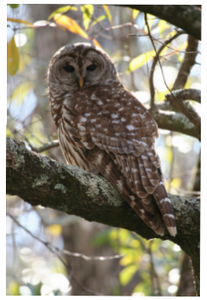
Evening Programs

Owl Prowls



Fridays
7:30 p.m.
2 hour guided walk

Imagine standing in the middle of a primeval forest on a moonless night. A cold night breeze sends a chill down your spine. You shine your flashlight into the trees -- something shines back!

If you have never experienced the Park at night, this is the program for you! Talk to barred owls and look for flying squirrels, bats, fireflies and other critters on this 2 1/2 mile walk. We must warn you -- you might like it so much you may want to come back, again and again.

Bring your friends and family. Keep your youngsters under five years old at home.

Reservations required. Please call 803-776-4396 up to two weeks in advance.

All programs begin at the Harry Hampton Visitor Center unless otherwise noted.

Park may cancel programs due to weather or park emergencies.

Canoe Tours

Guided Canoe Tours

Saturdays and Sundays
12:00 p.m.
4 hour guided tour

Explore the heart of Congaree on this expedition. One of our rangers will lead you and your fellow paddlers on a trip of a lifetime!

Enjoy the winter ambiance of this forest while floating under bald cypress and tupelo trees. Bring a snack, a change of clothes and your sense of adventure.

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Your National Park

Traveling Rangers

Park rangers can present programs at your location. Our Park Rangers will talk on a wide range of subjects such as Congaree National Park, Greening the Parks, or other topics relating to the natural history, culture and environment.

Call (803) 776-4396 ext. 0 to arrange for a program.

The National Park Service preserves and protects our cultural and natural history unimpaired for future generations.

For more details about these and other programs please contact the park by calling:

(803) 776-4396 ext. 0
www.nps.gov/cong

Congaree National Park preserves the largest intact tract of old-growth bottomland hardwood forest in the United States.

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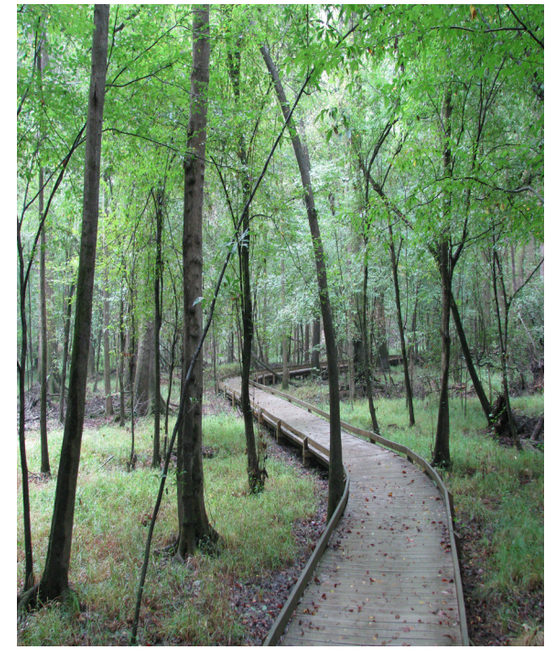
Winter Programs 2008 - 2009

December, January, February



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Day Programs

Weston Lake Wilderness Hike

Friday 2:00 p.m.
3 hour guided hike

This 4.5 mile hike will take you on the Weston Lake Loop Trail where you will experience a true wilderness area.

Birds & Branches

Friday and Sunday
9:30 a.m.
2 hour guided walk

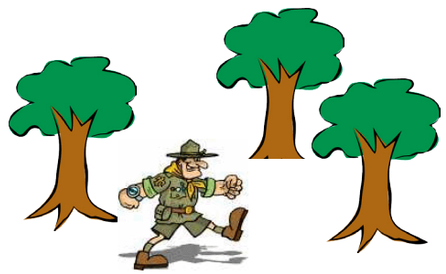
What is going on up there?
Have you ever wondered what happens up in the forest canopy? Who lives up there? How does the canopy benefit the forest? All ages welcome.

Day Programs

Nature Discovery

Saturday 9:30 a.m.
2 hour guided walk

Immerse yourself in a magical, old-growth bottomland forest and witness its giant trees and diverse wildlife.



Tree Trek

Daily
1 :30 p.m.
2 hour guided walk

Discover the primeval forested floodplain that is Congaree National Park. Experience extraordinarily diverse plant and animal life while walking among the towering trees. Meet at the Harry Hampton Visitor Center.

Special Events

NatureFest
April 18 & 19, 2009

Join us for this celebration of Spring! Events will run all weekend, so grab your family, friends or neighbors and enjoy this land of giants --trees that is!

Backyard Bird Count

February 13-16, 2009 is National Backyard Bird Count Weekend. If you would like to participate, park staff will present programs on bird idenitification, bird house and bird feeder building and other information related to birds and birding in your area.

Special Events

Congaree Christmas Bird Count

Sunday, December 14, 2008
Begins at 7:00 a.m.

Be a scientist and help us collect data at Congaree National Park's Christmas Bird Count. Join our Park Staff and Volunteers of all ages to count bird species found throughout the park. This is a great way to enjoy your national park and assist with wildlife research.

- No experience needed
- All ages welcome

Big Tree Hike

Sunday, December 21, 2008
10:00 a.m - 3:00 p.m.

Park Ranger Stuart Greeter will lead this hike to several of the "big trees" in the park. Learn how the "Champion Tree" process works. The secrets of how champions are determined and how to nominate a tree will be revealed. Maybe you will nominate the next state champion tree. Call park to check for future dates of this program.

Pack a drink and lunch and wear your hiking boots on this 6 mile hike.