

Hardman Farm State Historic Site



Calendar of Events 2018



Welcome to Hardman Farm! We are currently operating March 1st – December 17th, Thursday through Sunday, 10 am – 4 p.m. Guided tours are offered each hour. We hope you will join us for our special events and programs in 2018.



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January:

Monday, January 1st – “First Day Hike” – 12:00 – 12:30 p.m. Join State Parks nationwide and participate in your local First Day Hike on the historic Unicoi Turnpike. Perhaps the oldest road in Georgia, it was a trade route used by Native Americans prior to becoming a toll road in 1817. This event is free.

February:

Wednesday, February 21st – “Volunteer Training Day” – 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. We are gearing up for our new season here at Hardman Farm and there is plenty to do!

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Volunteering at Hardman: Basics

12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Lunch

1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Docent training (how to assist/lead tours)

March:

Thursday, March 1st – “Opening Day at Hardman Farm” - 10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Hardman Farm reopens for the season! Join us for a guided tour on the hour, with the first one at 10:00 a.m., and the last going out at 3:00 p.m. Adults: \$12, Seniors: \$10, Youth: \$7, Children under 6: \$3. Plus tax.

Saturday, March 10th – “Emory Jones Book Signing” - 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Hardman Farm celebrates its past with Emory Jones, author of "Distant Voices: The Story of the Nacoochee Valley Indian Mound." He will read excerpts from his new book, "The Valley Where They Danced." This post-WWI historical novel features scenes from Hardman Farm. Hear excerpts prior to your tour and then bring back questions for Mr. Jones afterward.

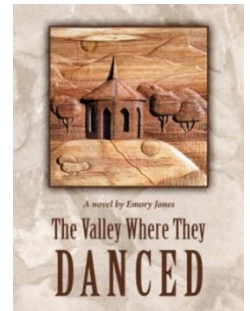
Saturday March 24th - "Remarkable Georgia Women" - 11:00 a.m. Come celebrate Women's History Month with us. Prepare to be astonished as you hear about 15 women born before 1900 who made outstanding achievements in Georgia. Sara Hines Martin, author of "Remarkable Georgia Women", wears a historic dress and displays photos of the women as she speaks. Ms. Martin will have her book available for sale in the gift shop. \$5 per participant.

Saturday, March 31st- "Natural Egg Dyeing Program" - 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Learn how to dye your Easter eggs the old fashioned way with natural materials such as onions, beets, and turmeric. Eggs will be provided for participants. Old fashioned games will also be available for kids to play with. The cost per participant is \$5.

April:

Saturday, April 7th - "Sweep the Hooch" - 9:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. - We will be partnering with Chattahoochee Riverkeepers and Smithgall Woods State Park to do a river clean-up of the Chattahoochee. We invite you to keep our rivers clean and beautiful by picking up trash along our new Helen to Hardman Heritage Trail. We will meet at the Hardman Farm visitor center. This event is free.

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Saturday, April 14th - "Georgia's First Dig"- 10:00 a.m. Hear about the first professional archaeological dig in Georgia with Archaeologist Max White, PhD. The Nacoochee Mound was partially excavated in 1915. Questions about who built it and what was discovered will be addressed, as well as the significance of the dig. \$5 per participant.

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Saturday, April 21st - "Farm Camp" - 10:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m. - In this one-day camp, children ages 6-12 will enjoy an active day, planting seeds and getting dirty with new friends. They will learn why home farming is important and the intricate systems that allow these crops to flourish. A snack will be provided and themed from the crops being planted. Campers may wish to return to the summer camp (July 24th) to harvest their crops. Each child will be given seeds to take home as well. Advanced registration required. Email Leigh.Vinson@dnr.ga.gov to sign up. \$30 per child.

May:

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Saturday, May 19th – “Katie Deal Concert” – 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Let Katie Deal carry you back to the good old days as she performs her version of some of your favorite classic country hits. Gates will open at 3:00 p.m., where outbuildings will be open for viewing. Concert starts at 5:00 p.m. Please bring your own chair. Food will be available for purchase. This is a rain or shine event. All proceeds go to Friends of Hardman Farm. Check our website or Facebook for details.

June:

Saturday, June 2nd – “National Trails Day on the Helen to Hardman Heritage Trail” – 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Enjoy a 2 mile out and back guided hike along the brand new Helen to Hardman Heritage Trail. This hike will lead you through several layers of history in White County, as well as the natural history of the Chattahoochee River. Meet in the Visitor Center. The cost per participant is \$5. Add a tour of Hardman Farm for \$7.

Saturday, June 9th – “Emory Jones Book Signing” - 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Hardman Farm celebrates its past with Emory Jones, author of "Distant Voices: The Story of the Nacoochee Valley Indian Mound." He will read excerpts from his new book, "The Valley Where They Danced." This post-WWI historical novel features scenes from Hardman Farm. Hear excerpts prior to your tour and then bring back questions for Mr. Jones afterward.

Saturday, June 16th – “Mobile Dairy Classroom”- 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. The Mobile Dairy Classroom is a dynamic and fun educational program operated by the Agricultural Commodity Commission for Milk. The 30 ft. Mobile Dairy Classroom features a fully operational milking parlor containing a live cow used for milking and feeding demonstrations. The goal of the program is to provide children and adults with a better understanding of where milk comes from, how it is processed, the healthy benefits of consuming dairy products and dairy farmers' management of natural resources. This is a free event.

July:

Tuesday, July 10th - “Anna Ruby Tuesday” – 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. What was life like for a well-to-do girl in Nacoochee in the 1870s? In this one day camp, 6-10 year old girls will play period games, try on period clothes, and have an English tea. Advanced registration required. Email Leigh.Vinson@dnr.ga.gov to sign up. \$30 per child.



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Tuesday, July 17th - "Arrowheads Through the Ages" - 10:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m. In this one-day camp for children ages 6-10, the evolution of Native American hunting tools will be explored. What tools were used for which animals? How did they change over time? The fields of Archaeology and History combine with recreation to create a fun, active day for kids. Advanced registration required. Email Leigh.Vinson@dnr.ga.gov to sign up. \$30 per child.



Tuesday, July 24th - "Farm Camp" - 10:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m. In this one-day camp, children ages 6-12 will enjoy an active day tending to the garden, harvesting crops and getting dirty with new friends. They will learn why home farming is important and the intricate systems that allow these crops to flourish. A "farm to table" snack will be provided from the harvested crops. Advanced registration required. Email Leigh.Vinson@dnr.ga.gov to sign up. \$30 per child.

Saturday in July (check website for date) - "U-Pick Corn Harvest Day" - 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Governor Hardman grew several acres of corn to feed his livestock. The UGA White County Extension and Hardman Farm have grown an acre of pesticide free corn. Come pick some corn, listen to bluegrass music, play corn hole and enjoy a beautiful day in the Valley. Tours available on the hour; standard rates apply. Corn is available for purchase at 25 cents per ear.

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Saturday, September 15th - Georgia's Spirit of Appalachia - 10:00 a.m. -5:00 p.m. Sponsored by White County Chamber of Commerce, this festival features award-winning creations by some of Georgia's best chefs, artists, craft breweries and vineyards. Call the White County Chamber of Commerce for more information at (706)-865-5356.



Saturday, September 29th – “Your State Parks Day” -10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Volunteers around the country will be helping to improve their favorite state park or historic site on this special day. We hope you will join us in improving Hardman Farm. We will break for lunch at 12:00 PM. Volunteers may leave for lunch, or bring a lunch to eat at our picnic tables. Volunteers will receive a complementary tour of the house at 1:00 p.m.

October:

Saturday, October 13th – “Fall Celebration at Hardman Farm” – 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Enjoy the feel of an old-fashioned country fair set in the beautiful Nacoochee Valley, surrounded by the colors of the season. Hands-on pioneer skills exhibits, traditional craft vendors, local authors and historians, and apple cider from a hand-cranked press. Learn to make candles, butter, and wash with a wash board. Try your luck in the potato sack race or the pumpkin toss. Enjoy lunch and treats as you listen to mountain music with your neighbors. The Nichols-Hunnicut-Hardman House will be open for self-guided tours of the first floor. Parking fee required for entrance.



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December:

November 30th, December 1st, 7th, 8th, 14th & 15th “A Victorian Christmas in Nacoochee” – 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. Come see the house in period holiday decor and learn about Victorian Christmas traditions from docents dressed in their finest 1870's garb. This open house on Friday and Saturday nights in December is highlighted by twinkling candle lights and a walk down the Unicoi Road. Guests will need to purchase their tickets in the Visitor Center, which will have a special treat each night, including live Christmas music and hot chocolate. Guests are advised to bring a flashlight for your walk back to the parking lot. Adults: \$12, Seniors: \$10, Youth: \$7, Children under 6: \$3. Plus tax.



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