

Skidaway Island State Park



PROGRAM GUIDE

Skidaway Island State Park invites you to experience the many different programs offered by our staff. These programs deal with the sites' natural, cultural, historical, and recreational resources. We offer various programs suited for school field trips, Scout troops, church, civic, and adult groups. You may want to choose a combination of programs to best meet your needs or schedule. We want your visit to be as safe and enjoyable as possible. Please follow all State Park Rules and Laws. When viewing scenic areas, always stay on marked trails and structures. We look forward to your visit and we know that your experience will be educational, safe, and memorable.

PLANNING YOUR GROUP EVENT

RESERVATION INFORMATION – We encourage you to make your reservations several months in advance in order for us to adequately prepare for your group program or activity. Reservations are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Topics are subject to change depending on the staffing and weather conditions.

Our programs are divided into three categories:

- ❖ Outdoor Adventure
- ❖ Environmental Education
- ❖ Just for Fun

Programs can be modified for almost any group. In addition to the programs described, a variety of slide shows, videos, and other programs are available. Contact the Park to schedule a program or for more information. Cost of each program is 1\$ per child, 2\$ per adult. We are always working on developing new programs so please let us know if there is something specific you would like.

We also have an Interpretive Center with a Giant Ground Sloth Replica, live reptiles including “Mercury” the alligator, wildlife exhibits, birding room, and Artifact exhibits. We offer guided tours or you are welcome to come in and look around on your own.

HOW TO SCHEDULE YOUR GROUP - Contact the Park and know the following information:

1. Name, address, phone number, fax number and email address of organization.
2. Name of group leader.
3. Preferred date of program and alternate date.
4. Preferred program topic and alternate.
5. Time of arrival and desired length of program(s).
6. Number of participants and age, along with the number of chaperones or leaders attending.
7. Facility needs.

**CALL SKIDAWAY ISLAND STATE PARK
FOR PROGRAM RATES AND RESERVATIONS AT 912-598-2300.**

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

SNAKES ALIVE!- Min-7/Max-40 (lecture) Learn about these cold-blooded creatures. See live snakes!

HERPS' OF GEORGIA - Min-7/Max-40 (lecture) Learn the differences between reptiles and amphibians. See live herps'!

TURTLES, TORTOISES & TERAPINS OH MY! - Min-7/Max-40 (lecture) Learn about these cold-blooded creatures. See live turtles!

BIRDS OF PREY - Min-7/Max-40+(lecture) We will discuss different birds of prey in this area. There are different mounted birds as an example.

SCAVENGER HUNT - Min-7/Max 40 - We can create a Scavenger Hunt tailored to your group. See which team can find every item or solve the riddles first!

MAGNIFICENT MARSH - Min-7/Max 40 (Lecture) - Find out why marshes are important. Learn about the ecology of the plants and animals that live in the marsh. Live examples!

WILDERNESS WISE - Min-7/Max 40 (Lecture) - Learn to recognize the potentially hazardous plants and animals of the Southeast.

AMAZING ARACHNIDS & INSECTS – Min7/Max 40 (Lecture)- Learn about Insects and Arachnids. See live examples!

THAT'S NOT A BUG! Min7/Max 40 (Lecture)- Learn all about other arthropods such as crustaceans, millipedes and centipedes. See live examples!

GUIDED NATURE WALKS:

A park ranger will lead you on one of our many hiking trails to identify plants and animals in Skidaway's enchanted forest. For all hikes, the minimum number of participants is 7 with a maximum of 30.

1. **Sandpiper Nature Trail** - This is a great hike through the marsh for groups who would enjoy a shorter, more interpretive hike. The trail is approximately 1 mile in length and has interpretive signs as well as tree identification signs.

2. **Big Ferry Trail Hike** - Wear sturdy shoes and come along for a 2-3 mile trek through the Maritime forest of Skidaway.

3. **Sensory Awareness Night Hike** - Learn about different creatures that come out only at night. Then awaken your senses with experiments on this hike.

OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

WILDERNESS SURVIVAL: Min-7/Max-40 This program covers a variety of interests, pre-planning and lost prevention, obtaining water, and make survival kits to take with you.

FIRE BUILDING: Min-7/Max-30 Learn how to build a fire using different fire starting techniques.

KNOT TYING: Min-7/Max-30 Have you ever needed to tie something up, down, or together, and wondered how to do it? Well, here is your chance to learn which knots to use for all those special jobs.

CAMPING AND BACKPACKING Min-7/Max-30 - Learn how to pack efficiently and camp comfortably.

JUST FOR FUN

CAMPFIRE: Join us around the campfire as we trade stories by the fire, sing some fun songs, eat s'mores and enjoy group fellowship. *Maximum could vary for program. Minimum is 10.*

CRAFTS: Min-7/Max-30 – Skidaway offers a variety of craft programs including: Leaf Prints, Bird Feeders, God's Eyes, Foil Prints, Rain sticks, Nature wall hangings, Critter bags, Build-a-bug and more.

NATURE BINGO: Min-6/Max-40 – This bingo game will teach you all about nature, Skidaway, and the State of Georgia!

ANIMAL TRACKS - Min-7/Max-20 – Create your own animal track by pouring plaster into a cardboard collar around the tracks. Wait till they dry and remove from soil. Take home an animal track.