

Mason Mill Naturalist Programs



June 2019

PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGES FOR THE SUMMER

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 10:00; 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 JUNE 13; 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!

Adventure Series Hike – National Trails Day

Saturday, June 1 at 9:00 am, led by Jonah McDonald

In celebration of National Trails Day, we're kicking off our Adventure Series with a 4-6 mile hike on the trails of Mason Mill Park. On this moderate-to-strenuous hike, we will explore the fabulous network of soft-surface trails. There will be some steep grades and at least one rock-hop over a creek. This hike will be a great introduction to the trail network off the PATH or a fun way to revisit the trails you've been walking since you were a kid. 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). Open to all, but do be aware that this is one of the more strenuous and adventurous hikes to be done in this park.

History Walk

Sunday, June 16 at 1:00 pm; led by Jonah McDonald

Who occupied this land before European settlers arrived? How and where did people live? This history tour led by Ranger Jonah will focus on the history of Native American peoples in DeKalb County and will include storytelling, medicinal and edible plants, a demonstration of fire-by-friction. The tour will also touch on other eras of human history in this area, including early white settlers, the Civil War, 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.

Solstice Night Walk

Friday, June 21 at 8:30 pm; led by Jonah McDonald

Come see the park after dark! June 21st is the longest day of the year (the summer solstice), so the sun doesn't set until 8:51. We'll find a place to watch the sunset, then walk through dusk and into the night, listening to the sounds of nature after dark. 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 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.

Creek Exploration and Walk

Sunday, June 23 at 1:00 pm; led by Jonah McDonald

Mason Mill Park contains three major creeks: South Fork Peachtree Creek, Burnt Fork Creek, and Glenn Creek. We will visit each creek and its confluence, walk along the banks, wade and walk in the water, and monitor the water quality and animal life contained. Plan to get wet (which will feel so nice on a hot summer afternoon). This moderate hike will last around 2 hours and cover about 2 miles on paved paths, boardwalks, soft-surface trails, and in the creek. Wear comfortable shoes or sandals that can get wet, 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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