

## February Program Schedule

- Friday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - Friday Birdwatching @ Interpretive Center/Cheaha Lake, 9-10am
    - Come sit by the lake and take in the morning as our Naturalist shows you how to identify birds by sight and sound. Learn more about our feathered friends and how we can help them! Birders of all ages and experience levels are welcome! Bring your own binoculars if you have them, don't let it stop you if you don't!
- Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>
  - Winter Birding Hike w/ Dr. Grover Brown @ Interpretive Center/lakeview 9-11a #hike24in24
    - Join our interpretive staff and Dr. Grover Brown from Jacksonville State University as we look for and learn about the feathered residents of Alabama during the winter! Bring your own binoculars or come without. This is a great opportunity for wildlife photographers to take photos, so feel free to bring a camera as well. Experienced and beginner birders of all ages and sizes are welcome!
  - Trash to Treasure @ Interpretive Center, 2-3pm
    - One man's trash is another man's treasure. We'll be turning recyclables into unique art pieces and learning more about how we can protect our environment through reusing and recycling! All supplies provided.
- Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup>
  - Learning by the Lake @ Interpretive Center 12-4pm
    - Do you have a child who is curious about the great outdoors? The interpretive team will help them connect with the natural world through art, activities, storytelling, games, and so much more. Stop by and make some new connections.
- Friday, February 9<sup>th</sup>
  - Friday Birdwatching @ Interpretive Center/Cheaha Lake, 9-10am
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can help them! Birders of all ages and experience levels are welcome! Bring your own binoculars if you have them, don't let it stop you if you don't!

- Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup>
  - Sensory Hike #hike24in24 @ Interpretive Center Porch, 10-11am
    - There's so much more to nature than what meets the eye. We often move so fast, and we need to take the time to slow down and experience the world around us. Join us on this hike where we will use all our senses and focus on connecting to nature through all of our senses.
  - Wilderness Skills: knot tying @ Interpretive Center, 2-3pm
    - Knowing how to tie knots and what knot to use can be extremely helpful! Join our interpretive staff as we learn and practice tying knots and how to use them!
- Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>
  - Learning by the Lake @ Interpretive Center 12-4pm
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- 16<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> – Great Backyard Bird Count
  - **Citizen scientists needed! Come join us and participate in the Great Backyard Bird Count 2024. Beginners and seasoned birders alike can help gather data on bird species and numbers in our own backyard. We will then add that information to an international database, and it will help assess the health of birds world-wide. Guided birding walks and activities throughout the four days. For more information about this global event and how you can help, visit: <https://www.birdcount.org>**
- Friday, February 16<sup>th</sup>
  - Friday Birdwatching @ Interpretive Center/Cheaha Lake, 9-10am
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welcome! Bring your own binoculars if you have them, don't let it stop you if you don't!

- Birding 101 @ Interpretive Center, 2-3pm
  - Birding is a fun activity, a great skill to have, and easy way to get outdoors and enjoy nature! Join our interpretive staff as they teach you the ins and outs of birding, help you learn to ID by sight and sound, show you cool resources to help you along the way, and get to know more about our feathered friends!
- Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup>
  - Beth Cowan Drake photography workshop @ Interpretive Center/Cheaha Lake, 9am-1pm
    - Join Beth Cowan Drake from Alabama the Beautiful for a photography workshop designed to teach the field techniques of bird photography. From numerous approaches to photographing different species of bird, she will explain how to control the variables to capture the image of a bird, discuss her personal settings for various images she has captured, and review her Lightroom editing technique. Beth's many years of photography experience helps in understanding composition, balance, and form as she teaches all levels of photographers how to create artistic and beautifully pleasing images. The time in the workshop belongs to you: Beth's guidance will make your experience exceed your expectations. *Alabama State Parks Workshop Fee: \$35 per participant, register on our website or by calling 256-488-5111.*
  - Bird crafts @ Interpretive Center, 2-3pm
    - Bring your junior birders and join our interpretive staff as we make bird-themed crafts!
- Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup>
  - Bald Rock Boardwalk Bird Count @ Bald Rock Boardwalk, 9-10am
    - Bring your binoculars and observation skills to contribute as a citizen scientist to the world's bird health project. Beginners and seasoned birders of all ages welcome!
  - Learning by the Lake @ Interpretive Center, 12-4pm

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- Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup>
  - Rock Garden/CCC Reservoir Bird Count @ Chalet road loop, 9-10am
    - Bring your binoculars and observation skills to contribute as a citizen scientist to the world's bird health project. Beginners and seasoned birders of all ages welcome! Park and meet our staff at the loop at the end of the Chalet road.
- Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>
  - Friday Birdwatching @ Interpretive Center/Cheaha Lake, 9-10am
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- Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup>
  - CCC Reservoir cleanup volunteer day @ CCC Reservoir, 10am-1pm
    - Calling all volunteers! We need your help! Cattails have taken over the CCC reservoir and we need your help to get them cleaned out! All tools provided, but we would recommend bringing work gloves, snacks/lunch, and water! Park at the end of the Chalet Road, around the loop. Email [Kathryn.gray@dcnr.alabama.gov](mailto:Kathryn.gray@dcnr.alabama.gov) to register!
  - Painting with Nature @ Interpretive Center, 3-4pm
    - Do you enjoy painting? Do you like nature? Combine both of these in one craft as we paint masterpieces using items we scavenged around the park!
- Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup>
  - Learning by the Lake
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