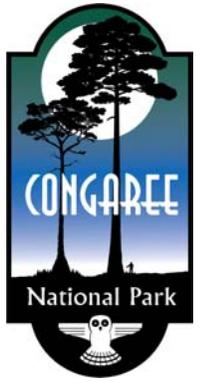


INTERPRETIVE

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 unless otherwise noted

Friday October 2

9:00am Nature Discovery Hike! Explore the floodplain with your senses and discover something new.

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

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.

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

Saturday October 3

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, extra clothes and your sense of adventure! Reservations are required.

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

SWAMPFEST! Events for all ages!

- 10 am – 2 pm -- scavenger hunt
- 10 am, 12 pm, 2 pm -- ravaging raptors
- 11am – 4 pm -- hourly guided walks
- 11:30 am, 2:30 pm -- owl calling contest
- 12 pm, 2 pm -- screenings of documentaries made during Swamp Stories Camp
- 3 pm --traditional tools demonstration

Sunday October 4

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 are 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 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.

Tuesday October 6

1:30pm Tree Trek! Strap on your hiking shoes as we head to Weston Lake on the 2.5 mile boardwalk.

Wednesday October 7

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

Friday October 9

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!

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 are required.

Saturday October 10

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 are required.

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

9:30am – 12:30pm Nature Photographers Workshop!

Calling shutterbugs of all levels! Join the Carolinas' Nature Photographers Association to discover techniques and tips for getting the perfect shot. Following an indoor presentation, you'll have the opportunity to venture into the park and practice you're newly acquired skills. Participants must bring their own camera. Reservations are required.

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.

Sunday October 11

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 are required.

1:30pm Wise Lake Wander! Join a ranger for a stroll down the Sims Trail 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 at the lake.

Monday October 12

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.

Thursday October 15

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 in wetlands.

Friday October 16

1:30pm 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.

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 are required.

Saturday October 17

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, and a change of clothes. Reservations are 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! Discover Congaree National Park's primeval forested floodplain. Experience the extraordinarily diverse wildlife while walking among the towering trees.

Sunday October 18

9:00am Guided Canoe Tour! Explore the wildlife 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.

1:30pm 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.

Wednesday October 21

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.

Friday October 23 and Saturday October 24

5:30 pm Congaree Campfire Chronicles! Follow a guide through the forest to see costumed interpreters reenacting life in the Congaree floodplain from the 1500s to the present. (Please see the box to the right for more information.)

Sunday October 25

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 are required.

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.

Monday October 26

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.

Wednesday October 28

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 in wetlands.

Friday October 30

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.

6:00 pm Going Batty! Hey Kids! Join a ranger for a two-hour twilight hike along the Bluff trail to search for bats. Learn about the bat species found at the park and how they hunt their insect prey!

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 are required.

Saturday October 31

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, and a change of clothes. Reservations are required.

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.

1:30pm 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 in wetlands.

Congaree National Park presents...

Congaree Campfire Chronicles

A living history program with costumed interpreters depicting stories from the past

2 Days Only!

Friday October 23rd, 2009

Saturday October 24th, 2009

- **Free guided tours start every 15 minutes** from the Harry Hampton Visitor Center, Congaree National Park, 100 National Park Rd., Hopkins, SC 29061
- **First tour departs at 5:30 PM**
- Last tour departs at 7:30 PM
- Tour takes ~2 hours and is 1 mile long
- The following groups of people will be represented: American Indians, Escaped Slaves, Swamp Fox Militia Forces, Loggers, Parishioners, Moonshiners, Hunters and Fishermen, Advocates for Protection, First NPS Park Ranger, Researchers, Park Visitors
- Enjoy a campfire at the close of the program.

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