

Mason Mill Naturalist Programs



August 2019

Central DeKalb Senior Center: Bird Stroll

Every Tuesday morning at 8:30; led by David Kuechenmeister (open to CDSC members)

Join a master birder for a two mile walk on the trails of Mason Mill Park to see what birds are active. All levels of birders are welcome. Binoculars and comfortable footwear are recommended. The Bird Stroll will not happen in inclement weather. Meet at the Central DeKalb Senior Center.

Just Walk

Every Wednesday morning at 9:00; led by Carolyn Hartfield

Just Walk is a program of Walk with a Doc in partnership with AARP and is open to everyone. This friendly walk along the South Peachtree Creek Trail (paved and boardwalk) is a great way to build fitness and nature into your weekly routine. The walk is 2 miles, with an option for an additional 2 miles. Wear appropriate footwear and dress for the weather. Water and snacks are provided. Meet at the South Peachtree Creek trailhead near the Mason Mill Tennis Center (McConnell Dr & Mason Mill Rd). Kids and pets are welcome.

Nature Walk with Ranger Jonah

Every Thursday morning at 10:00; led by Jonah McDonald

Come walk with Ranger Jonah and learn about the flora and fauna of the Mason Mill forest. We will walk 1-2 hours for a total of 2-3 miles on paved paths, boardwalks, and soft-surface trails. Hear from the Park Naturalist about local animal activity and what plants thrive in the forest. Wear appropriate footwear, dress for the weather, and bring a refillable water bottle. Bring hiking stick(s) if you have or need them. Meet at the South Peachtree Creek trailhead near the Mason Mill Tennis Center (McConnell Dr & Mason Mill Rd). All ages are welcome.

MORE PROGRAMS ON THE REVERSE!

iNaturalist Walk

Saturday, August 10 at 9:00 am; led by Jonah McDonald

Have you ever noticed a plant, animal, or fungus in the forest and wished you knew what it was? *There is now an app for that!* iNaturalist is a free app that can turn your smartphone into an almost magical tool for learning about nature. Bring your phone and learn how. Already know iNaturalist? Then this short walk will be a great time to snap some pictures and make some IDs. We'll spend around 1 hour on the PATH trails. Wear appropriate footwear, dress for the weather, and bring a refillable water bottle. Meet at the South Peachtree Creek trailhead near the Mason Mill Tennis Center (McConnell Dr & Mason Mill Rd). All ages welcome.

Full Moon Night Walk

Friday, August 16 at 8:00 pm; led by Jonah McDonald

Come see the park after dark! We'll watch the sun set around 8:20 then walk through dusk and into the night, listening to the sounds of nature after dark. The full moon will rise after 9 pm. The park closes at dusk, so this is a great opportunity to hike with Ranger Jonah at night. We will walk 2-3 miles, so wear appropriate footwear, dress for the weather, and bring a refillable water bottle and flashlight or headlamp. Bring hiking sticks if you need them. Meet at the South Peachtree Creek trailhead near the Mason Mill Tennis Center (McConnell Dr & Mason Mill Rd). All ages welcome.

Volunteer Day

Saturday, August 24 at 9:00 am; led by Jonah McDonald

Mason Mill contains a beautiful native forest and also some pushy plants. Invasive species like English ivy, kudzu, porcelain berry, and Chinese privet are crowding out native plants in some areas of the park. Come help restore the forest! Wear long pants and appropriate footwear, dress for the weather, and bring a refillable water bottle. Tools, work gloves, and snacks will be provided. Come for as long as you are able, meet your neighbors, and help make our forest even more amazing. Meet at the South Peachtree Creek trailhead near the Mason Mill Tennis Center (McConnell Dr & Mason Mill Rd). All ages are invited.

History Walk

Sunday, August 25 at 1:00 pm; led by Jonah McDonald

How much do you know about Atlanta's role in the Civil War? What was happening 155 years ago in Decatur and DeKalb? How does the Atlanta Campaign related to the end of slavery and what does the war mean for us today? This history tour will also touch on other eras of human history in this area, including Native American history, early white settlers, and Decatur Waterworks. This easy walk will last around 2 hours and will mostly stay on paved paths and boardwalks, with a short stretch on soft-surface trails. Wear appropriate footwear, dress for the weather, and bring a refillable water bottle. Meet at the South Peachtree Creek trailhead near the Mason Mill Tennis Center (McConnell Dr & Mason Mill Rd). All ages welcome.



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