

Halyburton Park Nature Programs



Calendar of Events January – April 2012

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**PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED FOR
ALL PROGRAMS.**

Little Explorer's Ages 2-5

Bring your *"Little Explorers"* out to the park and discover nature through stories, songs, hands-on activities, hikes and crafts. Your children will delight in the many nature themes we explore each month. Space is limited and pre-registration is required for these popular programs. \$3/participant

ABC's of Nature

Mon 1/9 10-11am
Tue 1/10 10-11am

Come discover the ABC's of nature by taking a hike and exploring different plants and animals that start with different letters of the alphabet.

Winter in the Forest

Mon 1/23 10-11am
Tue 1/24 10-11am

Take a hike to learn about all the changes in the forest, and the animals that live in the forest throughout the winter.

Shapes and Colors in Nature

Mon 2/13 10-11am
Tue 2/14 10-11am

Come out to the park to explore the shapes and colors in nature. Since it's Valentine's Day a fun heart craft will be made.

Frogs and Toads

Mon 3/5 10-11am
Tue 3/6 10-11am

Come to the park and learn all about frogs and toads and what makes them different. Then a hike to search for these hoppy animals!

Amazing Annelids

Mon 3/19 10-11am
Tue 3/20 10-11am

Enjoy a hike in the park while exploring for squirmy worms and other animals that live in and around the soil.

Signs of Spring

Mon 4/2 10-11am
Tues 4/3 10-11am

It is getting warmer! Come on a hike to discover all the different signs of spring exploring the park for different plants and animals, and then making a fun craft.

Incredible Insects

Mon 4/16 10-11am
Tues 4/17 10-11am

Come learn about the incredible insects that can be found in the park including butterflies, dragonflies and many more.

Youth Ages 3-5, 6-7, 8-10

Spring Eggventure

Thu 4/5 1:00-4:00pm

Egg Hunts will take place at 1:30,, 2:30 and 3:30pm for children age 3-5, 6-7 and 8-10.

Join the eggcitement at Halyburton Park. Programs and activities for the day include Animal Eggs, and Nests, Egglympics, Story time, and Spring Nature Hike. Space is limited and pre-registration is required. \$5/participant

Jr. Naturalist Age: 6-11

These nature programs will focus on a new **nature theme each month and provide your** child with the opportunity to learn about the plants and animals living in the park through fun, hands on activities. Children will be able to develop a lifelong appreciation of nature and meet other children with similar interests.

Shelling the Shores

Sat 1/7 1:30-3:00pm

Get up close to remnants of once living creatures from the sea. Discover how these animals behaved, lived, and dealt with an ever changing environment. Each student will get the opportunity to pick out some shells, participate in activities, and get up close to live critters. \$7/participant

Trek Upon a Winters' Dig- All About Fossils

Sat 1/14 1:30-3:00pm

Get a closer look at remnants of the past as you discover the remains of different animals that had been hidden beneath the sea for millions of years; until now. Each student will receive a bag of fossil dirt to sift through in search of fossils. All findings are yours to keep. \$7/participant

Valentines in the Woods

Sat 2/11 1:30-3:00pm

Have you ever wondered what goes on in the woods during Valentines? Get an inside glimpse of what those love birds are doing out there in the deep woods of a long

leaf pine savannah. Later, we will build a Natures Valentines craft. \$5/participant

Spring Mayhem

Sat 3/10 1:30-3:00pm

Discover the many antics that go on in the forest as temperatures rise and the close of the winter season approaches. Take a hike through the woods to watch the many antics and behavior of the many critters inhabiting this forest community. Then show off your artistic skills as we build a spring craft. \$5/participant

Easter in the Woods

Fri 3/30 4:00-5:00pm

Happy Easter from all the critters of the woods. Embark on a journey into the world of life inhabiting a long leaf pine forest. Discover how those woodland creatures prepare for spring, as well as celebrating Easter. Later, we will build a natures Easter craft. \$5/participant

Family Nature Programs

New Year's Day Hike

Sun 1/1 10:00am-12:00pm

Start off the New Year by taking a 2 mile nature hike at Halyburton Park. Learn about the parks history, Long Leaf Pine forest, Carolina Bays and enjoy the outdoors as well as you hike from the Park to the Cameron Art Museum along the Cross City trail. Ages 10 & up. FREE

Backyard Birding and Bird Feeding

Sat 1/14, 3/3, 4/7 9:30-11:30am

Each season invites new visitors to your backyard. Some remain all year round, while others migrate great distances. Join park naturalist into the world of birds and discover what tasty treats and feeders will attract these fantastic creatures each season. Discover how you could build your own backyard birdy oasis. \$3/participant

Trek Upon a Long Leaf Pine Forest

Sat 1/21, 3/31, 4/7 10-11:30am

Explore nature up close as we take a hike through a long leaf pine savannah learning the many properties that make up this type of ecosystem. We will hike through several trails inside the park, and then along the forest trail of the Gary Shell Cross City Trail. Wear appropriate clothing for the weather. \$1/participant

Remnants of the Past

Fri 1/27 10am-6pm

Martin Marietta Aggregate Quarries produce limestone used for construction of roads and other needs for crushed stone. Several different ages of fossils are found at this site,

ranging from 10 thousand to 80 million years old. Theresa Celia Mowrey, NC Environmental Educator and Naturalist for Halyburton Park, and member of the North Carolina Fossil Club and Shell Club, will lead this hunt for ancient life forms. Fossils we will be hunting for include sand dollars, sea urchins, sea biscuits, seashells, shark teeth, whale bones, and other marine and terrestrial life. Wear appropriate clothing for the weather. **Steel toed shoes and hard hat is required.** The quarry has some rough terrain, and there may be some extensive walking on uneven, rocky and or steep grades depending on quarry. Any and all fossils found by participants are fair game to keep by their finders. A small day pack, a nail apron to put fossils in, small bottles for fragile finds, a chipping hammer or other tools to pry fossils loose are helpful but not crucial. Many fossils are simply laying on the surface of the ground ready to collect. In addition, you may want to bring bottled water, lunch and a snack. \$15/participant

Great Backyard Bird Count

Sat 2/11 9:00am-12:00pm
The Great Backyard Bird Count is an annual four-day event that engages bird watchers of all ages in counting birds to create a real-time snapshot of where the birds are across the continent. Anyone can participate, from beginning bird watchers to experts. We will explore the area around Halyburton Park to identify birds, as well as learn how to submit data. Ages 10 & up. FREE

Snake and Turtle Feeding

Wed 1/11, 2/8, 3/21, 4/18 4-4:30pm
Enjoy a brief presentation about the live animals on display in the Event Center and then watch them feed. At least one snake and a turtle will be fed during the demonstration. Ages 3 & up. \$1/participant

Adult Programs

An Odyssey into the World of Fossils

Fri 1/6 10am-6pm
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Outer Banks Birding Trip

Lake Mattamuskeet, Pocosin Lakes, Alligator River and Pea Island National Wildlife Refuges
Sat 1/28 to Sun 1/29 5am-6pm
The Outer Banks of N.C. is a premier birding destination on the East Coast. This trip will focus on waterfowl, shorebirds and land birds of Eastern North Carolina and the Outer Banks. We will tour Pocosin Lakes and Lake Mattamuskeet NWR, home to tens of thousands of Tundra Swan and Snow Geese, to observe a variety of migratory waterfowl. On our way to the Outer Banks we will visit Alligator River NWR, home of the endangered Red Wolf, to observe land birds and Short-eared Owls at dusk. After a day of birding, we will check in to the Comfort Inn in Nags Head and then head out to one of the many delectable Outer Banks restaurants. On Sunday we will visit the Pea Island NWR, Oregon Inlet and Bodie Island to observe a variety of waterfowl and shorebirds. **Cost is \$55/participant** with transportation and entrance fees included. Lodging (Double room, Bayside view at Comfort Inn) and meals are coordinated but **not included** in the cost of the trip. **Registration deadline is January 14.**

Project WET Workshop

Thu 2/9 9am-4pm
Project WET (Water Education for Teachers) is an interdisciplinary water education program. The goal of Project WET is to facilitate and promote the awareness, appreciation, knowledge and stewardship of water resources through ready made activities. This program is open to classroom teachers, resource agency educators, preschool and daycare teachers, youth organization leaders (i.e. 4-H, Scouts and Campfire), nature center instructors, and home School Teachers. Learn how to facilitate and promote awareness, appreciation, knowledge, and stewardship of North Carolina's water resources, with particular emphasis on the local ponds and watersheds. This workshop is a fun, hands-on, action-packed, informational workshop for anyone interested in natural resources and environmental education. Earn 10 hours of credit toward NC Environmental Education, and Certification and Continuing Education Units (CEU's).

The workshop offers educators exciting new activities to use in teaching science, math, language arts, social studies, and environmental studies. \$25/participant

Aurora Fossil Museum and Phosphate Mine Tour

Fri 3/23 8am-6pm
The museum has a wide variety of Pleistocene, Pliocene and Miocene marine fossils on display. Most displays feature specimens collected from the local PotashCorp mine (formerly referred to as Lee Creek). This famous mine has been called the most important source of Pliocene and Miocene fossils in the world. We will take a tour of the local phosphate mine, explore the museum and gift shop, and then hunt for fossils in the piles at the museum. These piles, also known as the "Pit of the Pungo", are an unlimited source of Miocene age fossils that was donated by the local phosphate mine. In these fossil rich soils, one may find the remains of ancient sharks, whales, bony fish, corals, shells and other invertebrates. You may want to bring a trowel or sifter, and bags. Small jars for delicate finds may be used as well. In addition, you may want to bring bottled water, lunch, snacks, and a day pack. Wear appropriate clothing for the weather. \$35/participant

Bird Hikes along the NC Birding Trail

The NC Birding Trail is a driving trail to link birders with great birding sites across the state and the local communities in which they are found. North Carolina has an incredible diversity of habitats which provide food and shelter for more than 440 bird species throughout the year, making it a premiere destination for birders and nature-lovers. Each month we will explore a different site along the Coastal Plain Trail in Southeastern NC. Each hike will be approximately 2 miles. Transportation from Halyburton Park is included. \$10/participant

Smith Creek Park

Thu 1/19 8:00am-12:00pm

Greenfield Lake

Thu 2/16 8:00am-12:00pm

Ft. Fisher

Thu 3/15 8:00am-12:00pm

Lake Waccamaw

Thu 4/19 8:00 am-2:00pm

REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ Zip: _____
E-mail: _____
Phone # _____ (H)
_____ (W)
Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____
Emergency Contact: _____
Phone# _____
Allergies: _____
Are you currently taking any medications?

If so, please list: _____
Please list any physical limitations that might impact participation: _____
Program: _____ Date: _____
Program: _____ Date: _____
Program: _____ Date: _____
Program: _____ Date: _____
Total Cost: _____

Please indicate method of payment.
_____ Check _____ Cash

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THIS PROGRAM?

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