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On August 16/I visited Ov. Pk. and was much impressed by the potential that this area possesses for nature education and recreation.

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Less obvious perhaps, are the irreplaceable values inherent in the wooded portion of Overton Park. During my visit I saw only a few people on the foot trails but the condition of the trails indicates that they are used regularly if not intensively. Material~~s~~ supplied by Professor Smith and others indicates that there is appreciable and individual nature hobbyists. My observations lead me to believe that the potential recreation and nature education opportunities available in this portion of Overton Park have not begun to be realized. A number of very successful nature education centers are operated with far less natural resource than is available here. Well conducted naturalist programs serve not only as important recreation activities but in some cities are part of the education system providing learning experiences which impart a depth of understanding of biology and ecology that is not attainable in the classroom. Where such programs are carried on park lands seldom~~e~~ are usurped for other uses.

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