

Mason Mill Naturalist Programs



September 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 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!

Creek Exploration and Walk

Saturday, September 7 at 10:00 am; 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. 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 and insect repellent. 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.

Storytelling and S'mores

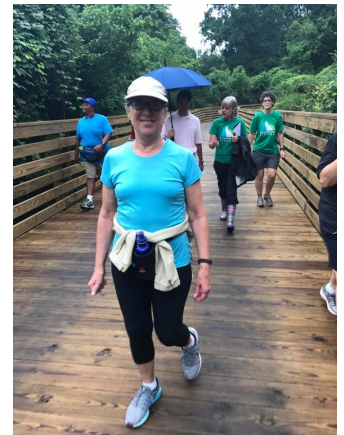
Sunday, September 15 at 5:00 pm; led by Jonah McDonald

On Sunday evening, Ranger Jonah will be building a campfire at the historic barbeque grill (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, chairs or a blanket, insect repellent, and maybe a picnic dinner. 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.

Walk and Talk with Commissioner Kathie Gannon

Thursday, September 19 at 10:00 am; led by Kathie Gannon and Jonah McDonald

Ranger Jonah welcomes DeKalb Super District 6 Commissioner Kathie Gannon to Mason Mill Park for a easy 1.5 hour walk covering about 2 miles along the PATH trail from Mason Mill Park towards Medlock Park. You'll have the opportunity to chat with the Commissioner, hear about the flora and fauna of the forest from Ranger Jonah, and meet your neighbors. Wear appropriate footwear, dress for the weather, and bring a refillable water bottle and insect repellent. 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.



Volunteer Day

Saturday, September 28 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. 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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