

Tennessee State Parks and Natural Areas

FEBRUARY 2012 EVENTS

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Events are as accurate as possible but are subject to change. Please call the park to verify.

February



February 1-26 Reelfoot Lake hosts Eagle Tours

(WEST) Reelfoot Lake has one of the largest wintering populations of Bald Eagles outside of Alaska, and the return of the eagles is a major event. The park has established extensive guide and information programs for winter visitors to Reelfoot Lake. The tour is a two-hour bus trip around Reelfoot Lake to observe the Bald Eagles and waterfowl. Tours are offered seven days a week. Buses leave the visitor center at 10 a.m. daily and 1:30 p.m. CT on weekends. Reservations are required. There is a minimal charge for the tour. Tour guides equipped with binoculars, telescopes and most important, extensive knowledge of the eagles, rarely have difficulty locating the birds. In addition to providing information about the eagles, the guides also provide information about Reelfoot Lake and other waterfowl. For reservations or more information call the visitor center at 731-253-9652.

February 3-5 Reelfoot Lake hosts 8th annual Eagle Festival

(WEST) This family-friendly Eagle Festival celebrates these majestic birds with a variety of activities. Guided bus and van tours will be offered twice a day a rate of \$5 per person to view the eagles nesting, soaring and possibly locking talons in courtship. Saturday night will feature a live birds of prey program with John Stokes from S.O.A.R. Additional activities include an art and photography contest, storytelling, silent auction, arts & craft vendors and other displays. For more information call 731-253-9652.

February 4 Fort Loudoun hosts Behind the Scenes: the Mysterious Lost State of Franklin

(EAST) Join filmmakers Chris Albrecht and Danny "Buck" Kahler for a special screening of the PBS documentary The Mysterious Lost State of Franklin. The screening will be followed by a behind the scenes glimpse of the making of the film. Ample time will be provided for question and answers. The screening will be at the Fort Loudoun visitor center at 2 p.m. ET. For more information call 423-884-6217.

February 4 Red Clay hosts Trail of Tears 7 Miler

(Plateau) The 19th race in the TN State Parks Running Tour, this course features some minor rolling hills to the finish. Considered an interesting course with one major hill and lots of frogs and cows along the way. Sponsored by the Caret Capital Running club. For more information contact Matt Davies at 423-715-9736 or mdavies@grace-point.com.

February 4 Pickwick Landing hosts Race to the Landing 6 Mile

(WEST) The 18th Race in the Tennessee State Parks Running Tour. For more information contact Michael D'Orio with the Jackson Roadrunners. Michaeldorio@hotmail.com or 731-607-5679.



February 7 Dunbar Cave hosts Sunset to Moonrise Hike

Ages 6 and older are invited to join us for a Sunset to Moonrise Hike. Reservations are required. Please RSVP before 4:30 CT on Feb. 6. Cancelled in event of overcast, rainy or snowy conditions. For more information call 931-648-5526.

February 11 Fort Loudoun hosts Daniel Boone: American Hero

(EAST) Join Steven Caudill as he brings Daniel Boone back to life in this first person historical interpretation. The program will take place at 2 p.m. ET in the Fort Loudoun visitor center. For more information call 423-884-6217

February 11 Roan Mountain hosts Winter Naturalist's Rally

(EAST) Winter celebration of the Roan Highlands - their grassy balds, scenic trails, trees, shrubs and geology. Led by Friends of Roan Mountain. For more information call 423-772-3500.

February 11 Roan Mountain hosts Invasive Exotic Species An Update on Volunteer Opportunities

(EAST) Attend the Winter Naturalists Rally at Roan Mountain State Park and enjoy a program that will include speakers on the historical landscape of the Roan, the current forest, and opportunities to volunteer for stewardship. Volunteers are needed to sign up for a garlic mustard (pull time to be decided) on the Roan and in the state park this spring. We'll be signing folks up at this Winter Naturalist's Rally, so be sure to come, sign up, and also enjoy all the other great presentations! Reservations required: Contact David Hall, 423-772-3500, dhall@friendsofroanmtn.org.

February 11 Cedars of Lebanon hosts Frostbite Half-Marathon

(MIDDLE) The 20th race in the Tennessee State Parks Running Tour. For more information contact Lynda de Paulis with the Frostbite Running Club at 615-889-1306 or lntdp@earthlink.net.

February 12 Harpeth River hosts History of Hidden Lake

(MIDDLE) Join us at 10 a.m. CT to hike a 2-mile moderate loop trail through a wooded area along bluffs and lakes featuring points of interest from the quarry and resort eras. Max 15 people. Cancelled if rain. Please call Harpeth River State Park for reservations at 615-952-2099.

February 12 Harpeth River hosts Mound Bottom Culture

(MIDDLE) Join us at 1 p.m. CT for a ranger led hike to view the Mississippian Period Indian Mound Complex known as Mound Bottom. Wear comfortable shoes and bring water. Reservations are required. Max 15 people. Canceled if rain. Please call Harpeth River State Park for reservations at 615-952-2099.

February 18 Hill Forest SNA hosts Winter Hike

(MIDDLE) Enjoy a winter afternoon hike through the Hill Forest Designated State Natural Area. This 2.5 mile hike will give you a view of big trees in winter and an appreciation for the rolling hills, ridges and hollows which outlines the natural areas topography. The hike will take approximately 3 hours. Bring water, wear sturdy walking gear, and dress for the weather. We will meet at 2 p.m. CT. Brian Bowen, TN Natural Areas Program, Julia Landstreet, Friends of Warner Parks are the hike leaders. Sponsors: TN Resource Management Division, Friends of Warner Parks, & Warner Parks. Reservations required: call Warner Park Nature Center at 615-352-6299 or wpnc@nashville.gov. Meeting location information will be provided at this time.



February 18 Cumberland Mountain hosts CCC Hike
(PLATEAU) Meet the park office at 9 a.m. CT. We will hike along Byrd Creek, a trail built by the CCC. Wear sturdy shoes, dress for appropriate weather and bring water. For more information call 931-484-6138.

February 18 Johnsonville hosts Johnsonville Charge 5 Miles
(WEST) The 21st race in the Tennessee State Parks Running tour, this course is considered flat, fast and deemed to be the easiest of all courses on the Running Tour. For more information contact Michaelee Bowes with the TN Valley Road Runners at 931-209-0736 or mbowes575@yahoo.com.

February 18 David Crockett hosts Night Owls
(MIDDLE) A segment of David Crockett's "Celebrating 75 Years with 75 Events" Program. Join Ranger Rachel at 6 p.m. CT for some exploring in the dark! Take a short night hike to enjoy to woods in winter. Dress warm and don't forget a flashlight! Meet at the Shelter 2. For more information e-mail rachel.bridges@tn.gov or call 931-762-9408.

February 18 Fort Loudoun hosts Sons of Demere
(EAST) Patrick Demere, direct descendant of Raymond Demere the original commandant of Fort Loudoun in 1756 will be hand to speak on the Demere lineage. Specific attention will be paid to the Demere family that went to serve in the American war of Independence. The program will take place at 2 p.m. ET in the Fort Loudoun visitors center.

February 18 & 19 Sycamore Shoals hosts Militia Muster
(EAST) Sat., 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. and Sun., 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. ET. Visit Fort Watauga and step into a colorful Revolutionary world. Re-enactors portray a variety of characters, from hunters and farmers to land speculators and backcountry gentry. Walk among colonists and native peoples who share their past through talks, mini-dramas, and demonstrations of 18th century life. Contact the park for detailed schedule at 423-543-5808.

February 19 Harpeth River hosts Pattison Forge History
(MIDDLE) Enjoy a moderate 1-mile hike through the Narrows of the Harpeth. We will meet at 10 a.m. CT. Hike includes a brief history of Montgomery Bell's tunnel and iron forge. Max 15 people. Cancelled if rain. Please call Harpeth River State Park for reservations at 615-952-2099.

February 19 Harpeth River hosts Hike into Mound Bottom
(MIDDLE) Join us at 1 p.m. CT for a ranger led hike to view the Mississippian Period Indian Mound Complex known as Mound Bottom. Wear comfortable shoes and bring water. Reservations are required. Max 15 people. Canceled if rain. Please call Harpeth River State Park for reservations at 615-952-2099.

February 25 Fort Loudoun hosts Archeology of Fort Loudoun
(EAST) Archeologist Carl Kuttruff will be on hand to speak about the third and final archeological investigation of the Fort Loudoun site. His presentation will include multiple photographs of the excavation. The program will commence at 2 p.m. ET at the Fort Loudoun visitor center. For more information call 423-884-6217.



February 25 Short Springs SNA hosts Exotic Adventure

(MIDDLE) Join our State Parks Natural Areas staff for a morning of volunteer stewardship (9 a.m. - noon CT) at Short Springs State Natural Area near Tullahoma. We need your help to remove invasive exotic plants near the trailhead of the natural area! Eradication of privet, bush honeysuckle, and English ivy will help to prevent it from entering the pristine natural area that supports two state-listed endangered plant species: *Nestronia umbellula* and broad-leaved bunchflower (*Melanthium latifolium*). After the plant pull, participants will have the opportunity to hike down to the popular Machine Falls. Wear long pants, sturdy shoes, and bring your favorite work gloves for this invigorating Saturday morning of volunteering. Thank you for your support! Leader: Robin Wooten, Tennessee Natural Areas Program. Reservations are required; contact Robin at 615-532-4799 or Robin.Wooten@tn.gov.

February 25 David Crockett hosts Transportation & Succession Hike

(MIDDLE) Meet at the restaurant parking lot at 1 p.m. CT. This hike explores the back country section of the park, traveling through areas used for the Trail of Tears, farmland, and different stages of succession climax in our forest. Hike will be moderate to difficult with several hills, and approximately 2.5 to 3 miles in length. Bad weather date: February 26 at 2 p.m. CT. For more information e-mail rachel.bridges@tn.gov or call 931-762-9408.

February 26 Radnor Lake hosts Waterfowl Identification

(MIDDLE) Join our State Parks Natural Areas staff & Radnor Lake staff for an informal viewing of overwintering waterfowl at Radnor Lake, Tennessee's first natural area from 1 - 4 p.m. CT. Radnor Lake is a popular spot for migratory waterfowl and a variety of other wildlife. Through spotting scopes visitors will possibly see Bufflehead, Canvasbacks, Lesser Scaup, American Coots, and other waterfowl. Radnor Lake staff also hosts ongoing viewing opportunities during the winter months, for more information about those programs, please contact the park office at 615-373-3467.

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(MIDDLE) Hike a 2-mile moderate loop trail through a wooded area along bluffs and lakes featuring points of interest from the quarry and resort eras. Max 15 people. Hike will begin at 10 a.m. CT. Cancelled if rain. Please call Harpeth River State Park for Reservations at 615-952-2099.

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