



PARK ACTIVITIES

September



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!

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Wednesday, September 1st

- 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 shoes and bring along some drinking water. Your four-legged friend is also welcome.
- 12:00n **Wildlife Mystery Box** – Campground Amphitheater – Reach into our Wildlife Mystery Box and discover many interesting things found only in nature during this fun, educational, and interactive program for children.
- 2:00pm **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.

Thursday, September 2nd

- 2:00pm **Tree Identification Hike** – Ranger Station – Is that a hickory or a maple tree? We'll learn the difference along with some fun facts about the trees found here at Panther Creek State Park.
- 6:30pm **Music in the Park** – Spoons Shelter – The West Hamblen Fire Department and the Friends of Panther Creek State Park host the "Music in the Park" series. 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 through September. Please join us for some good music and family fun.
- 7:00pm **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, September 3rd

- 10:00am **Indian Stories** – Campground Amphitheater – Come hear about how the heavens; the earth and the animals came about through Native American folklore stories.
- 12:00n **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.

Friday, September 3rd (Continued)

2:00pm **Leaf Prints** – Ranger Station – Join the ranger to learn how to preserve your favorite leaf forever. We'll supply all the materials during this fun program for children and the young at heart.

Saturday, September 4th

9:00am **Volunteer Stream Clean Up** – Ranger Station – Did you enjoy cooling off in Panther Creek this summer? If so, you should give back and join us as we remove litter from the creek. Please wear water shoes and prepare to get wet as we help maintain the natural beauty of Panther Creek.

12:00n **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.

1:00pm **Backpacking Basics** – Ranger Station – Have you ever wanted to go backpacking but just didn't know where to begin? Well, here's your chance to learn the basic equipment needs and safety tips for a successful backpacking trip.

Monday, September 6th

10:00am **Kids Nature Hike** – Creek Observation Deck – Calling all kids! Join us as we walk through the woods learning about some of Mother Nature's treasures. Kids of all ages welcome.

Tuesday, September 7th

10:00am **Predator & Prey** – Campground Amphitheater – 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.

Thursday, September 9th

6:30pm **Music in the Park** – Spoons Shelter – The West Hamblen Fire Department and the Friends of Panther Creek State Park host the "Music in the Park" series. 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 through September. Please join us for some good music and family fun.

Friday, September 10th

10:00am **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.

Monday, September 13th

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, September 14th

10:00am **Animal Tracking** – Creek Observation Deck – 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 tracks along the muddy banks of Panther Creek and Cherokee Lake.

Thursday, September 16th

6:30pm **Music in the Park** – Spoons Shelter – The West Hamblen Fire Department and the Friends of Panther Creek State Park host the “Music in the Park” series. 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 through September. Please join us for some good music and family fun.

Friday, September 17th

10:00am **Indian Stories** – Campground Amphitheater – Come hear about how the heavens; the earth and the animals came about through Native American folklore stories.

2:00pm **Mountain Biking Excursion** – Visitor's Center – Join the ranger for a moderately strenuous mountain biking excursion along the Wagon, Piney Cove, Pioneer and Deer Run Trails. Please bring drinking water and allow two hours for this trip. Also remember state law requires children under the age of 16 to wear a helmet when bicycling.

Monday, September 20th

10:00am **Kids Nature Hike** – Creek Observation Deck – Calling all kids! Join us as we walk through the woods learning about some of Mother Nature's treasures. Kids of all ages welcome.

Tuesday, September 21st

10:00am **Predator & Prey** – Campground Amphitheater – 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.

Thursday, September 23rd

6:30pm **Music in the Park** – Spoons Shelter – The West Hamblen Fire Department and the Friends of Panther Creek State Park host the “Music in the Park” series. 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 through September. Please join us for some good music and family fun.

Friday, September 24th

10:00am **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.

Monday, September 27th

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, September 28th

10:00am **Animal Tracking** – Creek Observation Deck – 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 tracks along the muddy banks of Panther Creek and Cherokee Lake.

Thursday, September 30th

6:30pm **Music in the Park** – Spoone Shelter – The West Hamblen Fire Department and the Friends of Panther Creek State Park host the “Music in the Park” series. Anyone who would like to sing or play an instrument is welcome to join in the music making. This free family event will conclude until May of next year after this final performance of the season. Please join us for some good music and family fun.

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.