

## April 2024 Program Schedule

- Friday 5<sup>th</sup>
  - Friday Birdwatching @ Upper Campground, 9am
    - Take a morning walk around the Upper Campground with our Naturalist and learn more about the birds that live at Cheaha, 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 6<sup>th</sup>
  - Wilderness Skills: Fire Building @ Bunker Tower, 11am
    - In a survival situation, being able to build a fire can be the difference between success and failure. Do you know how to build a good fire in the wilderness? Do you know the Leave No Trace ethics involved with building fires in the woods? Our Interpretive Team will teach you both things to help you be ready in case of an emergency.
  - Starting Your Own Pollinator Garden @ Big Foot Pavilion, 2pm
    - Have you ever wanted to see more butterflies, bees, and other pollinators in your yard? Come join us as we teach you all about how to attract more of these incredible creatures into your yard, and make a take home your own pollinator garden starters! 25 spots available, register on our website. \$10 cost per participant.
- Sunday 7<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 12<sup>th</sup>-Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>
  - John Dersham Photography Workshop: Waterfalls and Wildflowers
    - Join internationally renowned Alabama photographer, John Dersham, for this landscape photography workshop on the highest mountain in Alabama, focusing on some of our favorite things: Waterfalls and Wildflowers. Registration required; class size is limited. Fee: \$75 per person for workshop instruction and park admission; No refunds after October 23, 2023. To register call our Mountain Store or register on our website at <https://reserve.alapark.com/register/> Lodging available at Cheaha State Park for a separate cost. For more information about lodging options and pricing for overnight accommodations, please call 256-488-5111.

- Friday 12<sup>th</sup>
  - Nature Nook @ Mountain Store, 3-5pm
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- Saturday 13<sup>th</sup>
  - Nature Journaling @ Interpretive Center, 11am
    - Want to start keeping track of the plants, animals, and flowers you see on your hikes? Learn the joys of nature journaling! Slow down and soak up the spectacular treasures and beauty of the natural world through creative writing, poetry, drawing, and observing nature.
  - Storytime at the Lake @ Interpretive Center Porch, 3pm
    - For all our Junior Rangers, join our Interpretive Staff by the Lake as we read a story!
- Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>
  - Learning by the Lake @ Interpretive Center, 12-4pm
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- Friday 19<sup>th</sup>-Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> – **Earth Day Weekend**
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  - Trash to Treasure @ Interpretive Center, 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.
- Saturday 20<sup>th</sup>
  - Wildflower Hike #Hike24in24AL @ Meet at Interpretive Center, 10am
    - April showers bring...April wildflowers! Join us as we take a walk in the woods and take in the beautiful native flowers! Learn to identify them and why they're so important to the ecosystem. This hike will be about 2.5 miles round trip up and then back down the Lake Trail, over difficult and steep terrain. We recommend bringing water, snacks, sturdy shoes, and trekking poles/a walking stick if you have them.
  - Lorax Storytime and Crafts @ Interpretive Center, 2pm
    - Earth Day is coming, and we speak for the trees! Join us as we read the story of the Lorax, and make fun Earth Day crafts!
- Sunday 21<sup>st</sup>

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- Go with the Flow @ Cheaha Lake (Outside Interpretive Center), 2pm
  - All living organisms need water to survive, and most Earth's water circulates in our oceans. Only 1% of the water on Earth is accessible fresh water. Join Cheaha's Interpretive Team to learn more about pollutants and how they affect everything downstream. You can help make a difference for our aquatic environments, learn how with us!
- Friday 26<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 migrate 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!
  - Nature Nook @ Mountain Store, 3-5pm
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- Saturday 27<sup>th</sup>
  - Hiker 101 @ Interpretive Center, 11am
    - Have you been wanting to start hiking as a hobby, but feel overwhelmed by all the gear, lingo, rules, etiquette, and other information out there? No to worry, it's easy to start with a lot of the things you already have! We'll clear up confusion, give you some recommendations, and hopefully help you feel more confident heading into the outdoors. For beginners of all ages! #Hike24in24AL
  - Sunset Hike #Hike24in24AL @ Pulpit Rock Trailhead, 7pm
    - Join our Interpretive Staff on a guided hike to watch the best sunset Cheaha State Park has to offer! Note that Pulpit Rock Trail is a moderately strenuous hike with a very steep section and uneven footing.
- Sunday 28<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.