



Hours of Operation

Learning Center:

Tuesday - Saturday
9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Trails:

March - October
7:00 am to 7:00 pm

November - February
7:00 am to 5:00 pm



Melvin L. Newman Wetlands Center

Explore. Learn. Conserve.



Quality Water. Quality Services.

**Our mission is to educate the public
on wetlands conservation and to
inspire community action for the
health of our local watershed.**

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Our History

Newman Wetlands Center (NWC) was conceptualized by Melvin L. Newman, then the general manager of Clayton County Water Authority, with the goal of educating the local community about the importance of wetlands. Since opening in 1995, we have welcomed over 300,000 visitors.

Our land came with a rich natural and human history. It was once used for timber harvest, cotton farming, and even as a Boy Scouts of America camp. Visitors can see remnants of the land's past as they explore the trails, reminding us that

Today, we strive to provide exceptional environmental education to Clayton County and beyond.

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Value of Wetlands

Wetlands play an integral role in protecting our watershed.

Wetlands act like a sponge, absorbing runoff. Wetland plants and microbes remove excess nutrients and toxins from the water, acting as nature's water filter. This process improves water quality for humans and wildlife.

Georgia wetlands are vital to wildlife, serving as a nursery, stopover spot, and wintering ground to thousands of species. Keep your ears and eyes open for wildlife while exploring the Boardwalk Trail. You may see a swimming muskrat, turtles sunning on a log, or a heron stalking a fish.



Learn & Explore



The Learning Center features a picnic area, native plant garden, indoor classroom, exhibit area, and public restrooms.



A half-mile boardwalk trail provides visitors with excellent wildlife viewing opportunities.



We offer experiential programs for all ages and abilities. Visit our website for more info.



We host a variety of free public programs including the Wetlands & Watershed Festival, Wetlands Frogs, nature journaling, & more.