About 10% of Pittsburgh is open space. In the future, the city hopes to increase the City’s protected land, meaning there will be even more ways to explore nature!

WHERE CAN YOU FIND LOCAL NATURE?

1. EMERALD VIEW PARK
2. FRICK PARK AND ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER
3. HIGHLAND PARK
4. RIVERVIEW PARK
5. SCHENLEY PARK
6. SELDOM SEEN GREENWAY
7. FAIRHAVEN GREENWAY
8. HAZELWOOD GREENWAY
9. KNOXVILLE INCLINE
10. OBSERVATORY HILL HOLLOWS
11. SPRING HILL/SPRING GARDEN GREENWAY
12. PHIPPS CONSERVATORY AND BOTANICAL GARDENS
13. POINT STATE PARK
14. NATIONAL AVIARY
15. PITTSBURGH ZOO AND PPG AQUARIUM

BEAR RUN NATURE RESERVE
BEECHWOOD FARMS NATURE RESERVE
LOYALHANNA NATIONAL RECREATION MORaine STATE PARK
ALLEGHENY NATIONAL FOREST

ADD YOUR OWN PLACES BELOW:

DID YOU KNOW?
Pittsburgh is the “City of Bridges” and has over 445 of them – the most of any city in the world!

IN 2016, THE CITY OF PITTSBURGH RECEIVED RECOGNITION FOR ITS COMMITMENT TO SUSTAINABILITY WHEN IT BECAME A DESIGNATED BIOPHILIC CITY. BIOPHILIC CITIES ARE GREEN AND GROWING CITIES THAT VALUE, PROTECT AND ACTIVELY RESTORE BIODIVERSITY. IN BIOPHILIC CITIES, RESIDENTS FEEL A DEEP AFFINITY WITH THE UNIQUE FLORA, FAUNA AND FUNGI FOUND THERE, AND WITH THE CLIMATE, TOPOGRAPHY, AND OTHER SPECIAL QUALITIES OF THE CITY.

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know? At grades up to 37 degrees, Canton Avenue is the steepest street in the U.S.

WHAT MAKES PITTSBURGH UNIQUE AND WILD TO YOU?

DRAW YOUR OWN IDEAS HERE:

PITTSBURGH WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY’S GREEN FIRST PLAN PRIORITIZES GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS TO PROVIDE THE CITY’S STORM WATER MANAGEMENT NEEDS. GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE IS A COST-EFFECTIVE NATURE BASED SOLUTION.

YOU CAN ADD FEATURES LIKE RAIN BARRELS, PERMEABLE PAVEMENTS, BIOSWALEs, AND RAIN GARDENS IN YOUR YARD. THESE GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE FEATURES NOT ONLY HELP SLOW RUNOFF, INCREASE INFILTRATION, AND CONTROL STORM WATER, THEY ALSO FILTER POLLUTANTS, PROVIDE HABITAT, AND ADD TO CITY GREEN SPACE AMONG MANY OTHER CO-BENEFITS.

Check out the 3 Rivers Wet Website for help designing your own project or find a project near you!

TRY SOME OF THESE SEASONAL OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES!

January

Find some critter tracks in the snow and see where the animals like to go

February

Find a great sledding location

March

Follow the migrating and nesting birds and record your observations using eBird

April

Use your curiosity to find biodiversity in Pittsburgh and add it to the City Nature Challenge

May

Celebrate warmer weather with a trip to your favorite park to ride a bike, fly a kite, or just enjoy nature

June

Discover the species in your neighborhood and record your findings and pictures with iNaturalist

July

Grab a blanket and lie under the Perseids meteor shower

August

Build a snow creature of your favorite local creature

September

Create colorful leaf art or just jump in the leaves!

October

Attend a nearby tree planting with Tree Pittsburgh or the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy

November

Enjoy the annual BioBlitz Festival at Phipps Conservatory

December

Build an insect hotel in your backyard to provide habitat for our helpful little friends

WHAT MAKES PITTSBURGH UNIQUE AND WILD TO YOU?

EXPLORE + PROMOTE NATURE IN THE CITY

DISCOVER HOW TO BRING NATURE INTO OUR BACKYARDS, NEIGHBORHOODS, AND DAILY LIVES.
THE TOP 5 URBAN FOREST TREE SPECIES ARE:
1. BLACK LOCUST
2. NORWAY MAPLE
3. BLACK CHERRY
4. WHITEASH
5. AMERICAN ELM

10 WAYS YOU CAN ENGAGE IN NATURE:
1. HELP STEWARD OR VISIT YOUR LOCAL GREENWAY.
2. OBSERVE BIODIVERSITY AND REPORT IT USING THE iNATURALIST APP.
4. ATTEND A BIOBLITZ OR A BIOPHILIA MEET-UP AT Phipps Conservatory.
5. BECOME A PITTSBURGH PARK CONSERVANCY URBAN ECO STEWARD AND PROTECT THE GREENSPACES NEAR YOU.
6. DOWNLOAD THE SMELL PGH APP AND ADD YOUR OWN DATA WHILE LEARNING ABOUT HOW SMELLS CORRELATE TO AIR QUALITY.
7. BECOME A TREE TENDER AND CARE FOR THE TREES IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD.
8. PLANT POLLINATOR FRIENDLY PLANTS IN YOUR BACKYARD.
9. JOIN AN ALLEGHENY CLEANWAYS VOLUNTEER DAY TO CLEAN-UP YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD.
10. CONVERT YOUR LAWN TO A NATIVE GARDEN AND SEE WHAT WILDLIFE FRIENDLY SPACES YOU CAN PROVIDE.

DID YOU KNOW?
You can request for the City to plant a street tree using the City website. The City Code protects trees from damage and removal.

DID YOU KNOW?
Rain gardens can reduce up to 90% of runoff!

PITTSBURGH’S URBAN FOREST PROVIDES LOTS OF BENEFITS. EVERY YEAR THE CITY’S 40,000 STREET TREES:

- Filter 78,241 lbs of pollutants
- Sequester 44 million lbs of CO2
- Save 15.2 million gallons of stormwater
- Add $1.6 million in property value
- Save $96,501 in reduced energy use from cooling benefits

For a total value of $4.3 million that’s pretty unbelleafable!