

INTERPRETIVE

Programs



Congaree National Park

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Visitor Center Hours:

8:30am – 5:00pm

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

Friday January 1

1:30 pm 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.

Saturday January 2

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

1:30 pm 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 here.

Sunday January 3

12:30 pm 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 are required.

1:30 pm Surviving Scorch! Join a ranger for a guided hike along the Bluff trail to learn about fire ecology and search for evidence of fire activity.

Monday January 4

1:30 pm Who Came Before? Join a ranger on a hike through time. Learn about the people who ventured into Congaree before it became a park.

Tuesday January 5

1:30 pm 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.

Wednesday January 6

1:30 pm 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 in wetlands.

Thursday January 7

1:30 pm Wise Lake Wander! Join a ranger for a stroll to Wise Lake. This 2.5 mile hike will include a visit to Cedar Creek. Bring your fishing gear and your SC Fishing License if you want to fish!

Friday January 8

1:30 pm 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!

Saturday January 9

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

12:30 pm 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 are required.

2:00 pm Surviving Scorch! Join a ranger for a guided hike along the Bluff trail to learn about fire ecology and search for evidence of fire activity.

Sunday January 10

9:30 am 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!

9:30 am Flat Hat Chat – Swamps vs Floodplains

10:00 am Flat Hat Chat – Owls

10:30 am Flat Hat Chat - Fire

11:00 am Flat Hat Chat - Congaree History

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Wednesday January 13

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

Thursday January 14

1:30 pm Wise Lake Wander! Join a ranger for a stroll to Wise Lake and discover how the Congaree River created it.

Friday January 15

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

7:00 pm 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 are required.

Saturday January 16

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

10:00 am Trees with Knees! Join a ranger to learn about the Bald Cypress tree and the ongoing debate regarding the function of its knees. Are they snorkels or anchors?

12:30 pm Guided Canoe Tour! Enjoy the ambiance of this old-growth forest while paddling under bald cypress and tupelo trees. Bring water, a snack, and a change of clothes. Reservations are required.

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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Sunday January 17

9:30 am Skins and Bones! For kids of all ages! Have you ever wondered what animals are wearing under their skin? Join a ranger for a look at some of the skulls and furs of Congaree's mammals!

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Saturday January 23 (continued)

2:00 pm Animal Olympics! Hey Kids! Do you know which animal is the fastest, longest, and tallest? Join a ranger to learn about animal extremes—and participate in some Olympic events that highlight these amazing creatures. Wear your running shoes and bring some water!

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