

Take Your Own Self-Guided Tour of the NIH Stream

One of the most-attended Earth Day activities is the “Walk to the NIH Stream” tour. This activity is a guided tour around the Bethesda campus, mostly focused on the NIH Stream and its surrounding area. This activity serves as a great learning experience for both parents and children, while also getting to enjoy nature! Below, we’ve included a map of the route used during the tour (shown as a red-dashed line). We would like to encourage everyone that was unable to take the tour on Earth Day to take their own self-guided tour! You can see for yourself the amazing work that has been done to improve the NIH Stream!



A few points of interest along the route include the stream outfall area near the intersection of Center Drive and South Drive (1), tree snags near the parking lot of Building 21 (2), the frog pond north of Building 21 (3), the no-mow zone near Wilson Drive and East Drive (4) and the red cedar saplings near the intersection of Wilson Drive and Center Drive (5). Try to relate the things you see on the tour to the concepts discussed in the [NIH Stream article](#)! Lastly, please be sure to exercise caution when walking on or near any streets!