

Jacksonville State University Field Schools & JSU Little River Canyon Center Program Calendar Month: May 2009

First Saturday Series: Early Summer Frog Pond Adventure

Get a hands-on experience with pond creatures with biologist Bobby Floyd. For more information on JSU's Frog Pond, visit our website at <http://epic.jsu.edu/frogpond.html>

Date: Saturday, May 2, 2009

Where: JSU Frog Pond in White Plains, AL

Time: 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Fee: \$5 per person; pre-registration required

For more information or to pre-register contact fieldschool@jsu.edu or call 256-782-5697.

Little River Canyon Center Dog & Master Hike

Approximately 1 mile easy hike down Yellow Creek near Little River Canyon National Preserve; masters must be leashed.

Date: Saturday, May 2, 2009

Where: Little River Canyon Center 472 AL Hwy 35 Ft Payne, AL 35967

Time: 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

Fee: \$5 per person; pre-registration required

For more information or to pre-register contact fieldschool@jsu.edu or call 256-782-5697.

Chief Ladiga Trail Interpretive Bike Ride

Join USFS Biologist Jeff Gardner for a bike ride on the Chief Ladiga Trail portion that crosses through the Talladega National Forest. Participants will bring their own bikes and meet at the new parking lot at Borden Springs. Bikers will ride approximately 10 miles round trip. Bring drink/snacks/lunch. Not recommended for children under 12 years.

Date: Saturday, May 2, 2009

Where: Chief Ladiga Trail Parking Lot (Borden Springs, AL)

Time: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Fee: \$10 per person; pre-registration required

For more information or to pre-register contact fieldschool@jsu.edu or call

256-782-5697.

Bilingual Spanish-English Hike (*¡para los personas hablas Espanol!*)

Acompañenos a una caminata en el Parque Estatal de Soto y Canon de Rio Pequeno.

Fecha: Sabado, Mayo 2, 2009

Donde: JSU's Little River Canyon Center (Hwy 35 near Little River Falls)

Hora: 10:00 am hasta las 1:00 mediodia

Tarifa: \$10 adulto (*ninos gratis*)

This easy hike is led by Dr. Kelly Gregg. It is designed for individuals who are fluent and learning Spanish.

Date: Saturday, May 2, 2009

Where: JSU's Little River Canyon Center (Hwy 35 near Little River Falls)

Time: 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

Fee: \$10 per adult and children free with parent; pre-registration required

For more information or to pre-register contact fieldschool@jsu.edu or call 256-782-5697.

17th Annual Wildflower Saturday at DeSoto State Park

With its abundance of rhododendron and mountain laurel, there are few places lovelier than DeSoto State Park in May.

Join DeSoto's Brittney Hughes, NPS's Larry Beane, and other botanists for this incredible day of flora. Consider spending the week at DeSoto...camping, cabins. or lodge.

Date: Saturday, May 2, 2009

Where: DeSoto State Park; Visit www.desotostatepark.com or call 1-800-ALA-PARK (option 2)

Time: Multiple hikes from morning through afternoon (call for exact times)

Fee: No fee

Paddling Tour of Terrapin Creek

Imagine green pools with six foot alligator gar floating along side your boat, wildflowers dripping over verdant banks, and spring birds trilling in the tree tops. Join JSU Field School staff and seasoned paddlers for this 4-6 mile float down lovely Terrapin Creek. *If water levels are low, program may be cancelled. Space is LIMITED.*

Date: Saturday, May 9, 2009

Where: Terrapin Creek Outdoor Center (AL Hwy 9 near Centre, AL)

Time: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Fee: \$50 per person kayak; \$25 per person canoe (double only); \$25 per person to bring your own canoe or kayak;

Pre-registration is required.

For more information or to pre-register contact fieldschool@jsu.edu or call 256-782-5697.

CCC Historic Hike

Join DeSoto State Park Staff on this historic hike to the Civilian Conservation Corp's 'unfinished' Bridge. Learn why the CCC left it 'unfinished' and see several original structures. Meet in front of DeSoto's Lodge in the CCC Memorial Park.

Moderate to Strenuous Hike on old CCC roadbed. Not for children under the age of 5. Consider spending the week at DeSoto...camping, cabins. or lodge.

Date: Saturday, May 9, 2009

Where: DeSoto State Park; Visit www.desotostatepark.com or call 1-800-ALA-PARK (option 2)

Time: 9:00 am – 12:00 noon

Fee: No fee

Mosaics Demonstration

Join Linda Munoz as she demonstrates the art of mosaics. Workshop opportunities available.

Date: Saturday, May 9, 2009

Where: Little River Canyon Center 472 AL Hwy 35 Ft. Payne AL 35967

Time: 10:00 am – 3:00 p.m.

Fee: No fee; call 256-845-3548 for more information

Wildflower Saturday at Little River Canyon National Preserve

National Park Ranger Larry Beane will guide you through a memorable wildflower experience. Come enjoy a bloomin' good day! Call the National Park Service for more information at 256-845-9605

Date: Saturday, May 9, 2009

Where: Meet at JSU's Little River Canyon Center (near Little River Falls on Hwy 35) in Ft. Payne, AL

Time: 9:00 am – 11:00 am or 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Fee: No fee or registration

International Migratory Bird Day

Programs and information on migratory birds.

Date: Saturday, May 9, 2009

Where: Meet at JSU's Little River Canyon Center (near Little River Falls on Hwy 35) in Ft. Payne, AL

Time: Events and information scheduled at various times during the day.

Call the National Park Service for more

information at 256-845-9605 or visit www.nps.gov/liri

Fee: No fee or registration

Edible & Interesting Plants Workshop for Children

This workshop is designed for children that are naturally curious about nature. Join DeSoto's naturalist Brittney Hughes for this fun & interesting program on the nature of plants. Demonstrations & an easy hike. No fee. Please Pre-register ahead of time.

Date: May 16, 2009

Where: DeSoto State Park Nature Center www.desotostatepark.com

Time: 10:00 am – Noon

Fee: No fee; pre-registration required 1-800-ALA-PARK (option 2)

Nature Photography Exhibit

Join Paul Shoffner to view his extraordinary nature photographs. Workshop opportunities available.

Date: Saturday, May 16, 2009

Where: Little River Canyon Center 472 AL Hwy 35 Ft. Payne AL 35967

Time: 10:00 am – 3:00 p.m.

Fee: No fee; call 256-845-3548 for more information

Beginning Bird Identification

Join USFS birding experts for a tour of the Shoal Creek District's birding "hot spots" including the endangered Redcockaded Woodpecker management areas (and possibly nestlings). Convoy behind USFS biologist in your own vehicle.

Date: May 16, 2009

Where: Meet at the Shoal Creek District Office (256)-463-2272 in Cleburn County, AL

Time: 7:00 am – 10:00 am

Fee: \$10 per person; Pre-registration required

For more information or to pre-register contact fieldschool@jsu.edu or call 256-782-5697.

Herbal Medicine Making Workshop

Join Herbalists Darryl Patton and DeSoto State Park staff for an introductory class geared toward learning medicinal properties of plants including how to make salves and poltices. Class will include short hikes on nature trails and demonstrations. Wear appropriate footwear and clothing for hike.

Date: May 23, 2009

Where: Meet at DeSoto State Park's Nature Center

www.desotostatepark.com (1-800-ALA-PARK)

Time: 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Fee: Pre-registration required (call Brittney Hughes, DeSoto State Park Naturalist, at 256-845-0051)

Blacksmith & Forging Demonstration

Join Walter Howell as he demonstrates old time forging techniques.

Workshop opportunities available.

Date: Saturday, May 30, 2009

Where: Little River Canyon Center 472 AL Hwy 35 Ft. Payne AL 35967

Time: 10:00 am – 3:00 p.m.

Fee: No fee; call 256-845-3548 for more information

CCC Historic Hike: The Quarry Trail

Join DSP Staff on a moderate hike to the CCC Quarry. Learn how the builders of DeSoto State Park constructed the original structures that you can still see in the park today. Moderate to strenuous climbs. Consider spending the week at DeSoto...camping, cabins. or lodge.

Date: May 30, 2009

Where: Meet at DeSoto State Park's Nature Center

www.desotostatepark.com (1-800-ALA-PARK)

Time: 9:00 am – 11:00 am

Fee: No fee; Pre-registration required