

Evening Programs

Congaree after Dark

Saturday evenings
June 14 & 28, July 12 & 26,
August 9 & 23, September 6 & 20
8:30 p.m.
1.5 hours program

Come look at the changing moon, twinkling stars, and glowing planets. Participants will need to bring lawn chairs or blankets, and flashlights with red filters. Meet at the After Hours parking lot near the park's main gate at 8:30 p.m. No reservations are required for this exciting new program.

Owl Prowls

Fridays
8:30 p.m.
2 hour guided walk

Have you ever heard a barred owl hoot "Who cooks for y'all"? Talk to barred owls and look for flying squirrels and fireflies on this 2½-mile walk. Learn more about the animals out and about during the night!

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

Canoe Tours

Guided Canoe Tours

Saturdays and Sundays
9:00 a.m.
4 hour guided tour

Take the trip of a lifetime! Paddle into wilderness where you will see giant bald cypress and tupelo trees. Spanish moss and bald cypress knees add to the ambiance of a primeval forest. Bring a snack.

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



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.

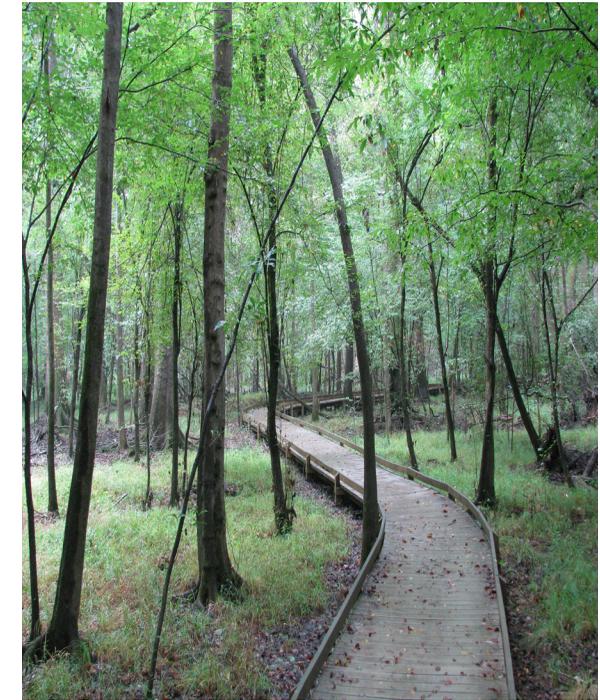
EXPERIENCE YOUR AMERICA

National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior
Congaree National Park



Summer Programs 2008

June-September



Congaree National Park
100 National Park Rd.
Hopkins, SC 29061
(803) 776-4396
www.nps.gov/cong

Day Programs

Weston Lake Wilderness Hike

Fridays 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 discover the importance of wilderness. Meet at the Harry Hampton Visitor Center at 1:45 p.m.



Who Came Before?

Sundays 1:30 p.m.
Thursdays 10:00 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.
1.5 hour guided walk

Return with us to the thrilling days of yesteryear... This boardwalk hike takes you on a trip back in time to the people and events that shaped the history of the Congaree area. Discover how this unique ecosystem played a role in shaping our history. All ages welcome. Meet at the Harry Hampton Visitor Center.

Day Programs

Nature Discovery

Saturdays 9:30 a.m.
1.5 hour guided walk

Immerse yourself in the magical experience of this undisturbed, old-growth bottomland forest, its giant trees and immense diversity of wildlife. Meet at the Harry Hampton Visitor Center.



Tree Trek

Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays,
Fridays & Saturdays 1 :30 p.m.
1.5 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.

Day Programs

Birds & Knees

Friday and Sunday mornings
9:30 a.m.
1 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. Meet at the Harry Hampton Visitor Center.



Junior Ranger Fun!

Mondays and Tuesdays 9:30 a.m.
Sundays 2:00 p.m.
Ages: 6-12 with parents please
1.5 hour program

There's so much to discover! Each week we'll have different games, crafts and activities for Junior Rangers! Take part in the "Animal Olympics," make your own leaf ID booklet, practice tracking animals, and much more! Get ready to have fun! Meet at the Harry Hampton Visitor Center.

Special Events

Butterfly Count

Saturday June 28
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m

Be a scientist and help us collect data at Congaree National Park's annual Butterfly Count. Join our Park Staff and Volunteers of all ages to conduct a one day census of butterfly species found throughout the park. This is a great way to enjoy your national park and assist with wildlife research.

- No experience needed
- Training provided
- All ages welcome
- A great way to enjoy the outdoors

Butterfly Identification Workshop

Saturday June 14
10:00 a.m - 12:00 p.m.

To learn tips on how to identify local butterfly species, attend this free training session.

To volunteer for the count or sign up for a training session, please contact David Shelley at (803) 776-4396 ext. 15 or e-mail David_Shelley@nps.gov.