

DeSoto State Park and park partners like Little River Canyon National Preserve, Jacksonville State University Field School, Little River Arts Council and more, team up to bring you many fun events throughout the year.

Campfire Talks, Classes, Demonstrations, Guided Interpretive or Fitness Hikes, Tours, Outdoor Adventures, Workshops.....topics covering art, science, nature, and much more!

Most programs are free or charge a small supply fee.

DeSoto State Park also adds community events such as classes, festivals, workshops, local craft shows, etc to our calendar so that we can help our guests and visitors make their visit to Lookout Mountain, Alabama even more memorable.

For more events on Lookout Mountain, see www.discoverlookoutmountain.com



Alabama State Parks, a division of the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, operates and maintains 21 parks encompassing approximately 48,000 acres of land and water. These parks rely on visitor fees and the support of other partners like local communities to fund the majority of their operations.

For more information on Alabama State Parks, visit www.alapark.com

DeSoto State Park's Campfire Talk Series



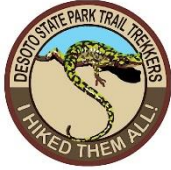
Campfire Talks are a series of educational & entertaining programs located in the great outdoors. Campfire programs are held almost every Friday & Saturday evening (May –October) in DeSoto's James L. Wynn Campfire Ring in the Improved Campground. All programs are open & free to everyone. *Seating is limited, so bring your own comfortable chair if you wish. In case of bad weather, programs are moved inside.*

Serious Skills Series

Hosted by DeSoto State Park. The Serious Skills series is a variety of classes and workshops that provide opportunities to discover a hidden talent or learn a new skill for personal enrichment. Classes are open to local residents, overnight guests and park visitors.



DeSoto State Park challenges you to become a DeSoto State Park Trail Trekker!



Hike the designated 22 miles of trails in DeSoto, (whether on your own or in a group, no time limit) and collect your prize, a Trail Trekkers Patch. Just log your hikes in the Trail Trekker log and record the date for each trail listed. Sign completed form and turn in to DeSoto State Park Country Store or Lodge to receive your patch!

This hike series is designed for those that prefer some company out on the trails with experienced park staff or volunteers. Each month there will be a different hike so you can start marking them off towards your patch!

Due to the Covid19 pandemic please note that events & programs are subject to change

August 2021

Miller's Bend Paddle Shack (August 20th-22nd)

Miller's Bend Paddle Shack in DeSoto Falls Picnic Area will be open this weekend, to help you begin your scenic kayak trip up the West Fork of Little River.

Rent sit-on-top kayaks to enjoy a peaceful flatwater paddle on Little River overlooking beautiful DeSoto Falls. Your adventure can be up to 4 miles round trip, or as long as you want to make it! Paddle trips are perfect for individuals or groups. Life vests & paddles are provided.

Boat Shack Hours: Saturday & Sunday 10:00-6:00 pm (CST).

Kayaks are also available by reservation Monday-Thursday: Appointment only during the times of 10 AM-6 PM, \$50 Minimum

Location: DeSoto State Park-Fort Payne, Alabama. DeSoto Falls Picnic Area, 7 miles from the main park area of DeSoto State Park. Coordinates: 34.549124, -85.589668.

Fee: Single sit-on-top kayak: \$15.00 per hour. Tandem sit-on-top kayak: \$25.00 per hour. Corcl's: \$10 per hour.

Call DeSoto State Park's Lodge for info-256.845.5380 www.alapark.com/kayak-little-river

Yoga on the Mountain: DeSoto Falls Basin Yoga Hike

DeSoto State Park-Fort Payne, Alabama

Interested in ending your day in a positive way? Experience yoga while enjoying the beauty that is DeSoto State Park! Join instructor Destin Padgett and park naturalist Brittney Hughes for a great outdoor experience of strengthening yoga poses AND hiking along beautiful trails. This hike will be a mix of trail hiking with an outdoor yoga session. Combining hiking and yoga practice in the great outdoors confers benefits unmatched in any other setting. You get the light cardio and

strength-building that hiking offers, the toning, flexibility, and relaxation that yoga offers, and the powerful connection to Mother Nature that being outdoors offers.

What to know: Yoga poses are alignment based which makes them perfect for those beginning or continuing their yoga practice. Wear closed-toe shoes & weather appropriate clothes; bring a hike-friendly yoga mat or towel if you wish (poses will be standing poses), water and a snack.

About the hike: This hike is approximately 1.5 miles total, but considered moderate to strenuous due to the mountainous terrain and elevation. Will be hiking on rocky terrain down to the West Fork of Little River and walking upstream to the view of DeSoto Falls.

Date: Friday, August 20, 2021

Time: 5:30-7:30 p.m

Where: DeSoto State Park-Fort Payne, Alabama. Meeting location disclosed at time of registration

Fee: \$10.00 per person. Pre-registration is required, so we know how many to expect. Hike is open to ages 8 to adult. Email Brittney.Hughes@dcnr.alabama.gov for more info or to pre-register.

www.alapark.com/DSP-Yoga

Snakes in Alabama

JSU's Little River Canyon Center-Fort Payne, Alabama

Hosted by JSU Field Schools. Presented by JSU Biology Graduate Student Bethany Walker, on Snake in Alabama and why should we care about their special place in our ecosystem.

Date: August 21, 2021

Times: 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Where: JSU's Little River Canyon Center, Little River Canyon National Preserve (within 10 miles from DeSoto State Park)

Fee: Free & open to everyone. For more information, contact the Canyon Center at 256.845-3548 or see www.facebook.com/JSUFieldSchools

Longleaf Pine Needle Basketry Class

Learn the basics of pine needle basketry, an old craft with a long history.

Join artist Brittney Hughes to learn the basic steps to making a coiled basket from longleaf pine needles. Each participant will learn the basic skills of pine needle basketry and take home their very own creation.

The art of coiling baskets is universally common to indigenous peoples. Coiling is the technique of creating baskets and art from pine needles and was a part of pre-Columbian Native American crafts. Today, pine needle baskets and art are made primarily for decorative purposes.

All materials (pine needles, thread, and small center for basket) will be furnished. Class is for ages 10 and up.

Date: August 21, 2021

Where: JSU's Little River Canyon Center in Fort Payne, Alabama

Time: 10 a.m.-3:00 p.m. (CST)

Fee: \$30 supply fee- Supply fee due day of class

Pre-registration required by calling or emailing Brittney Hughes (NOT via Facebook); class number is limited in size. For details and to register, 256-997-5025 or email

Brittney.Hughes@dcnr.alabama.gov

Third Saturday Sunset Cruise-In

Fort Payne, Alabama

The Third Saturday Sunset Cruise-In is a great car show, featuring over 200+ classic vehicles on display in Fort Payne's historic downtown district. This is a monthly event starting in March and ending in October. Music across the street from DeKalb Theatre and great food vendors.

Date: Saturday, August 21, 2021

Time: 5:00-9:00 pm

Where: Downtown Fort Payne, Alabama (within 10 miles of DeSoto State Park)

Free & open to everyone. Info: www.facebook.com/3rdSaturdayFortPayneAl/

Candlelight Yoga

Mentone, Alabama

Hosted by Soul Shine Yoga & Wellness Studio. Join in on a relaxing outdoor class under a pavilion in Mentone's Brow Park. Class is for all levels, just bring a mat and enjoy the sunset.

Date: August 21, 2021

Time: 7:00 p.m. (CST)

Where: Mentone, Alabama. Brow Park off of Cool Street. Donation/tips appreciated.

Info: www.facebook.com/Soul-Shine-Yoga-Wellness-Studio

Meandering Moonlight Paddle Trip

DeSoto Falls Picnic Area-Alabama

DeSoto State Park staff offers this relaxing guided moonlight paddle trip on scenic Little River.

Enjoy the peace and quiet of nature as we paddle upstream on the 'coke bottle clear' waters of the West Fork of Little River. Enjoy this flatwater paddle as the sun goes down and the full moon comes up. Experience the peace & quiet of the gloaming-time!

What to know: This trip is approximately 4 miles round trip on flatwater, spans a 3 to 3 1/2-hour period and includes kayak, paddle, & personal flotation device. Weight limits: 300 pounds for singles & 450 for tandems. Ages 8 to adult.

What to bring: Appropriate clothing, headlamp or flashlight, bug spray, snacks, and drinking water.

Date: Sunday, August 22, 2021

Time: 7:00 pm-10:00 pm

Where: DeSoto Falls Picnic Area-Miller's Bend Paddle Shack (about 7 miles from main park area of DeSoto State Park)

Fee: \$30.00 for single kayak rental (2 person-tandem kayaks are available on a limited basis for \$50.00)

Pre-registration closes September 15th, 2021 -5:00 p.m. To register, email

Paige.Norsworthy@dcnr.alabama.gov. **Please provide date of paddle, a phone number; indicate number of boats and what type (single/tandem) requested for the trip. Payment will be required at time of registration**

Miller's Bend Paddle Shack- (August 27-29)

Miller's Bend Paddle Shack in DeSoto Falls Picnic Area will be open this weekend, to help you begin your scenic kayak trip up the West Fork of Little River.

Rent sit-on-top kayaks to enjoy a peaceful flatwater paddle on Little River overlooking beautiful DeSoto Falls. Your adventure can be up to 4 miles round trip, or as long as you want to make it!

Paddle trips are perfect for individuals or groups. Life vests & paddles are provided.

Boat Shack Hours: Saturday & Sunday 10:00-6:00 pm (CST).

Kayaks are also available by reservation Monday-Thursday: Appointment only during the times of 10 AM-6 PM, \$50 Minimum

Location: DeSoto State Park-Fort Payne, Alabama. DeSoto Falls Picnic Area, 7 miles from the main park area of DeSoto State Park. Coordinates: 34.549124, -85.589668.

Fee: Single sit-on-top kayak: \$15.00 per hour. Tandem sit-on-top kayak: \$25.00 per hour. Corcl's: \$10 per hour.

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Yoga on the Mountain: Yoga Hike Along Little River

DeSoto State Park-Fort Payne, Alabama

Interested in ending your day in a positive way? Experience yoga while enjoying the beauty that is DeSoto State Park! Join instructor Destin Padgett for a great outdoor experience of strengthening yoga poses AND hiking along beautiful trails. This hike will be a mix of trail hiking with an outdoor yoga session. Combining hiking and yoga practice in the great outdoors confers benefits unmatched in any other setting. You get the light cardio and strength-building that hiking offers, the toning, flexibility, and relaxation that yoga offers, and the powerful connection to Mother Nature that being outdoors offers.

What to know: Yoga poses are alignment based which makes them perfect for those beginning or continuing their yoga practice. Wear closed-toe shoes & weather appropriate clothes; bring a hike-friendly yoga mat or towel if you wish (poses will be standing poses), water and a snack.

About the hike: This hike is approximately 1 1/2 miles round trip, moderate. Trail weaves thru hardwood/pine mix forest with sandstone outcroppings & glades, Rhododendron & Mountain Laurel, a 1930s-era CCC trailside shelter, Indian Falls, & the West Fork of Little River.

Date: Friday, August 27, 2021

Time: 5:30-7:30 p.m

Where: DeSoto State Park-Fort Payne, Alabama. Meet at DeSoto's Country Store & Information Center on Co. Rd. 89

Fee: \$10.00 per person. Pre-registration is required, so we know how many to expect. Hike is open to ages 8 to adult. Email Brittney.Hughes@dcnr.alabama.gov for more info or to pre-register.

www.alapark.com/DSP-Yoga

Serious Skills Series: Art of Woodburning-Country Magnets

Hosted by DeSoto State Park. The Serious Skills series is a variety of classes and workshops that provide opportunities to discover a hidden talent or learn a new skill for personal enrichment. Classes are open to local residents, overnight guests, and park visitors.

Pyrography or woodburning is the art of decorating wood or other materials, the term meaning "writing with fire" dating back to the 17th century. Participants in this class will learn the basic techniques of decorative wood burning and painting designs from artist April Blanks, and will work on their choice of designs for 3 magnets to take home. This class is for ages 14 to adult.

Date: Saturday, August 28, 2021

Time: 10:00-12:00 am and 1:00-3:00 pm (2 class times to choose from)

Where: DeSoto State Park in Fort Payne, Alabama (Location disclosed at time of registration)

Fee: \$25.00 -includes all supplies. Class space is limited, pre-registration is required for attendance in this class. Email Brittney.Hughes@dcnr.alabama.gov to sign up or for more info.

This class will be held outside under a covered pavilion-in case of inclement weather the class will be held inside a large room.

Examples of April's work: www.facebook.com/Aprils-Woodburnings-310733302340332/

Sunset Simmer-Down Paddle Trip

DeSoto Falls Picnic Area-Alabama

DeSoto State Park staff offers this relaxing guided sunset paddle trip on the scenic Little River. Enjoy the peace and quiet of nature as we paddle upstream on the 'coke bottle clear' waters of the West Fork of Little River. Learn about this outstanding water source with its clear water, plant & animal life, and about the history of the area around DeSoto Falls in Dekalb County, Alabama.

What to know: This trip is approximately 4 miles round trip on flatwater, spans a 4-hour period and includes kayak & personal flotation device.

What to bring: Appropriate clothing, headlamp or flashlight, bug spray, snacks, and drinking water.

Date: Saturday, August 28, 2021

Time: 4:00 pm-8:00 pm

Where: Meet at DeSoto Falls Picnic Area-Miller's Bend Paddle Shack (about 7 miles from main park area of DeSoto State Park) Coordinates: 34.549124, -84.589668

Fee: \$30.00 for single kayak rental (tandem kayaks are available on a limited basis for \$50.00)

Pre-registration closes August 25th, 2021 -5:00 p.m. To register, email Paige.Norsworthy@dcnr.alabama.gov. **Please provide date of paddle, a phone number; indicate number of boats and what type (single/tandem) requested for the trip. Payment will be required at time of registration**

September 2021

Miller's Bend Paddle Shack (September 3rd-5th)

Miller's Bend Paddle Shack in DeSoto Falls Picnic Area will be open this weekend, to help you begin your scenic kayak trip up the West Fork of Little River.

Rent sit-on-top kayaks to enjoy a peaceful flatwater paddle on Little River overlooking beautiful DeSoto Falls. Your adventure can be up to 4 miles round trip, or as long as you want to make it! Paddle trips are perfect for individuals or groups. Life vests & paddles are provided.

Boat Shack Hours: Saturday & Sunday 10:00-6:00 pm (CST).

Kayaks are also available by reservation Monday-Thursday: Appointment only during the times of 10 AM-6 PM, \$50 Minimum

Location: DeSoto State Park-Fort Payne, Alabama. DeSoto Falls Picnic Area, 7 miles from the main park area of DeSoto State Park. Coordinates: 34.549124, -85.589668.

Fee: Single sit-on-top kayak: \$15.00 per hour. Tandem sit-on-top kayak: \$25.00 per hour. Corcl's: \$10 per hour.

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Campfire Talk: American Revolution, the Birth of a Nation

Join us for a campfire talk in the Great Outdoors! Campfire Talks are a series of educational & entertaining programs located outside in DeSoto State Park. Campfire programs are held many Friday & Saturday evening (June –October) in our large campfire ring inside the improved campground. Talks are for all ages, & open to everyone!

Have you ever wondered what events took place to set the American Revolution into motion? This interesting talk will shed new light on the story of how our nation was born- and reveal some historical facts that might surprise you. Presented by The Revolutionary War Veterans Association (RWVA), a group of volunteers that tell the story of the events of April 19, 1775; a day that some call the most important day in American history.

Seating is limited, so bring your own comfortable camp chair if you wish.

Date: Friday, September 3, 2021

Time: 8:00 p.m.

Where: DeSoto State Park-Fort Payne, Alabama. Campfire Ring in the Improved Campground (In case of inclement weather will be located in the CCC Pavilion in picnic area)

Fee: Free, no pre-registration required; masks are respectfully requested when in proximity of others not in your household. For any details about the talk, email

Brittney.Hughes@dcnr.alabama.gov

Follow Your Art!

Mentone, Alabama

Sponsored by Little River Arts Council and the Mentone Educational Resources Foundation

Follow Your Art will feature between 20 and 30 local artists and the return of last year's popular sidewalk chalk art contest. Bring the whole family for an uplifting celebration of summer fun with music, art demonstrations, and a visit from the Little Something Extra Ice Cream truck, a

remarkable business out of Dawson, AL, whose CEO is Hunter Norwood, a young man with Down syndrome.

The track itself is a destination, since its makeover last year with funds from the Community Foundation of Northeast Alabama's Big Idea Grant. Visitors can browse the track's hand-painted picket fence, play on the chimes and other musical installations on the grounds, rest on the colorful Buddy Benches, and enjoy Lydia Randolph's murals on the storage shed.

Date: Saturday, September 4, 2021

Time: 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. (CST)

Where: MERF's Pathway to Community Walking Track in Mentone, AL (within 10 miles of DeSoto State Park)

More Info: www.littleriverartscouncil.org/followyourart info@littleriverartscouncil.org.

Daybreak Flatwater Paddle Trip

DeSoto Falls Picnic Area-Alabama

DeSoto State Park staff offers this relaxing guided morning paddle trip on scenic Little River. Enjoy the peace and quiet of nature as we paddle upstream on the 'coke bottle clear' waters of the West Fork of Little River. Learn about this outstanding water source with its clear water, plant & animal life, and about the history of the area around DeSoto Falls in Dekalb County, Alabama.

What to know: This trip is approximately 4 miles round trip on flatwater, spans a 3 to 3 1/2-hour period and includes kayak, paddle, & personal flotation device.

What to bring: Appropriate clothing, bug spray, snacks, and drinking water.

Date: Saturday, September 4, 2021

Time: 7:00 am-10:00 am

Where: DeSoto Falls Picnic Area-Miller's Bend Paddle Shack (about 7 miles from main park area of DeSoto State Park)

Fee: \$30.00 for single kayak rental (tandem kayaks are available on a limited basis for \$50.00)

Pre-registration closes September 1st, 2021 -5:00 p.m. To register, email

Paige.Norsworthy@dcnr.alabama.gov. **Please provide date of paddle, a phone number; indicate number of boats and what type (single/tandem) requested for the trip. Payment will be required at time of registration**

Miller's Bend Paddle Shack (September 10th-12th)

Miller's Bend Paddle Shack in DeSoto Falls Picnic Area will be open this weekend, to help you begin your scenic kayak trip up the West Fork of Little River.

Rent sit-on-top kayaks to enjoy a peaceful flatwater paddle on Little River overlooking beautiful DeSoto Falls. Your adventure can be up to 4 miles round trip, or as long as you want to make it!

Paddle trips are perfect for individuals or groups. Life vests & paddles are provided.

Boat Shack Hours: Saturday & Sunday 10:00-6:00 pm (CST).

Kayaks are also available by reservation Monday-Thursday: Appointment only during the times of 10 AM-6 PM, \$50 Minimum

Location: DeSoto State Park-Fort Payne, Alabama. DeSoto Falls Picnic Area, 7 miles from the main park area of DeSoto State Park. Coordinates: 34.549124, -85.589668.

Fee: Single sit-on-top kayak: \$15.00 per hour. Tandem sit-on-top kayak: \$25.00 per hour. Corcl's: \$10 per hour.

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Campfire Talk: Traditional Southern Cooking

Join us for a fun campfire talk in the Great Outdoors!

Campfire Talks are a series of educational & entertaining programs located outside in DeSoto State Park. Campfire programs are held many Friday & Saturday evening (June -October) in our large campfire ring inside the improved campground. Talks are for all ages, & open to everyone!

There's just something about Southern food. As cliché as it may sound, there's an innate sense of character and soul to it. Authentic Southern cooking is as diverse and multicultural as the regions in the South and the families who live there. Southern cooks have always creatively drawn upon the mix of cultures that compose the South, starting with Native Americans, Europeans and Africans.

Come help food enthusiast (he likes to eat) Dr. Kelly Gregg in an exploration of the "Where?", "When?", "Who?" and "What?" of Southern Cooking. Bring your ideas and opinions and together we'll have some fun talking about what makes "real" Southern Food.

Seating is limited, so bring your own comfortable camp chair if you wish.

Date: September 17, 2021

Time: 8:00 pm

Where: DeSoto State Park-Fort Payne, Alabama. Campfire Ring in the Improved Campground (In case of inclement weather will be located in the CCC Pavilion in picnic area)

Fee: No pre-registration required; masks are respectfully requested when in proximity of others not in your household. For any details about the talk, email Brittney.Hughes@dcnr.alabama.gov

Miller's Bend Paddle Shack (September 17th-19th)

Miller's Bend Paddle Shack in DeSoto Falls Picnic Area will be open this weekend, to help you begin your scenic kayak trip up the West Fork of Little River.

Rent sit-on-top kayaks to enjoy a peaceful flatwater paddle on Little River overlooking beautiful DeSoto Falls. Your adventure can be up to 4 miles round trip, or as long as you want to make it!

Paddle trips are perfect for individuals or groups. Life vests & paddles are provided.

Boat Shack Hours: Saturday & Sunday 10:00-6:00 pm (CST).

Kayaks are also available by reservation Monday-Thursday: Appointment only during the times of 10 AM-6 PM, \$50 Minimum

Location: DeSoto State Park-Fort Payne, Alabama. DeSoto Falls Picnic Area, 7 miles from the main park area of DeSoto State Park. Coordinates: 34.549124, -85.589668.

Fee: Single sit-on-top kayak: \$15.00 per hour. Tandem sit-on-top kayak: \$25.00 per hour. Corcl's: \$10 per hour. Call DeSoto State Park's Lodge for info-256.845.5380 www.alapark.com/kayak-little-river

Serious Skills Series: Dutch Oven Campfire Cooking 101

Hosted by DeSoto State Park. The Serious Skills series is a variety of classes and workshops that provide opportunities to discover a hidden talent or learn a new skill for personal enrichment.

Classes are open to local residents, overnight guests and park visitors.

Dutch ovens have been in use for hundreds of years; especially when our country was expanding and families were on the move. Unable to bring their large cook stoves with them, women learned how to cook entire meals from stews & soups to bread & desserts, in their Dutch ovens. Learn the basics about Dutch ovens, how to clean & care for your cookware, AND cook (& eat!) dinner & dessert at the same time!

Starts around 4:00 p.m, located at the DeSoto State Park Campfire Ring in the Improved Campground. This is a demonstration so you can swing by anytime, & the best time is when food is just coming off the fire!

Seating is limited, so bring your own comfortable camp chair if you wish. Drop in whenever you like & check out the food!

Date: Saturday, September 18, 2021

Time: 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

Where: DeSoto State Park-Fort Payne, Alabama. Campfire Ring in the Improved Campground next to site 93 (gate will open to the public)

Fee: Free & open to everyone. No pre-registration required; masks are respectfully requested when in proximity of others not in your household. For any details about the demo, email

Brittney.Hughes@dcnr.alabama.gov

Campfire Talk: Corn~A truly a-maize-ing Plant!

Join us for a fun campfire talk in the Great Outdoors!

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Join geographer Kelly Gregg in a casual discussion of the origins of Native American corn, how it shaped American culture and cuisine, and how it went on to help feed the world!” Free & open to the public, bring the family along for fresh popcorn over the campfire!

Seating is limited, so bring your own comfortable camp chair if you wish.

Date: Saturday, September 18, 2021

Time: 8:00 pm

Where: DeSoto State Park-Fort Payne, Alabama. Campfire Ring in the Improved Campground (In case of inclement weather will be located in the CCC Pavilion in picnic area)

Fee: No pre-registration required; masks are respectfully requested when in proximity of others not in your household. For any details about the talk, email Brittney.Hughes@dcnr.alabama.gov

Night Zipline Tour

Taking the fun to a whole new level-soar through the tree canopy in DeSoto State Park with the moon light guiding your way! Are you brave enough to explore the dark forest with us?

Enjoy six ziplines that range from 100 ft to 350 ft in length and six sky bridges that range from 50 ft to 150 ft in length. A spiral staircase tower begins the trek and allows for a bird’s eye view from up to 55 ft in the air.

The full moon is sure to make your tour even more exciting with suspension bridges and zip lines to discover as you traverse the tree canopy and explore with your guide.

Date: September 18, 2021

Tour times: 7:00, 8:00, 9:00, and 10:00 PM

Where: DeSoto State Park~ Fort Payne, Alabama. Country Store & Information Center on County Road 89

Fee: Tickets are \$49 per person, Spaces are limited.

See Screaming Eagle’s website to book your tour: At www.desotozipline.com or over the phone from 9am-5pm.

More info: www.alapark.com/DSP-aerial-adventure

Campfire Talk: Hiking 101

Join us for a fun campfire talk in the Great Outdoors!

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First time hiker, or one not yet confident on the trails? Join guest naturalist Amanda Glover from Lake Guntersville State Park for some ‘before’ you go’ info; the 10 essentials you will want to carry in your daypack, how to plan your hike, and what to be aware of while out in the Great Outdoors!

Tips to help you feel confident on the trail

Seating is limited, so bring your own comfortable camp chair if you wish.

Date: Friday, September 24, 2021

Time: 7:00 pm (CST)

Where: DeSoto State Park-Fort Payne, Alabama. Campfire Ring in the Improved Campground (In case of inclement weather will be located in the CCC Pavilion in picnic area)

Fee: Free, no pre-registration required; masks are respectfully requested when in proximity of others not in your household. For any details about the talk, email

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Miller’s Bend Paddle Shack

(September 24th-26th)

Miller's Bend Paddle Shack in DeSoto Falls Picnic Area will be open this weekend, to help you begin your scenic kayak trip up the West Fork of Little River.

Rent sit-on-top kayaks to enjoy a peaceful flatwater paddle on Little River overlooking beautiful DeSoto Falls. Your adventure can be up to 4 miles round trip, or as long as you want to make it! Paddle trips are perfect for individuals or groups. Life vests & paddles are provided.

Boat Shack Hours:., Saturday & Sunday 10:00-6:00 pm (CST).

Kayaks are also available by reservation Monday-Thursday: Appointment only during the times of 10 AM-6 PM, \$50 Minimum

Location: DeSoto State Park-Fort Payne, Alabama. DeSoto Falls Picnic Area, 7 miles from the main park area of DeSoto State Park. Coordinates: 34.549124, -85.589668.

Fee: Single sit-on-top kayak: \$15.00 per hour. Tandem sit-on-top kayak: \$25.00 per hour. Corcl's: \$10 per hour.

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Serious Skills Series: Glass Mosaic Stepping Stone Workshop

Hosted by DeSoto State Park. The Serious Skills series is a variety of classes and workshops that provide opportunities to discover a hidden talent or learn a new skill for personal enrichment.

Classes are open to local residents, overnight guests and park visitors.

Learn the beautiful and ancient art of mosaics! Artist Linda Munoz will teach design, techniques, and the skills of class cutting, gluing, and grouting with special emphasis on safety. Participants will work on their own dragonfly stepping stone and discover different ways of working with glass.

Date: September 25th-26th (first day for design, second day for grouting)

Time: 10:00 am-3:00 pm (will break for lunch)

Where: DeSoto State Park in Fort Payne, Alabama

Fee: \$45.00-includes all supplies. Due the day of class. Workshop space is limited, pre-registration is required.

Email Brittney.Hughes@dcnr.alabama.gov to sign up or for more info.

Linda taught mosaic glass and helped to create the famous community project, A River Runs Through It (pictures/info) www.littleriverartscouncil.org/desoto-falls-art-project.html

White Tailed Deer in Alabama

Join us for a fun campfire talk in the Great Outdoors!

Campfire Talks are a series of educational & entertaining programs located outside in DeSoto State Park. Campfire programs are held many Friday & Saturday evening (June –October) in our large campfire ring inside the improved campground. Talks are for all ages, & open to everyone!

White-tailed deer (*Odocoileus virginianus*) are some of the most recognized wildlife in Alabama.

They are a common sight along roadsides, in fields, and even in some backyards throughout the state. Deer are common residents of most rural parts of Alabama, as well as many of the urban and suburban areas of the state. Join guest naturalist Amanda Glover from Lake Guntersville State Park to learn more about White-tailed deer.

Seating is limited, so bring your own comfortable camp chair if you wish.

Date: Saturday, September 25, 2021

Time: 7:00 pm (CST)

Where: DeSoto State Park-Fort Payne, Alabama. Campfire Ring in the Improved Campground (In case of inclement weather will be located in the CCC Pavilion in picnic area)

Fee: Free, no pre-registration required; masks are respectfully requested when in proximity of others not in your household. For any details about the talk, email

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October 2021

Miller's Bend Paddle Shack (October 1st-3rd)

Miller's Bend Paddle Shack in DeSoto Falls Picnic Area will be open this weekend, to help you begin your scenic kayak trip up the West Fork of Little River.

Rent sit-on-top kayaks to enjoy a peaceful flatwater paddle on Little River overlooking beautiful DeSoto Falls. Your adventure can be up to 4 miles round trip, or as long as you want to make it!

Paddle trips are perfect for individuals or groups. Life vests & paddles are provided.

Boat Shack Hours: Friday: 2:00-6:00 pm, Saturday & Sunday 10:00-6:00 pm (CST).

Kayaks are also available by reservation Monday-Thursday: Appointment only during the times of 10 AM-6 PM, \$50 Minimum

Location: DeSoto State Park-Fort Payne, Alabama. DeSoto Falls Picnic Area, 7 miles from the main park area of DeSoto State Park. Coordinates: 34.549124, -85.589668.

Fee: Single sit-on-top kayak: \$15.00 per hour. Tandem sit-on-top kayak: \$25.00 per hour. Corchl's \$10 per hour.

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Campfire Talk: Falconry in Alabama

Join us for a fun campfire talk in the Great Outdoors!

Campfire Talks are a series of educational & entertaining programs located outside in DeSoto State Park. Campfire programs are held many Friday & Saturday evening (June –October) in our large campfire ring inside the improved campground. Talks are for all ages, & open to everyone!

Falconry is the hunting of wild animals in their natural state and habitat by means of a trained bird of prey. Join guest speaker Matt Whitfield to learn about falconry, which is one of the world's oldest forms of hunting. Falconry is currently practiced in many countries around the world. In Alabama, the most commonly used bird is the red-tailed hawk and squirrel is the most commonly pursued game animal. There are currently 58 permitted falconers in the state.

Matt is a licensed Falconer in the State of Alabama and has 2 captive bred Harris Hawk he will be bringing. Come on out to meet them and learn about these beautiful birds!

Seating is limited, so bring your own comfortable camp chair if you wish.

Date: Saturday, October 2, 2021

Time: 6:00 pm

Where: DeSoto State Park-Fort Payne, Alabama. Campfire Ring in the Improved Campground (In case of inclement weather will be located in the CCC Pavilion in picnic area)

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Amphibian Metamorphosis: From Egg to Frog, What a Leap!

Join us for a fun campfire talk in the great outdoors! Campfire Talks are a series of educational & entertaining programs located in the great outdoors. Campfire programs are held many Friday & Saturday evening (May –October) in DeSoto State Park.

Enjoy a fun trivia game with Jacksonville State University's Dr. James Rayburn while exploring how amphibians transform from a single cell to the wonderful hopping creatures we all know.

Meet live tadpoles...and perhaps adopt your own non-native tadpole pet!

Date: Friday, October 8, 2021

Time: 7:00 pm-8:00 pm (CST)

Where: DeSoto State Park-Fort Payne, Alabama. Campfire Ring in the Improved Campground (In case of inclement weather will be located in the CCC Pavilion in picnic area)

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Miller's Bend Paddle Shack (October 8th-10th)

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Boat Shack Hours: Saturday & Sunday 10:00-6:00 pm (CST).

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Poisonous & Venomous Organisms

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Enjoy a fun trivia game presented by Jacksonville State University Toxicologist Dr. James Rayburn. Learn about how some plants & animals really get your attention with their special lines of defense. Beware out there!

Date: Saturday, October 9, 2021

Time: 7:00 pm-8:00 pm (CST)

Where: DeSoto State Park-Fort Payne, Alabama. Campfire Ring in the Improved Campground (In case of inclement weather will be located in the CCC Pavilion in picnic area)

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Miller's Bend Paddle Shack (October 15th-17th)

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ColorFest 2021

Mentone, Alabama

Savor North Alabama's autumn beauty and enjoy arts and crafts, food, live music and more! Mentone has been a mountain getaway for tourists since the 1800s. In October, bright sunshine and clear mountain air makes Mentone a good base to see the fall colors surrounding these natural treasures. There are many other places and things to do, including visiting the local stores and eateries. On Saturday and Sunday, Brow Park will be filled with artists and craft makers offering their handmade creations. Admission is free.

Dates: Saturday, October 16th-17th, 2021

Where: Mentone, Alabama (within 10 miles of DeSoto State Park)

For any details, see www.facebook.com/MentoneAlabamaFestivals

Third Saturday Sunset Cruise-In

Fort Payne, Alabama

The Third Saturday Sunset Cruise-In is a great car show, featuring over 200+ classic vehicles on display in Fort Payne's historic downtown district. This is a monthly event starting in March and ending in October. Music across the street from DeKalb Theatre and great food vendors.

Date: Saturday, October 16, 2021

Time: 5:00-9:00 pm

Where: Downtown Fort Payne, Alabama (within 10 miles of DeSoto State Park)

Free & open to everyone. Info: www.facebook.com/3rdSaturdayFortPayneAl/

Miller's Bend Paddle Shack (October 22nd-24th)

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Night Zipline Tour

Taking the fun to a whole new level-soar through the tree canopy in DeSoto State Park with the moon light guiding your way! Are you brave enough to explore the dark forest with us?

Enjoy six ziplines that range from 100 ft to 350 ft in length and six sky bridges that range from 50 ft to 150 ft in length. A spiral staircase tower begins the trek and allows for a bird's eye view from up to 55 ft in the air.

The full moon is sure to make your tour even more exciting with suspension bridges and zip lines to discover as you traverse the tree canopy and explore with your guide.

Date: October 22nd, 2021

Tour times: 7:00, 8:00, 9:00, and 10:00 PM

Where: DeSoto State Park~ Fort Payne, Alabama. Country Store & Information Center on County Road 89

Fee: Tickets are \$49 per person, Spaces are limited.

See Screaming Eagle's website to book your tour: At www.desotozipline.com or over the phone from 9am-5pm.

More info: www.alapark.com/DSP-aerial-adventure

Meandering Moonlight Paddle Trip

DeSoto Falls Picnic Area-Alabama

DeSoto State Park staff offers this relaxing guided moonlight paddle trip on scenic Little River. Enjoy the peace and quiet of nature as we paddle upstream on the 'coke bottle clear' waters of the West Fork of Little River. Enjoy this flatwater paddle as the sun goes down and the full moon comes up. Experience the peace & quiet of the gloaming-time!

What to know: This trip is approximately 4 miles round trip on flatwater, spans a 3 to 3 1/2-hour period and includes kayak, paddle, & personal flotation device. Weight limits: 300 pounds for singles & 450 for tandems. Ages 8 to adult.

What to bring: Appropriate clothing, headlamp or flashlight, bug spray, snacks, and drinking water.

Date: Saturday October 23, 2021

Time: 7:00 pm-10:00 pm

Where: DeSoto Falls Picnic Area-Miller's Bend Paddle Shack (about 7 miles from main park area of DeSoto State Park)

Fee: \$30.00 for single kayak rental (2 person-tandem kayaks are available on a limited basis for \$50.00)

Pre-registration closes October 20th, 2021 -5:00 p.m. To register, email

Paige.Norsworthy@dcnr.alabama.gov. **Please provide date of paddle, a phone number; indicate number of boats and what type (single/tandem) requested for the trip. Payment will be required at time of registration**

November 2021

Creative Spirit Market

Adding a new twist to a typical art fair, this event is designed as an open air showcase, with artist demonstrations, locally & regionally created fine & folk art, premium hand-crafted goods, & live acoustic music. Shoppers can browse and watch artists in their creative process, listen to music, plus purchase goods from fine and folk artists such as painters, potters, quilters, weavers & basket makers, fabric spinners, culinary artists and craftsmen. Some unique and one-of-a-kind gifts will be available for purchase. Stop by and get some early gift-shopping in!

Dates: November 13 & 14, 2021 (Second weekend of November)

Times: 10:00 am-3:00 pm each day

The market is held near DeSoto State Park's picnic area across from the Country Story on County Road 89. If the weather is chilly, market-goers can enjoy a blazing fire in the stone fireplace in the CCC pavilion. Dogs on a leash are allowed in the park.

There is limited parking in the picnic area, the tennis court area, and in front of the Country Store. If parking anywhere in the picnic area, a \$2 per vehicle fee applies. There is no fee to attend the open-air market. Rain or shine event. Email Brittney.Hughes@dcnr.alabama.gov for any details.

Artist Entry Info: www.littleriverartscouncil.org/artist-entry-form

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Date: November 19th & 20th, 2021

Tour times: 7:00, 8:00, 9:00, and 10:00 PM

Where: DeSoto State Park~ Fort Payne, Alabama. Country Store & Information Center on County Road 89

Fee: Tickets are \$49 per person, Spaces are limited.

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December 2021



For even more fun events, see
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