

Mason Mill Naturalist Programs



March 2020

Central DeKalb Senior Center: Bird Stroll

Every Tuesday morning at 8:30; led by David Kuechenmeister

The public is invited to 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. No Bird Stroll 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

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 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.

Milkweed for Monarchs Walk

Every 3rd Sunday afternoon at 3:00; led by Monarch Collaborations

Monarch butterflies are not just beautiful, they contribute to the health of our planet by pollinating many types of wildflowers. Although monarchs feed on the nectar of many flowers, they ONLY lay their eggs on certain types of milkweed plants. These monthly walks are meant for socialization and to engage in conversation about milkweed and monarchs. 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 are welcome.

MORE PROGRAMS ON THE REVERSE!

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Stories and S'mores with Ranger Jonah & Mrs. Amy

Wednesday, March 4 at 5:00 pm; led by Jonah McDonald & Amy Witcher

Join Park Ranger Jonah McDonald and your Youth Services Librarian Mrs. Amy at Mason Mill Park as we gather near a campfire, listen to stories appropriate for all ages, and make tasty s'mores. Bring the whole family, chairs or a blanket, and maybe even a picnic dinner. We will meet at the historic barbecue grill near the Old Decatur Waterworks. Start at the South Peachtree Creek trailhead near the Mason Mill Tennis Center (McConnell Dr. & Mason Mill Rd.) and follow the signs along the PATH, over the railroad bridge, to the campfire location about ½ mile from the parking lot. Funding provided by the Friends of the Toco Hill-Avis G. Williams library.

Atlanta Science Festival: I.D. the Trees! PROGRAM FULL

Saturday, March 14 at 10:00 am; led by Jonah McDonald

If Atlanta is really "The City in the Forest" shouldn't we know what kind of trees surround us? This Atlanta Science Festival program led by Ranger Jonah and is all about trees. Learn techniques for identifying trees by their bark, leaves, flowers, and fruit. From the common water oak to the rare winged elm, come fall in love with trees at Mason Mill Park! 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). Advance Registration is required on the Atlanta Science Festival website: <http://atlantasciencefestival.org/events-2020/87-id-the-trees/>

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Audubon Birding Walk—PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Saturday, March 21 at 8:00 am; led by Jamie Vidich, Gus Kaufman, and Jonah McDonald

Join two Audubon master birders and Ranger Jonah for a morning of late-winter birding. We will look for seasonal migrants and resident species. Mason Mill straddles South Fork Peachtree Creek and provides good habitat for shrubland birds, wetland, and woodland species along the trails. We'll be birding for three hours with about two to three miles of walking. Wear appropriate footwear and dress for the weather. Bring your binoculars and a refillable water bottle. Meet at the South Peachtree Creek trailhead near the Mason Mill Tennis Center (McConnell Dr & Mason Mill Rd). Advance registration required: <https://march-birding.eventbrite.com>

Volunteer Day

Sunday, March 22 at 1:00 pm; led by Jonah McDonald

Want to make our park more welcoming to all? Come assist Ranger Jonah with trail maintenance and invasive plant removal. Georgia Master Gardeners will also be hosting a gardening project, if weeding and mulching is more your speed. Come beautify Mason Mill and restore the forest! Wear long pants and appropriate footwear, dress for the weather, and bring a refillable water bottle. Bring work gloves and a snack; tools and water will be provided. Stay 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.



Contact the Park Naturalist: jpmcdonald@dekalbcountyga.gov or 404-491-3670

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