Arkansas Post

National Park Service
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Arkansas Post National Memorial
Gillet, AR

Calendar of Events - Summer 2013

Photo by Chloe Belle Grantham,
First Place Landscape (Youth)
2012 Digital Photography Contest

2nd Annual Arkansas Post Biodiversity Fair
June 1

Join park staff, volunteers, and professional scientists from 10 am to 4 pm for a fun filled day of biodiversity discovery. Family activities include live animal demonstrations, guided nature walks, furs and pelts, children's crafts and much more! Registration is not necessary

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Youth Fishing Derby
June 15

Park Lake will be stocked by the Arkansas Game & Fish Commission with 250 channel catfish for this event. Prizes will be awarded for the largest catfish landed. Competition is open to youth 12 and under. Registration begins at 8:30 am.

Family Fun Days

Family fun days are a series of "hands on" programs that provide learning in cultural heritage and natural resources. Although geared towards kids, they are enjoyable for the whole family. Each day's programs are offered from 9 am to 1 pm as mini day camps. We suggest wearing comfortable shoes, sunscreen, and packing a snack. Children must be accompanied by an adult. These programs are free, but registration the week of the event is required (870-548-2207)

June 22 – Birds and Mammals The first Europeans to settle Arkansas sought the furs of small mammals and deer. Today Arkansas Post draws birders from across the region. Join us for a bird hike and talks on mammal tracks and identification.

July 6 – Civil War Kid's Day We will start the day's program with a hike to the rifle pits to discuss the Battle of Arkansas Post. Activities and crafts will help kids learn about young people in 1860s Arkansas.

June 29 - Reptiles and Amphibians Learn about the slippery and scaly inhabitants of Arkansas Post. Special programs on snakes, turtles, and alligators and a hike around Park Lake are just part of the fun.

July 13 – Colonial Kid's Day What kind of chores and games would a kid have done during 1700s Arkansas? Join Rangers and volunteers to learn about the early days of Arkansas History. Musket and Cannon demonstrations will be conducted.

Family Fun Days (continued)

July 20 Junior Archaeologist / National Park Traveler Parents and kids are welcome to learn about the field of Archeology and how it is practiced in National Parks. What are their tools and how is it different from the movies? The other part of the day's programs will show ways to get the most out of your visit to the National Park? We will discuss how to plan your trip to America's best kept secrets and how to get the most educational experience out of the places you visit.

July 27 Digital Photography Workshop Participants will learn basic techniques for taking outdoor digital photographs and will capture nature in action at Arkansas Post. Participants will create a frame for their picture and at the end of the day , they will also receive a copy of their best photograph to take home. You may bring your own digital camera or you can reserve one of the parks digital cameras when you call to register.

Public Lands Day September 28

The park will host a cleanup of Post Bayou Trail, the Nature Trail, and the Civil War Rifle Pits for Public Lands Day. The cleanup is from 8 am– Noon. Register your family or civic group with Park Ranger Joe Herron by calling 870-548-2207.

The 19th Annual Ghosts of the Past October 19

The 19th Annual Ghosts of the Past - Join park staff and volunteers for the annual guided walk through Arkansas History. Living History presentations will portray events from the exploration and settlement of Arkansas Post, Colbert's Raid, and the Civil War. Tours start every 15 minutes from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm and will last approximately one hour. Reservations are strongly recommended.

The Osotouy Cleanup November 16-17

Serve your community by joining other volunteers in a large cleanup of the Osotouy Unit (locally known as Menard Mounds). The ancestral home of the Quapaw tribe and the first Arkansas Post were located near this area. Participants will be invited to special programs on the History of Quapaw Culture. Indiviuals, families, or community groups such as scouts are encouraged to call Joe Herron at 870-548-2207 to sign up.

Menard Hodges Mounds
NPS Photo by Ed Wood