

Mason Mill Naturalist Programs



July 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

Thursday morning at 10:00; NO WALK ON JULY 4 OR 18; led by Jonah McDonald

PLEASE NOTE THE TWO DATES IN JULY WHEN THERE WILL NOT BE A THURSDAY WALK. 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.

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Arboretum Walk

Saturday, July 13 at 9:00 am, led by Jonah McDonald

How much do you know about the trees of Mason Mill Park? Our forest is not ancient, but it is diverse. This walk will lead us by some of the oldest, largest, and most unique trees in the park. On this easy-to-moderate walk, we will see tuliptree, oak, magnolia, Carolina silverbell, sourwood, sweetgum, persimmon, fringetree, basswood, beech, cottonwood, maple, hornbeam, mountain laurel, loblolly and white pine, black gum, bald cypress, ash, etc. This walk will last around 2 hours and will mostly follow the PATH trails, with a short stretches on soft-surface trails. 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 welcome.

Back-to-School Family Hike

Saturday, July 27 at 9:00 am; led by Jonah McDonald

Bring your family on one last nature hike before school starts back. Join Ranger Jonah for a 1- to 2-mile walk at a child-friendly pace. We'll spend time on the boardwalks and paved paths, as well as on soft-surface trails. There will be time to explore the creeks and play in the sand. 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).

Storytelling and S'mores

Sunday, July 28 at 5:00 pm; led by Jonah McDonald

On Sunday evening, Ranger Jonah will be building a campfire at one of the historic barbeque pits (built by the WPA in 1939) near the Old Decatur Waterworks. Come sit around the fire and listen to Ranger Jonah tell folktales from around the world! The stories will be appropriate for all ages and we'll have the opportunity to roast marshmallows over the fire and eat s'mores. Bring the whole family and maybe a picnic dinner. If your family hasn't been able to go camping this summer, this is a good opportunity to have a campfire experience but still go home and sleep in your own bed. Start at the South Peachtree Creek trailhead near the Mason Mill Tennis Center (McConnell Dr & Mason Mill Rd) and follow signs along the PATH, over the railroad bridge, to the campfire location. All ages are welcome.



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