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Congaree National Park Fall Lecture Series Starts in October

The Old-Growth Bottomland Forest Research and Education Center at Congaree National Park is pleased to announce the start of the 2007 Fall Lecture Series. The purpose of this lecture series is to present information about the diverse research projects being conducted at Congaree National Park while providing a forum where scientists, park visitors, volunteers, and the local community can interact. Lectures will take place the first Wednesday evening of each month from 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM in the Harry Hampton Visitor Center auditorium at Congaree National Park. Following a presentation by park researchers, guests will have the opportunity to ask questions or to request additional information. Please come ready to learn and ask questions! All are encouraged to attend. Reservations are not required for attendance and participation. For more information, please contact Theresa Thom at 803-695-0214. The fall schedule for 2007 includes:

Wednesday, October 3, 2007 – *Searches for the Ivory-billed Woodpecker within Congaree National Park*

Are you interested in birds? Dr. Theresa Thom, an ecologist at Congaree National Park, will present general facts about the Ivory-billed Woodpecker, along with information about recent searches for this elusive bird in Congaree National Park.

Wednesday, November 7, 2007 – *Bat Ecology and on-going Research at Congaree National Park*

Did you ever wonder how many bats live in Congaree National Park? Ms. Jessica Lucas, a graduate student at Clemson University, will present information on the ecology of Rafinesque's Big-eared Bat, as well as interesting facts about several other bat species found in the park.

Wednesday, December 5, 2007 – *Crayfish Life Histories in Congaree National Park*

Did you know that six species of crayfish have been found within Congaree National Park? Dr. Shane Welch, a recent graduate from Clemson University, will discuss his research on these unique invertebrates; including life cycle, ecology, and habitat use.

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