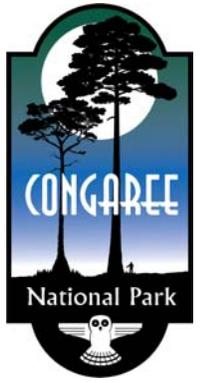


INTERPRETIVE

Programs



Congaree National Park

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Visitor Center Hours:

Mon – Thurs: 8:30am – 5:00pm
Fri, Sat, Sun: 8:30am – 7:00pm

*All programs begin at the Harry Hampton Visitor Center

Saturday August 1

9:00am Guided Canoe Tour! Enjoy the ambiance of this old growth forest while paddling under bald cypress and tupelo trees. Bring water, a snack, a change of clothes and your sense of adventure! Reservations Required.

9:30am Nature Discovery Hike! Discover the sights, sounds and smells of an old-growth bottomland forest. Witness giant trees, diverse wildlife and the mystical ambiance of Congaree National Park.

1:30pm Tree Trek! Discover the primeval forested floodplain that is Congaree National Park. Experience the extraordinarily diverse wildlife while walking among the towering trees.

Sunday August 2

9:00am Guided Canoe Tour! Explore the life of Cedar Creek as you paddle beneath a cathedral of trees. Bring water, a snack, a change of clothes and your sense of Adventure! Reservations Required.

1:30pm Floodplain Foray! Join a ranger on this 2.4 mile guided boardwalk hike. Discover what the floodplain has in common with the Grand Canyon and witness how the river has shaped the land.

Monday August 3

1:30pm Tree Trek! Strap on your hiking shoes as we head to Weston Lake on the boardwalk. While we stroll, admire the enormous trees, and the diverse wildlife that depends on them.

Tuesday August 4

2:00pm Tree Trek! Wander with a ranger around the 2.4 mile boardwalk and become acquainted with the floodplain. We'll stop along the way to point out some of the trees that flourish with wet feet.

Wednesday August 5

1:30pm Tree Trek! Join a ranger and mosey through the forest with your jaw dropped in awe! Don't swallow any mosquitoes as you admire the gargantuan trees.

Friday August 7

9:00am Birds & Branches! Fly to the visitors' center and meet a ranger for this guided hike. Bring your binoculars and search out nesting warblers, flycatchers, and more!

2:00pm Weston Lake Wilderness Hike! Join a ranger on this 4.5 mile hike on the Weston Lake Trail and experience a true wilderness area.

2:00pm Tree Trek! Discover the ancient forested floodplain on this 2.4 mile boardwalk hike among the towering trees.

8:00pm Owl Prowl! Swoop down to the visitors' center for this guided night hike in the woods. We'll enjoy the sights and sounds of twilight in the forest. Reservations Required.

Saturday August 8

9:30am Nature Discovery Hike! Discover the floodplain on this guided boardwalk hike. We'll explore the forest looking and listening for creatures of all sizes.

1:00pm – 3:30pm Smokey Bear's 65th Birthday Bash! Come join the Congaree staff and lots of friends, in celebrating Smokey's 65th Birthday. Activities for kids of all

ages and birthday cake too! Come help us say "thank you" and "Happy Birthday" to America's Fire Prevention Bear.

Sunday August 9

9:00am Guided Canoe Tour! Explore the life of Cedar Creek as you paddle beneath a cathedral of trees. Bring water, a snack, a change of clothes and your sense of adventure! Reservations Required.

9:30am Who Came Before? Join a ranger on a hike through time. Learn about the people who ventured into Congaree before it was protected as a park.

1:00pm Weston Lake Wilderness Hike! Experience the solitude and serenity of being immersed in a designated Wilderness Area as you hike 4.5 miles on the Weston Lake trail.

2:00pm Tree Trek! Meander down the boardwalk and view the diversity of trees that flourish in this unique floodplain environment.

5:00pm Guided Canoe Tour! Join a park ranger and experience the heart of Congaree as you paddle on Cedar Creek. Bring water and a change of clothes. Reservations Required.

Monday August 10

2:00pm Amazing Adaptations! Stroll around the 2.4 mile boardwalk and become familiar with some of the amazing adaptations that allow plants and animals to survive in the floodplain.

Tuesday August 11

2:00pm Insect Safari! Hey Kids – Are you interested in learning about some of the smallest members of the animal kingdom? Join a ranger for a hike through the floodplain as we search for insects along the trail.

Wednesday August 12

1:30pm Cha Cha Cha Changes! Change is the only constant at Congaree. Hike with a ranger and look for signs of the dramatic and subtle changes that take place in the floodplain.

Thursday August 13

1:30pm Who Came Before? Join a ranger on a hike through time. Discover who roamed the Congaree before it was protected as a National Park site.

Friday August 14

1:30pm Tree Trek! Join a ranger on this 2.4 mile guided boardwalk hike and discover some of the gigantic, old trees that call Congaree home.

8:00pm Owl Prowl! Explore the world of owls on this guided night hike in the forest. We almost always hear the owls asking, "Who cooks for you, Who cooks for you, Who cooks for y'all?" Reservations Required.

Saturday August 15

9:00am Guided Canoe Tour! Enjoy the ambiance of this old growth forest while paddling under bald cypress and tupelo trees. Bring water, a snack, a change of clothes and your sense of adventure! Reservations Required.

9:30am Nature Discovery Hike! Explore the floodplain with your senses and discover something new.

1:30pm Insect Safari! Hey Kids – Are you interested in learning about some of the smallest members of the animal kingdom? Join a ranger for a hike through the floodplain as we search for insects along the trail.

5:00pm Guided Canoe Tour! Join a park ranger and experience the soul of Congaree as you paddle down Cedar Creek on this early evening paddle. Bring water and a change of clothes. Reservations Required.

Sunday August 16

9:30am Nature Discovery Hike! Experience the floodplain on this guided boardwalk hike as we discover the flora and fauna of Congaree.

1:30pm Tree Trek! Escape the business of day to day life and listen to the trees as they whisper the secrets of Congaree.

5:00pm Guided Canoe Tour! Enjoy the ambiance of this old-growth forest while paddling under bald cypress and tupelo trees. Bring water and a change of clothes. Reservations Required.

Monday August 17

1:30pm Who Came Before? Stroll down the boardwalk and chat about citizens past. Discover who and why came to Congaree before the National Park Service.

Tuesday August 18

9:30am Birds & Branches! Fly into the visitors' center with your binoculars and join a ranger in seeking out the summer residents as you listen to their musical tunes.

1:30pm Floodplain Foray! Join a ranger on this 2.4 mile guided boardwalk hike. Discover what the floodplain has in common with the Grand Canyon and witness how the river has shaped the land.

Wednesday August 19

2:00pm Tree Trek! Discover the primeval forested floodplain that is Congaree National Park. Experience the extraordinarily diverse wildlife while walking among the towering trees.

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1:00pm Weston Lake Wilderness Hike! Immerse yourself in a designated Wilderness Area as you hike 4.5 miles on the Weston Lake trail. Perhaps you'll spot a river otter in Cedar Creek!

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9:00am Guided Canoe Tour! Explore the life of Cedar Creek as you paddle beneath a cathedral of trees. Bring water, a snack, a change of clothes and your sense of Adventure! Reservations Required.

9:00am Big Tree Hike! Join Ranger Stuart Greeter on this 6 mile off trail hike to some of the largest trees at Congaree. Look forward to scoring a few to see if they're "champions". Reservations Required.

9:30am Nature Discovery Hike! Experience the floodplain on this guided boardwalk hike as we discover the flora and fauna of Congaree.

1:30pm Tree Trek! Waddle through the wetland and discover trees that like wet feet. Don't worry, yours will stay dry!

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1:30pm Insect Safari! Hey Kids – Are you interested in learning about some of the smallest members of the animal kingdom? Join a ranger for a hike through the floodplain as we search for insects along the trail.

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1:30pm Tree Trek! Discover the ancient forested floodplain on this 2.4 mile boardwalk hike among the towering trees.

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1:30pm Tree Trek! Wander with a ranger around the 2.4 mile boardwalk and become acquainted with the floodplain. We'll stop along the way to point out some of the trees that flourish with wet feet.

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