

Letters to the EDITOR

Biophilia Center: This woodland is your land

What do E. O. Wilson, noted scientist and award-winning author, Rachel Carson, biologist and award-winning author, and Jean Craighead George, award-winning children's author have in common? These individuals spent their youth exploring the natural world either alone or with their family.

E. O. Wilson spent his younger years exploring in the Gulf Coast areas around Mobile and Pensacola. In his middle years, he lived in the Washington, D.C., area and explored Rock Creek Park.

Jean Craighead George spent her youth with her family exploring Rock Creek Park as well. Her love of nature then fulfilled itself in adulthood through her great books such

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as "Julie of the Wolves," which generations have read and enjoyed.

Rachel Carson changed the way we think about caring for our environment with her book "Silent Spring." She spent her childhood exploring nature in woods in Pennsylvania.

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To provide an excellent woodland learning opportunity for parents and children, the E. O. Wilson Biophilia Center will be open to the public from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sept. 11. Bring a picnic lunch and enjoy the exhibits and

trails at the center, on the south side of Highway 20, just four miles east of the intersection of Highway 20 and Highway 331.

Parents, this is your chance to provide your children with an experience they will remember into their adulthood. Oh, by the way, you might enjoy it, too!

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