

Environmental Education

Tennessee

August 2019

Educational Highlight

Why EE Matters

Environmental education (EE) is a process that helps individuals, communities, and organizations learn more about the environment, and develop skills and

understanding about how to address global challenges. It has the power to **transform lives** and society. It **informs** and **inspires**. It **influences** attitudes. It **motivates** action.

When you teach environmental education, you transform lives.

You inform. You inspire. You motivate.

Let's use this new school year to expand the reach of environmental education across the state of Tennessee!

[Read More About EE and Why It Matters](#)



Don't Miss...

National Honey Bee Day

August 17

National Honey Bee Day honors the insect responsible for more than 1/3 of the food we eat! Honey bee education touches all academic subjects and benefits all age groups. Check out the great honey bee educational resources below!

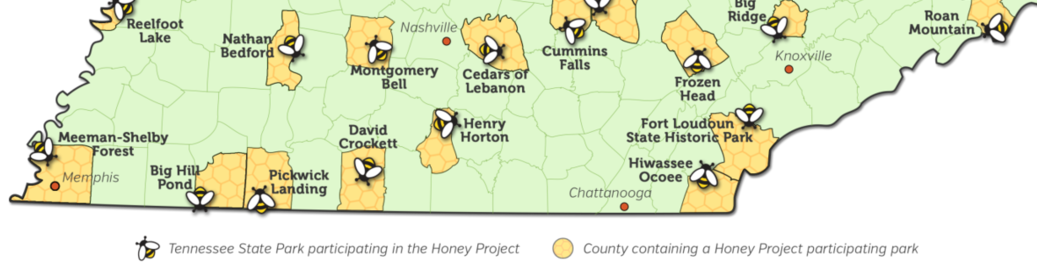


[Honey Bee Lesson Plans \(K-12\)](#)

[Lesson: Buzzy, Buzzy Bee \(Grades 2-7\)](#)

[Lesson: Colony Collapse Disorder \(Grades 6-12\)](#)

Ready to get involved right now? Check out the Tennessee State Parks Honey Project! Visit your local Honey Project park this month for honey bee programs.



[Find Your Next Park Event](#)

In the News...

EE Experiences

Educators are spreading the word of how impactful environmental education experiences are for students. New York City science teachers reported that their

students were more engaged in classroom learning activities following their fossil dig in Buffalo. North Dakota students are bringing their families back to field trip sites so the families can discover fossils together.

If you have a favorite outdoor environmental education destination or experience to share, email Sarah.Green@tn.gov. Let's put Tennessee on the map for EE experiences!



Professional Development Conference Season

Conference season is fast approaching! Check out this fall's upcoming professional development opportunities.



[Keep Tennessee Beautiful \(September 17th\)](#)

[TN Environmental Education Association \(October 4-6\)](#)

[North American Association for Environmental Education \(October 16-19\)](#)

[TN Science Teachers' Association \(November 21-23\)](#)

Awesome New Teaching Tool

Natural Resource Map



Do you teach about natural resources? Are you looking for ways to introduce map reading, civics, or resource management? Check out this great lesson from National Geographic!

[Reading a Resource Map \(Grades 2-4\)](#)

Looking Ahead

- **Serve Outside September** (Entire Month of September)
- **Pollution Prevention Week** (September 16-22)
- **Take a Child Outside Week** (September 24-30)
- **National Public Lands Day** (September 28)

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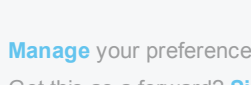
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