

Mason Mill Naturalist Programs



January 2023

First Day Hike

Jan 1, 2023, 10am — Please Register: max 15 participants

Resolved to spend more time in nature this year? Come do your first hike of 2023 with Ranger Jonah at Mason Mill Park. To help ring in the new year, parks across the country have been hosting programs called “First Day Hikes” for almost 30 years. This moderate 2-3 hour hike will cover between 4 and 5 miles on PATH and soft-surface hiking trails. All ages are welcome.

Full Moon Night Walk

Jan 6, 5:30pm—Please Register: max 25 participants

Come see the park in the full moon’s light! We’ll walk through dusk and into the night, listening to the sounds of nature after dark, watching for moonrise. The park closes at dusk, so this is a great opportunity to hike with Ranger Jonah at night. This is not a program that is appropriate for dogs. All ages are welcome.

Bird Stroll with Ranger Jonah

Jan 10, 8am — Please Register: max 15 participants

Join Ranger Jonah for a two-mile walk on the boardwalk 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. *This walk does not start in the usual location near the trailhead. Instead, please meet near the Mason Mill playground.*

Nature Walk with Ranger Jonah

Jan 19, 10am—Please Register: max 15 participants

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. All ages welcome.

Nature Play Adventure

Jan 27, 10am — Please Register: max 15 kids

Join Ranger Jonah for a nature adventure designed for ages 2-8. We’ll go on a walk through the forests of Mason Mill, climb on rocks, look for critters under logs, and splash in the creek. We’ll be walking at least 1 mile, so be prepared to help your child if he/she needs it. Expect to get dirty and wet!

Stories & S’mores

Jan 28, 5pm — Please Register: max 50 participants

Join Ranger Jonah for an evening around the campfire with stories and s’mores. Bring the whole family, chairs or a blanket, and maybe even a picnic dinner. It’s a 1/2-mile walk to the location. All ages are welcome.

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February 2023

Intro to Birding

Feb 4, 9am — Please Register: max 15 participants

Want to get into birding? Come learn about the common birds of Mason Mill from Ranger Jonah. We'll listen to bird calls and songs, review field markings of common species, and practice binocular skills. Bring binoculars and wear comfortable footwear as we'll be on our feet for about 1.5 miles of walking. We will postpone if there is inclement weather.

Full Moon Night Walk

Feb 5, 6:00pm—Please Register: max 25 participants

Come see the park in the full moon's light! We'll walk through dusk and into the night, listening to the sounds of nature after dark, watching for moonrise. The park closes at dusk, so this is a great opportunity to hike with Ranger Jonah at night. This is not a program that is appropriate for dogs. All ages are welcome.

"Super Bowl" Hike

Feb 11, 9am — Please Register: max 15 participants

Come take a long hike with Ranger Jonah on the day before the big game to add some exercise and adventure to your weekend. The first leg of the hike will be kid-friendly and then we'll continue on moderate-to-strenuous hiking trails, exploring some off-the-beaten-path parts of Mason Mill. There will be some steep grades and at least one rock-hop over a creek.

Nature Walk with Ranger Jonah

Feb 16, 10am—Please Register: max 15 participants

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. All ages welcome.

Nature Play Adventure

Feb 24, 10am — Please Register: max 15 kids

Join Ranger Jonah for a nature adventure designed for ages 2-8. We'll go on a walk through the forests of Mason Mill, climb on rocks, look for critters under logs, and splash in the creek. We'll be walking at least 1 mile, so be prepared to help your child if he/she needs it. Expect to get dirty and wet!

Volunteer Day at Ira B. Melton Park

Feb 26, 1pm — Please Register: max 25 participants

Come assist the Friends of Melton Park with invasive plant removal & spreading gravel on the trails. Wear long pants and appropriate footwear, dress for the weather, and bring a refillable water bottle and snack, work gloves, loppers, hand pruners, plus a shovel & mattock if possible. Meet at the entrance to Ira B. Melton Park at 2080 Desmond Drive.

Bird Stroll with Ranger Jonah

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