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## Congaree News Release

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### Headline

## New Ranger-led Programs at Congaree National Park

Park Superintendent Tracy Swartout recently announced that two new Ranger-led programs will be available at Congaree National Park this Fall. The "Weston Lake Wilderness Hike" will be presented on Friday afternoons from 2:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. Dates: September 14, 21, 28; October 5, 12, 19, 26; November 2, 9, 16. This 4.5 mile hike will take you on the Weston Lake Loop Trail where you will discover the importance of wilderness. Meet at the Harry Hampton visitor center at 1:45 p.m.

"Congaree after Dark" will be presented on Saturday evenings from 7:30 p.m. until 8:15 p.m. At this campfire program you will look at the changing moon, twinkling stars, and glowing planets and discuss natural lightscapes. Participants will need to bring lawn chairs or blankets, and flashlights with red filters. Dates: September 15, 29; October 13, 27; November 10, 24. Meet at the After Hours parking lot near the park's main gate at 7:15 p.m. No reservations are required for these exciting new programs.

Established in 1976, the Congaree National Park preserves the largest intact tract of old-growth bottomland hardwood forest in the United States. This National Park Service site is a designated International Biosphere Reserve and Wilderness Area and serves as an outdoor classroom and laboratory for visitors, school children and scientists from all over the world.

For more information contact Superintendent, Congaree National Park, 100 National Park Road, Hopkins, SC 29061, or visit the web at [www.nps.gov/cong](http://www.nps.gov/cong), or call (803) 776-4396.

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