Our natural history programs are designed to stimulate an appreciation of nature and foster conservation education. There is no charge for these programs. Reservations are required. Materials are provided unless specified. All participants attending a walking program must dress appropriately for the outdoors. Long pants, closed toed shoes and insect repellant are strongly recommended. Please call 413-267-9654 to schedule.

**FALL NATURE WALK**  
*September-October*

Norcross Wildlife Sanctuary has a variety of habitats to explore. Take a guided nature walk that will venture through forests, meadows, and around streams and ponds. Students will keep a nature journal and have the opportunity to make inquiries of sightings and seasonal changes. Please dress appropriately for the outdoors. Long pants and bug spray recommended.

**ECOSYSTEMS**  
*October-November*

Terrariums are little worlds. Discover the importance of an environment that meets all natural requirements for living things to thrive. This program includes the history, construction and maintenance of a woodland terrarium. Students must bring a clear, clean container large enough to fit their hands into. Teachers, please bring boxes to transport projects.

**BIRDS IN WINTER**  
*December*

This program explores migration, winter hardships, how nature provides for wintering birds, and the rewards of having a feeding station. The students will create a small block bird feeder. All materials will be provided.

**STARS & CONSTELLATIONS**  
*January 2nd.-17th.*

We will explore the Solar System and learn the five circumpolar constellations. Students must bring a clean pringles can in order to construct a constellation projector.

**BAT HOUSE BUILDING**  
*January-February*

People can help bats by building a bat house to promote where they can raise their young. Participants should be 8 years of age or older. This program will also be offered on Saturday mornings during January and February. All materials are provided.

**ANIMAL TRACKS & SIGNS**  
*March-April*

Enjoy a fuller awareness of our natural surroundings by recognizing some common animal tracks and signs. Students will create a plaster cast of an animal print. All materials provided. Teachers, please bring boxes to transport projects.

**WILDLIFE GARDEN/SPRING WALK**  
*May-June*

Learn how we can help backyard pollinators. Students will plant seeds to start their own habitat, as well as explore the variety of habitats of The Norcross Sanctuary. Long pants and insect repellant recommended. All materials are provided. Teachers, please bring boxes to transport projects.