



SUMMER ACTIVITIES

July



Welcome to Panther Creek State Park! We hope you will 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: Eldon Brunton & Melissa Reagan

Sunday, July 12th

- 9:00 AM **Canoe Trip** – Boat Ramp – Float 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.**
- 10:00 AM **Horseback Ride** – Horse Trailer Parking Lot – Bring your horse and a bag lunch and join the ranger for an exciting day on the Hunt Knob and Maple Arch trails. Come experience the natural beauty of Panther Creek State Park during this 4-5 hour trail ride event.
- 12:00 N **Stream Stomp** – Creek Observation Deck – Join us as we search for aquatic insects, fish, reptiles and anything else interesting we can find in and along the banks of Panther Creek. We will discuss what we find and determine the cleanliness of Panther Creek. Please wear water shoes and prepare to get wet.
- 2:00 PM **Nature Hike & Insect Round Up** – Ranger Station – Join us for a leisurely afternoon hike along the Wagon and Norris Blackburn trails as we discuss plants, trees and wildlife. We may even round up a few insects during our walk together. Please wear sturdy shoes or hiking boots.

Thursday, July 16th

- 1:00 PM **Pinecone Bird Feeders** – Campground Pavilion – Come join in the fun as we make pinecone bird feeders for our winged friends at Panther Creek.
- 2:00 PM **Cornhusk Doll Making** – Campground Pavilion – Join us as we learn how to make old fashion dolls out of cornhusks! That's right! We'll learn how the Native Americans made the original Barbie Doll!
- 6:30 PM **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.

Friday, July 17th

- 9:00 AM **Canoe Trip** – Boat Ramp – Float 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.**
- 11:30 AM **Pinecone Bird Feeders** – Campground Pavilion – Come join in the fun as we make pinecone bird feeders for our winged friends at Panther Creek.
- 1:30 PM **Camping Basics** – Creek Observation Deck – Join us as we discuss camping techniques and tips and display essential equipment for a successful camping trip.
- 5:30 PM **Finger Painting** – Campground Pavilion – Come make a messy masterpiece with paint! All youngsters and young at heart are encouraged to attend!
- 7:30 PM **Dog Hike** – Seven Sinkholes Trailhead – Bring you best friend and join us as we hike the Seven Sinkholes Trail. This is a wonderful way to enjoy nature. Good for all ages. Don't forget your best friends' leash!

Saturday, July 18th

- 9:00 AM **Volunteer Trail Day** – Visitor's Center – If you enjoy the trails at Panther Creek you should join our staff during this event. We will work together on fun projects to improve park trails. Please wear old clothes, boots and bring along some work gloves for this event. We will work until noon. Volunteers with 20 hours service at Panther Creek will receive a cool T-shirt.
- 2:00 PM **Nature Hike** – Ranger Station – Join us for a leisurely afternoon hike along the Wagon and Norris Blackburn trails as we discuss plants, trees and any wildlife we see along the way. Please wear sturdy shoes or hiking boots.
- 5:30 PM **Animal Camouflage** – Amphitheater – Join the fun as we discuss the natural camouflage animals wear to hide from danger.
- 7:30 PM **Animal Puppets** – Campground Pavilion – Come and make your own puppet in the likeness of some of the animals you may see while hiking at Panther Creek.

Sunday, July 19th

- 10:00 AM **Children's Stories** – Amphitheater – Surround yourself with the beauty of nature at our amphitheater as we enjoy some fantastic nature stories for children of all ages.
- 2:30 PM **Nature Hike** – Ranger Station – Join us for a leisurely afternoon hike along the Wagon and Norris Blackburn trails as we discuss plants, trees and any wildlife we see along the way. Please wear sturdy shoes or hiking boots.

Sunday, July 19th (Continued)

- 4:30 PM **Canoe Trip** – Boat Ramp – Float 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.**
- 8:00 PM **Tree Leaflet Designing** – Campground Pavilion – Join us for some crazy good times making tree leaflet traces!

Wednesday, July 22nd

- 10:00 AM **Enviroscope Watershed Model** – Upper Campground Pavilion – Come learn about water pollution and what you can do to help prevent it as we demonstrate this interactive watershed model.
- 3:00 PM **Canoe Trip** – Boat Ramp – Float 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.**
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- 8:00 PM **Wildlife Mystery Box** – Campground 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.

Thursday, July 23rd

- 10:00 AM **Whizzer Making** – Campground Pavilion – What's a Whizzer? Come find out and make a whizzer of your own as we explore the art of old-fashion toy making.
- 12:00 N **Reptile Program** – Amphitheater – 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.
- 2:00 PM **Cornhusk Doll Making** – Campground Pavilion – Join us as we learn how to make old fashion dolls out of cornhusks! That's right! We'll learn how the Native Americans made the original Barbie Doll!

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Friday, July 24th

8:00 AM **Nature Photography** – Ranger Station – Bring your camera as we take a leisurely morning hike in search of that award-winning nature snapshot. We’ll take some beautiful pictures to keep as a life-long memory of your visit to Panther Creek.

11:00 AM **Butterfly’s Life Cycle** – Campground Pavilion – Learn the stages of a butterfly’s life while making an interesting mobile to take home with you.

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7:30 PM **Trapping Program** – Campground Pavilion – Join us at the Campground Pavilion for a fun and educational discussion on trapping wildlife. We’ll learn some of the positives and negatives of trapping wildlife during this educational program.

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- 1:00 PM **Black Bear Fun** – Creek Observation Deck – How long do black bears live? Can they swim? Join us and find out as we learn some interesting facts about the black bear.
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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.