expected to find it. We hope you can share this event with your networks!

How can I get involved?

- Stay up-to-date with the Worcester Nature Challenge on Facebook and our website! We will be sharing fun videos about finding nature where you live!
- Download iNaturalist (Android: click here; iPhone: click here) and start exploring today!
- Join our iNaturalist project and share your findings with the community, helping everyone see just how alive our city is!
- Contact jacob@gwlt.org for more information about how you and your group can get involved!