

Summer Nature Programs

Lake Johnson's Thomas G. Crowder Woodland Center



Environmental Lecture Series

Ages: 16+ Join us at the Thomas G. Crowder Woodland Center for an exciting environmental lecture series held every 2nd Monday of the month. With a new topic each month, there is something for everyone. We will have professionals and graduate students presenting on topics that they know best! Call 919-996-3141 to find out more about our upcoming speakers and topics. Earn 1 hour of criteria III EE credit. Advance registration is not required but is helpful for planning purposes. FREE

Mondays 7-8 PM

#253444 April 14 **What you need to know about mosquitoes in this modern world**

Speaker: Michael Reiskind

#253308 May 18 **Here There Be Dragons**

Speaker: Chris Goforth

#253309 June 8 **The Carolina Wetlands Association, Protecting the Wetland Treasures of the Carolinas**

Speaker: Rick Savage

#253310 July 13 **Hummingbirds in North Carolina**

Speaker: Susan Campbell

#253311 August 10 **Birds of the Piedmont**

Speaker: John Gerwin



Early Bird Walk

Ages: 10+ This program is for beginner birders and well-practiced watchers alike. Join us as we take a morning trek around the lake to find our avian friends. We will focus on both songbirds and waterfowl. Bring your own binoculars if possible, as supplies are limited. \$4

#248581	April 18	Sa	7-9 AM
#253321	May 23	Sa	7-9 AM
#253322	June 20	Sa	7-9 AM



Nature Photography for Beginners

Ages: 16+ This class will introduce techniques and principles of photography that will improve your photography skills. Learn how to maximize your cameras potential to capture beautiful photos of Lake Johnson's flora and fauna. This course is suited to the beginner or intermediate photographer. Please dress for the weather and bring your own camera. \$8

#255461	May 3rd	Su	7-9 AM
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**Unless otherwise noted, adult(s) must accompany child(ren) under 16, register, and pay the program fee.
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Lake Johnson Nature Explorers

All Ages. Flip over logs, dig a hole, or sift through leaves with one of our naturalists. Participants will immerse themselves in nature and learn about the interesting things they find. All ages welcome, but most appropriate for families with children elementary school age or older. \$2

#253352	May 10	Su	2-3 PM
#253429	June 14	Su	2-3 PM
#253430	July 12	Su	2-3 PM
#253431	August 9	Su	2-3 PM



Compass Basics

Age: 12+ Have you ever been lost in the woods? This course will teach you the skills needed to navigate using a compass through fun, hands-on experience. We will end the course with a fun orienteering activity. \$4

#253314	May 17	Su	1-3 PM
#253315	June 27	Sa	9-11 AM

Guided Nature Hike

Ages 4+. Join us for a 2-mile hike on the beautiful trails of Lake Johnson Park. A knowledgeable nature instructor will accompany you on each hike to discuss natural features and Lake Johnson's history. The hikes will be held on our unpaved trails that may not be suitable for children under the age of 7. Parts of the trail are considered moderate/strenuous. Participants should dress for the weather in comfortable clothing and closed-toe shoes that can get messy. \$1

#253312	May 16	Sa	9-11 AM
#253313	July 18	Sa	9-11 AM



Know your Knots

All Ages. A well tied knot can go a long way. In this program participants will learn how to tie 10 useful knots. Participants will even put a few to the test to see how well their knots hold up. Adult(s) must accompany child(ren), but do not need to register. \$4

#254022	May 30	Sa	6:30-8:30 PM
#253356	August 14	Sa	6:30-8:30 PM

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Nocturnal Nature Hike

All Ages. Watch as the park comes alive when the sun slips behind the trees. Please join us on this full moon trek to unveil the nocturnal wildlife of Lake Johnson Park. We will call for owls and look for evidence of mammals, and identify singing amphibians. Participants should dress for the weather in comfortable clothing and close-toed shoes that can get messy. Participants must be able to walk approximately one mile on uneven terrain. All ages welcome, but most appropriate for families with children elementary school age or older. \$4

#253323	June 6	Sa	8:30-10:30 PM
#253324	August 1	Sa	8:30-10:30 PM

Kritter Kids

Ages: 4-6. Hop, skip and slither your way to Lake Johnson Park. Together, we will learn about the wonders of nature that are found right here in the park. We will play hands-on games, complete a take-home craft and perhaps even see one of our wild friends close up! With a different theme each class, there's something here for everyone. Adult(s) must accompany child(ren). Adult(s) attend free. \$3

Thursdays 10-11:30 AM

#253334	June 18	Bats
#253335	June 25	Insects
#253336	July 9	Owls
#253337	July 16	Turtles
#253341	August 13	Pollinators



Tree ID Trek

Ages: 14+ Come join our naturalists and learn how to identify some common trees found in the park. Participants will learn features of tree ID that will help year-round. No prior tree identification knowledge is necessary. Earn 2 hours criteria II or III EE credit upon request. \$4

#253327	June 13	Sa	9 - 11 AM
#253329	August 15	Sa	9 - 11 AM



Tracks, Scat, & Skulls

Ages: 7+ Do you know who shares our trails? Learn how to identify tracks, scat, and skulls of common animals found at Lake Johnson Park. We'll look for evidence of wandering wildlife and discover who's been in our backyard. \$3

#253369	July 11	Sa	10:30 AM - 12 PM
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Meteor Watch

All Ages. Enjoy a late night out watching the Perseids meteor shower on its peak night. We will also enjoy a campfire with s'mores. \$3

#254023	August 11	Tu	7:30 - 10:30 PM
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