

Mason Mill Naturalist Programs



November 2019

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. 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

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.

MORE PROGRAMS ON THE REVERSE!

Nature Photography Walk

Saturday, November 2 at 10:00 am; led by Jonah McDonald, Roger Easley, & Mary Jones

No matter if you are an experienced photographer with a DSLR camera or a beginner with a smartphone, this walk will help you find interesting spots and subjects for photography. Ranger Jonah will lead the group to special places in the forest and photographer guides Roger Easley and Mary Jones will offer artistic and technical pointers. We'll spend about 2 hours on PATH and soft-surface trails. Bring your camera(s) and hiking stick(s) if you have or need them. Wear appropriate footwear, dress for the weather, and bring a refillable water bottle and insect repellent. Meet at the South Peachtree Creek trailhead near the Mason Mill Tennis Center (McConnell Dr & Mason Mill Rd). All ages welcome. This program will be postponed if there is rain. Contact Ranger Jonah if you have questions.

Full Moon Night Walk—PRE-REGISTRATION ONLY

Tuesday, November 12 at 5:30 pm; led by Jonah McDonald

Come see the park in the full moon's light! We'll watch the sun 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, a flashlight or headlamp, and insect repellent. 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. Due to the popularity of this hike, pre-registration is required, with a maximum of 30 participants. You can register starting at noon on October 15th at <https://nov-moon.eventbrite.com>

Birds of Prey Demonstration

Saturday, November 16 at 10:00 am, led by Bill Mixon & Jonah McDonald

Want to learn more about the hawks and owls that live in our forests? Master Falconer, Bill Mixon, is bringing his red tailed hawk, "Fancy" to Mason Mill Park for a demonstration and talk. We will watch the bird fly, have the opportunity to observe it up close, and learn from Bill about hawk behavior and the art of Falconry. What birds of prey live at Mason Mill? What are the differences between species? How can we help protect these animals? All ages are invited to learn more at this special program. Wear appropriate footwear, dress for the weather, and bring a refillable water bottle. Meet at the S. Peachtree Creek trailhead near the Mason Mill Tennis Center (McConnell Dr & Mason Mill Rd).

Volunteer Day

Sunday, November 17 at 1:00 pm; 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. Bring work gloves and a snack; tools and water 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.



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