



SUMMER ACTIVITIES

August



Welcome to Panther Creek State Park! We hope you enjoy your visit. While you are with us, we invite you to take advantage of the rich natural beauty and wealth of opportunities for enjoyable recreation here at the park!

Park Program Staff: Josh Kuykendall & Martha Kuhn

Sunday, August 1st

- 1:00pm **Wildlife Mystery Box** – Campground Amphitheater – Reach into our Wildlife Mystery Box to discover many interesting items found only in nature during this fun, educational, and interactive program for children.
- 2:00pm **Nature Hike** – Ranger Station – Join us for a leisurely stroll down the Old Wagon Trail. Along the way we'll discuss plants, trees, animals and anything else interesting we see. Please remember to wear sturdy walking shoes and bring along some drinking water. Your four-legged friend is also welcome!

Monday, August 2nd

- 10:00am **Scavenger Hunt** – Creek Observation Deck – Come explore nature as we collect the items on our scavenger hunt list during this fun activity for children of all ages.

Tuesday, August 3rd

- 10:00am **Nature Games** – Campground Amphitheater – Join us as we play some fun games that will help us learn about nature.

Wednesday, August 4th

- 10:00am **Nature Hike** – Ranger Station – Join us for a leisurely stroll down the Old Wagon Trail. Along the way we'll discuss plants, trees, animals and anything else interesting we see. Please remember to wear sturdy walking shoes and bring along some drinking water. Your four-legged friend is also welcome!
- 12:00n **Canoe Trip** – Boat Ramp – Float on down and meet the ranger for a great time on Cherokee Lake. We will provide the boats, paddles, and lifejackets. You should bring a friend and call the Visitor's Center for reservations. **Limit 15 per trip. Please call 423-587-7046 for reservations.**
- 3:00pm **Animal Tracking** – Ranger Station – Is that a raccoon or opossum track? We'll learn how to tell the difference as we cover the basics of track identification. Please wear old shoes, as we will be searching for track along the muddy banks of Panther Creek and Cherokee Lake.

Thursday, August 5th

- 2:00pm **Reptile Program** – Ranger Station – Slither on down and meet Wilbur the gentle corn snake as we learn about the many great snakes of east Tennessee. We’ll learn what snakes eat, how they hunt, which ones are venomous and what to do if you see a snake in the woods.
- 6:30pm **Music in the Park** – Spoons Shelter – The West Hamblen Fire Department and the Friends of Panther Creek State Park will host the “Music in the Park” series this summer. Anyone who would like to sing or play an instrument is welcome to join in the music making. This free family event will continue each Thursday this summer. Please join us for some good music and family fun.
- 8:00pm **Photography Hike** – Seven Sinkholes Trailhead – Grab your camera and join us as we discuss tips to take better photographs of nature. We’ll then walk along the Seven Sinkholes Trail to see what great things our cameras can capture. Please wear sturdy shoes and remember to bring drinking water.

Friday, August 6th

- 10:00am **Kids Survival Skills** – Creek Observation Deck – Come learn what supplies you need to carry with you every time you go into the wilderness and what to do if you get lost or stranded in the woods.
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- 9:00pm **Night Hike** – Ranger Station – Joins us as we explore Panther Creek at night. We’ll seek nocturnal animals and learn about our own abilities to navigate in the dark with some fun sensory games.

Saturday, August 7th

- 1:00pm **Knot Tying** – Ranger Station – Join us as we learn to tie a few basic knots. This very practical skill can be used in a variety of outdoor situations.
- 3:00pm **How to Survive in the Woods** – Campground Amphitheater – Join us as we discuss and demonstrate some of the things everyone should carry with them to survive in the forest.

Sunday, August 8th

- 10:00am **Scavenger Hunt** – Creek Observation Deck – Come explore nature as we collect the items on our scavenger hunt list during this fun activity for children of all ages.
- 12:00n **Stream Stomp** – Creek Observation Deck – Join us as we search for aquatic insects, fish, reptiles, and anything else interesting we find in and along the banks of Panther Creek. We will discuss what we find and determine the cleanliness of Panther Creek. Please bring water shoes and prepare to get wet.
- 2:00pm **Nature Hike** – Ranger Station – Join us for a leisurely stroll down the Old Wagon Trail. Along the way we'll discuss plants, trees, animals and anything else interesting we see. Please remember to wear sturdy walking shoes and bring along some drinking water. Your four-legged friend is also welcome!

Monday, August 9th

- 10:00am **Wildlife Mystery Box** – Spoons Pavilion – Reach into our Wildlife Mystery Box to discover many interesting items found only in nature during this fun, educational, and interactive program for children.

Tuesday, August 10th

- 10:00am **Predator & Prey** – Spoons Pavilion – Hide and seek isn't just a game for wild "critters." Animals hide and seek to stay alive! Come find out more about why animals hide and seek. Afterwards we will play our own game of hide and seek.

Wednesday, August 11th

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SPECIAL NOTE: We work hard to make our programs both safe and fun! However, as with any outdoor activity, there is always a risk of personal discomfort or even personal injury. Please use your common sense and care whenever you enjoy activities in the Great Tennessee Outdoors.