

## March 2024 Program Schedule

- Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup>
  - Friday Birdwatching @ Upper Campground, 9am
    - Take a morning walk around the Upper Campground with our Naturalist and learn more about the birds that are migrating through the park, and how to identify them by sight and sound. Meet at the Upper Campground gate. 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!
  - Nature Nook @ Mountain Store, 3-5pm
    - Meet a member of our interpretive team who is happy to answer any questions you may have about the park. Learn more about what Cheaha has to offer and check out the nature items they've brought to show off.
- Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - Bingo Hike @ Fisherman's Trail, 11am
    - Bring your observation skills on this hike and play to win prizes by playing nature bingo!
- Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</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, March 8<sup>th</sup>
  - Friday Birdwatching @ Bald Rock Boardwalk, 9am
    - Take a morning hike to Bald Rock with our Naturalist and learn more about the birds that are migrating through the park, and how to identify them by sight and sound. 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!
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- Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup>
  - Leave No Trace Hike w/ Wild Alabama @ Cheaha Falls (Turnipseed Parking Area) #Hike24in24
    - Join Cheaha State Park's Naturalist and Jonathan Kelly of Wild Alabama for a hike through the Talladega National Forest to Cheaha Falls while learning more about the 7 principles of Leave No Trace. Be sure to bring water, snacks, and wear comfortable shoes – this hike is approximately two miles round trip. Register on our website or at [Events - Wild Alabama](#).
  - Spring Paint-a-Long @ Vista Cliffside Event Center, 2-5pm
    - Join interpretive staff member Amanda as she leads you through painting a spring scene! This event is for ages 18+, and cost of participation is \$25 per person, all supplies included. Register by calling the Mountain Store at 256-488-5111.
- Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>
  - Learning by the Lake @ Interpretive Center, 12-4pm
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- Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup>
  - Friday Birdwatching @ Cheaha Lake, 9am
    - 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!
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- Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>
  - Volunteer Day – clean and reblaze Mountain Laurel Trail @ Chalet road loop, 10am-2pm
    - Calling all volunteers! We need your help! We are in need of some extra hands to help us clear brush and reblaze the Mountain Laurel/Rock Garden Trail. All tools will be supplied, but we recommend bringing work gloves, snacks/lunch, and water! Register to help by emailing [Kathryn.gray@dcnr.alabama.gov](mailto:Kathryn.gray@dcnr.alabama.gov).
  - Star Gazing @ Cheaha Lake, 6pm? (**check sunset times**)
    - Join our interpretive staff in the field by the lake as we learn about the constellations and spend time looking for them in the sky!
- Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>
  - Learning by the Lake @ Interpretive Center, 3-5pm
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- Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>
  - Friday Birdwatching: Kid's birding hike @ Cheaha Lake/Lake Trail, 9am
    - Bring your junior birders as we make and decorate kid friendly binoculars out of paper tubes and look for the birds we've hidden around the trail. We'll learn all about different species and how to spot them! Junior birders and their people of all ages, sizes, and bird knowledge levels welcome!
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- Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>
  - Hawk watch @ Vista Cliffside Event Center balcony, 9-11am
    - March is a great time to see the many species of birds that migrate through Alabama. Come join on Interpretive Staff on the balcony of the Vista Cliffside Event Center as we sit and talk about these migrations, and hopefully get to spot a hawk or two!
  - Trekking for Trees – spring buds #hike24in24 @ Mt. Laurel Trail, 2pm
    - Trees are a vital natural resource and essential to our ecosystems. They provide food, shelter, lumber, air purification, and much more. Learn about the trees here in Cheaha State Park as we take a walk through the woods and admire the beginnings of the spring blooms.
- Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>
  - Learning by the Lake @ Interpretive Center, 12-4pm
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- Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup>
  - Friday Birdwatching @ Bald Rock Boardwalk, 9am
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- Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup>
  - Salamander stroll @ Interpretive Center, 10am

- Salamanders love cool, clean water and Cheaha's spring fed creeks and streams create habitats for them all over the park. Join our Interpretive Team as we venture into the creeks and stream searching for and learning more about these cool critters!
- Hop Into Spring @ Cheaha Lake, 12:30pm (egg hunt at 1pm)
  - Join us for an egg hunt, archery, and other fun activities with our friends from the Anniston Museum of Natural History, Wild Alabama, and Bikers Against Child Abuse!  
We will have egg hunts for ages walkers-2yo, 3-6yo, and 7+, archery for all ages taught by our certified Interpretive Staff, and various activities hosted by the partner organizations listed above. All activities are included in day admission or overnight stay.
- Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>
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