Summer Activities

Welcome to Warriors' Path 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.

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MONDAY, JUNE 20

- **3:00 PM JUNIOR RANGERS: TRAIL CLEANUP** Make our park a cleaner, healthier environment! You'll make a big difference for our earth, and begin to earn your Junior Ranger badge. Meet at the main bath house. Be prepared to get dirty!
- **6:00 PM CHARCOAL ART -** With a few artistic tools, and a bit of drawing skill, you can create a beautiful picture of what our park was, and is, and will be. Meet at the main bath house to create a park masterpiece!
- **8:30 PM NIGHT SENSES** Nature is full of sights and sounds and scents! Let's open our senses to night discovery. Bring your flashlight to the main bath house to start our walk through the night.

TUESDAY, JUNE 21

- **9:30 AM DEVIL'S BACKBONE HIKE** -Come hike to the high places, and get some new views of our park land. Drive to the camp store, and we'll carpool to the start of an invigorating hike.
- 11:00 AM BIKE RIDE TO SHIPLEY CEMETERY Years before this was a park, it was the Shipley family farm. As we visit their family cemetery, and the green hills beyond, we can get a better feeling for their land and their lives. Pedal on down to the camp store. Note that ALL riders MUST wear a bicycle helmet. Children 10 or under must be accompanied by an adult!
- **1:00 PM SEED ART** Come discover all the things you can create from tree seeds! Meet at the main bath house for some "crafty" fun.
- **3:00 PM BOAT FLOAT** Are you ready to sail across ponds and puddles? Meet at the main bath house to build your own bark boat. Then we'll stroll on down to the shore and watch them set sail.
- **5:00 PM TENNESSEE SYMBOLS "JEOPARDY" -** Let's try out this natural version of the famous game show. Test your skills and see how much you REALLY know about our state. Meet at the Open Air Chapel, or main bath house if it is raining.
- **6:00 PM MEET THE OWL** Meet a real live feathered hunter. Come to the Open Air Chapel and see "whooo..." is waiting for you. If it is raining, meet at the main bath house.
- 9:00 PM LAMP-LIT NIGHT HIKE Take a "de-light-full" hike through the night. We'll light up the trail with old-timey kerosene lanterns, and discover a "new world" of life after dark. We'll supply the lanterns, but children should bring flashlights instead for safety. Meet at the park's Mt Bike Trail parking lot (at the end of Freeman Rd, Blountville TN)

NOTE: All activities meet in and near the park's Main Campground, unless otherwise specified.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22

- **9:00 AM FALL CREEK LOOP TRAIL** -Let's hike the park's most scenic trail! Enjoy beautiful vistas of the summer fields, as we search for signs of the unique habitats in the open country. Drive to the camp store, and we'll caravan to the start of a two hour hike.
- **11:00 AM NATURE TRAVELERS** How do trees, plants and animals "hitch a ride" to new places? Let's go along for the ride! Meet at the main bath house.
- **1:30 PM MEET THE SNAKES** They're not the fearsome creatures you've been led to believe! Come out and learn the facts about these interesting and helpful animals. Meet at the Open Air Chapel. (At the main bath house if it's raining).
- **3:00 PM** MAGNIFYING GLASS WALK Use your eyes and some handy little magnifiers to get a close look at nature's amazing details. Meet at the main bath house to begin a short discovery walk.
- **4:30 PM TREE COOKIES -** Let's read a small slice of nature! The *inside* of a tree holds many clues to the *outside* of the land! Meet at the Open Air Chapel, or main bath house if it is raining.
- **6:00 PM OPEN FIELDS** Green summer fields are full of living stories. Come explore life in Tennessee grasslands. Meet at the Open Air Chapel.
- **9:00 PM** SPIDERS Enjoy a slide-illustrated journey through spider country. Get a close look at these amazing creatures, from the comfort of your seat. Meet at the Open Air Chapel, or pool entrance if it's raining.

THURSDAY, JUNE 23

- **9:30 AM WAKE UP LAKE SHORE** It's wake-up time on the Lake Shore Trail! Meet at the main bathhouse for a refreshing morning stroll.
- **11:00 AM LIFE UNDER LOGS** Every corner of this earth is a home and rotten logs are some of the best! Help us "dig into" this unique habitat. Meet at the main bath house, and be ready to get your hands dirty.
- **1:00 PM** THE CITY THAT ALMOST WASN'T A SMALL corner of our park played a BIG role in the story of Kingsport old & new Come for a short hike to read this pathway of history. Meet at the Camp Store.
- **3:00 PM PAPER MAKING** Here's a great way to recycle, and create your own handmade paper. Meet at the main bath house.
- **5:00 PM EVENING STROLL** Let's wake up our senses to evening in the forest. Meet at the main bath house for a short, refreshing hike.
- **6:00 PM WEATHER OR NOT** People have always wondered about the weather, especially what kind of weather is coming. Come share some old-timey weather folklore, and some modern-day wisdom to help you guess what weather to expect. Meet at the Open Air Chapel, or main bath house if it is raining.
- **7:30 PM TREE TOOLS** How big is that tree? How old is it? What wildlife could be hiding in it? Come see and try out some of the tools that foresters use to study and protect our native trees. Meet at the Open Air Chapel, or main bath house if it is raining.
- **9:00 PM FOREST TREES** Take a "hike" from the comfort of your seat. Enjoy a "tour" of our nearby forest habitats using words and pictures. After the slide show, we'll share a demonstration of how to identify our local trees. Meet at the Open Air Chapel, or pool entrance if it is raining.

FRIDAY, JUNE 24

- **9:00 AM HIKE TO CHILDRESS TOWN** A vigorous hike over the high ridges will bring us to the ruins of the first settlement in the park. This will be a three to four hour hike, so wear good walking shoes and comfortable clothes. Drive to the camp store, and we'll carpool to the start of the trail.
- **TURTLE TALK** Meet some real, live "shelled friends" and find out more about their amazing lives. Meet at the Open Air Chapel, or main bath house if it is raining.
- **1:00 PM GRAND-DADDY WHO?** Granddaddy Long Legs may be creepy crawlers, but they are also an important part of the forest community. Come take a short hike to search for our little grand-daddies, and to discover more about these misunderstood leggy neighbors. Meet at the camp store.
- **2:00 PM CREEK WALK** Get on your old clothes and tennis shoes. It's time to explore the cool, clear creek waters. We'll discover a world of amazing life. Drive to the camp store, and we'll carpool. Be prepared to get wet!
- **6:00 PM OLD TIMEY GAMES** Enjoy some good-old fun! Try some games from the early settlement days of East Tennessee. Meet at the Open Air Chapel, or main bath house if it's raining.
- **TRADITIONAL BASKETS** We use bags to carry our goods from the store, but our Appalachian ancestors used baskets! Take a peek at some old-time baskets, then make your own basket to keep! We'll make ours out of invasive honeysuckle, so we can help clear the forest of some non-native plant pests, and make some great little baskets at the same time. Meet at the Open Air Chapel, or main bath house if it's raining.
- **9:00 PM TENNESSEE TALL TALES** Enjoy new insights into Tennessee Folklife as we share some good-old traditional tall tales. Meet at the Open Air Chapel, or pool entrance if it is raining.

SATURDAY, JUNE 25

- **9:30 AM RIVERBANK STROLL** -This green river valley has seen generations of travelers. This morning, we'll travel together, and search for signs of the wildlife and the people who came before us. Meet at the main campground bath house.
- 11:00 AM TRAVELING TRADERS From beads to beans, our ancestors depended on each other for supplies. Come find out about those who traded goods along the Great Indian War and Trade Path. Then try trading beads to make bracelets. We'll supply the beads, you supply the trading and crafting skills. Meet at the Open-Air Chapel, or main bath house if it's raining.
- **2:00 PM BIKE HIKE TO HOLSTON BLUFFS** -Enjoy the peaceful morning, the inviting roads, and some hidden corners of our park. Pedal on down to the camp store. Note that ALL riders MUST wear a bicycle helmet. Children 10 or under must be accompanied by an adult!
- **4:00 PM** MICRO-PARKS Here's your chance to plan and share your own nature park. You might even get "paid" by your "customers"! Bring your best park managing skills to the Open Air Chapel, or main bath house if it is raining.

SATURDAY, CONTINUED

6:00 PM FOLK MEDICINE - How did folks deal with their ills before there were

pharmacies or doctors? Our Appalachian region is rich in tradition, including the tradition of folk medicine. Perhaps you know some traditional medicines or healing methods passed on to you. We would love to listen and learn! Children come to listen, and adults come to share your family traditions. Meet at the Open Air Chapel, or main bath house if it's raining.

8:00 PM SUNSET HIKE - Watch the sun go down across the green hills. This is a short,

but rather steep hike. Bring a flashlight for the walk back down. Meet at the park's Mountain Bike Trail parking lot (at the end of Freeman Rd, Blountville

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SUNDAY, JUNE 26

9:00 AM

WORSHIP SERVICE - Enjoy a peaceful morning worship service at the Open Air Chapel, or at the pool entrance if it is raining. Sponsored by the Colonial Heights Baptist Church.

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.**



In case of emergency, call 911, then contact the Park Ranger on duty at 423-765-5534

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