

# Stevens Nature Center at Hemlock Bluffs Nature Preserve

## Accessibility Information

### **Guests with Special Needs**

Stevens Nature Center is committed to making its programs and the facility accessible to people of all abilities.

### **Access**

The Stevens Nature Center is one story and houses an exhibit hall and classroom indoors. Outside, the Nature Center features gardens, a Children's Nature Trail, the Outdoor Education shelter, and hiking trails. To access the Exhibit Hall, classroom, gardens and hiking trail, follow the paved ramp from the main parking lot, then turn right to venture past the Children's Nature Trail. The Children's Nature Trail is fully accessible. Once past the Children's area, turn left to enter the courtyard and garden area. The Exhibit Hall and classroom are accessible from the courtyard toward the building or can be accessed from the Outdoor Education shelter parking lot if needed. The access to the Outdoor Education shelter is just below the Children's Nature Trail or from the Outdoor Education shelter parking lot. Wheelchairs can access short sections of the Swift Creek Loop and Chestnut Oak Loop trails; however, not the entire trail system. Stevens Nature Center also has ADA-approved signage, handrails, and ramps to access the main entrances.

### **Drop Off & Parking**

Parking and drop off is located in the main parking lot of the Stevens Nature Center. Convenient on-grade handicap van-accessible parking spaces are available in the main lot and overflow lot. Vehicles utilizing those spaces should display a handicap parking placard or plate.

### **Restrooms**

There are wheelchair-accessible men's and women's restrooms available. There is a wheelchair-accessible water fountain located at the restrooms.

### **Sign Language Interpretation**

The Stevens Nature Center can provide sign language interpretation for guests who require it. Please request this service 21 days in advance of the event.

### **Service Animals**

Service animals are welcome at the Stevens Nature Center provided they remain on a leash or in a harness at all times. If you are bringing a service animal to an event, please notify the staff when you arrive.

### **Groups or Individuals with Special Needs**

Please call Morgan Bosse at (919) 387-5980. We look forward to your visit.