Visit Today

The Kreher Preserve & Nature Center is a valuable resource for environmental education and outdoor recreation in Central Alabama. Whether you are looking for a shady place to relax, an exciting family activity, or an invigorating hike; the nature center is conveniently located for your next outing. Visit today and experience all that it offers. To learn more about upcoming events and programs, we invite you to call, email, or visit the Kreher Preserve & Nature Center website or Facebook page.

Admission is Free to the Public
Open Seven Days a Week from Sunrise to Sunset
Donations are Appreciated
Leave No Trace
Please, No Smoking, Dogs or Bicycles

An outreach program of

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It’s Yours To Discover

Also known as the Kreher Preserve & Nature Center, a visit to the nature center provides a shady place to relax, play, or have a picnic. Taking a quiet stroll along the nature center boardwalks and paths, you will discover many birds and other wildlife that find a tranquil home among its canopied forests, native gardens, and bubbling stream connecting to the greater Tallapoosa River Basin.

Visitor amenities include:
- Hiking Trails and Boardwalks
- Unique Nature Playground
- Convenient Parking
- Drinking Fountains and Benches
- Handicap Accessible Restrooms
- Pavilion and Open-Air Amphitheater

Special points of interest:
- Bog Garden and Serenity Fountain
- Wildflower Trail and Boulder Ridge
- Butterfly and Wild Azalea Gardens
- Hidden Falls and Turtle Pond
- Old Homestead and Vegetable Garden

Where Leisure Meets Learning

The Kreher Preserve & Nature Center (KPNC) offers a full calendar of programs and activities for Auburn/Opelika area visitors and residents of all ages, including:

- Workshops and Classes
- Guided Hikes and Tours
- Science and Hobby Programs
- Concerts and Special Events
- Youth Camps and Preschool Activities

The nature center outdoor classroom provides area residents and school children valuable hands-on learning experiences with access to interpretive and natural features such as:

- Teaching Gardens and Demonstration Sites
- Wildlife Viewing and Conservation Areas
- Live Animal Collections and Exhibits
- Stream, Pond, and Wetland Areas

Outdoor Event Venue

The Kreher Preserve & Nature Center is a dynamic venue for corporate retreats, business meetings, and employee picnics. The gardens and open spaces offer a scenic backdrop for weddings, ceremonies, and other special occasions. Locations, facilities, and optional rental amenities include:

- Butterfly Garden and Turtle Pond Vista
- Historic Homestead Lawn and Garden
- Covered Pavilion with Seating up to 80
- 150-seat Open-Air Amphitheater
- Decorative Lighting, Tables and Chairs, and Audio/Visual Equipment

Private events featuring live animal encounters, nature-themed activities, and guided hikes can be arranged at the nature center or other locations by reservation.