Welcome!
Since 1998, the Campbell County Extension District Board has worked cooperatively with the County government and citizens to create, maintain, and improve the Campbell County Environmental Education Center.

The Cooperative Extension Service staff welcome you to enjoy the Center’s diverse natural areas, walk the trails, visit the Environmental Education Center, and learn about the natural world in Campbell County.

Purpose
The Center offers educational and passive recreational services to all County residents, regional visitors, businesses, and especially to schools, youth groups, and other educationally focused organizations. The purpose of the Center is to increase environmental literacy and appreciation of the connection of humans to the natural world.

Trails
The Center has two main walking trails: the Interpretive Trail and the Homestead Trail. The Interpretive Trail is almost one mile long over gentle terrain with paved, boardwalk, gravel, and turf walking surfaces. Trail visitors will experience field, forest, and wetland habitats, and find numerous educational signs describing the many natural features of the Center.

The Homestead Trail is a one-third-mile, forested loop trail over moderate terrain. Along this trail, you will see an abandoned home site, a well, and various forest trees and shrubs.

Please refer to the Center’s visitor’s guide map (in this brochure) so you can enjoy all of the educational opportunities, convenient facilities, scenic beauty, and peaceful retreats the Center has to offer.

Facilities
The Campbell County Environmental Education Center building is the focal point of the Center. This attractive, disabled-accessible, all-season facility is where many educational programs are held. Indoor and outdoor amenities of the Education Center include:

Aquariums  Interactive Displays  Native Wildlife Specimens  Observation Beehive  Bird Blind  Picnic and Seating Areas  Solar Energy Systems  Wildlife Observation Areas

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Educational Programs
Cooperative Extension Service staff can customize an educational experience for your group, or provide one or more of these popular programs at the Center:

All about Wildlife  Exploring Solar Energy  Kentucky Plants & Animals  Nature Crafts  Scavenger Hunt  Shiitake Mushroom Production  Tree Identification

All educational programs offered at the Center align with Next Generation Science Standards, Kentucky’s Core Content requirements and with other school curricula. Call to inquire about educational programs or field trips.

In-school programming is also available for teachers.
All programs are provided free of charge!
Journey through wetlands on the Center’s boardwalk. Wetlands are a vital natural resource that filter pollutants, moderate stormwater runoff, and provide habitat for wildlife. You have the opportunity to view birds, beavers, and aquatic life from a unique vantage point.

The backwaters of A. J. Jolly Lake provide a scenic and peaceful setting for the Interpretive Trail. These waters are the focus of many hands-on educational activities. As you cross the dam look for native waterfowl such as ducks and herons.

Look up, look down, and remember to look sharp! As you walk along the trails through the forest, wetlands, and fields at the Center, you can discover many small surprises.

The upland forests on the hillsides above the lake and lowland forests at the water’s edge offer many ecological benefits and educational opportunities.

Beautiful native gardens are planted for your enjoyment and to attract a variety of birds and butterflies. Witness seasonal changes in the plants and the animals and insects that rely on them.