



## Smithgall Woods State Park & Conservation Area 2017 Calendar of Events

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Welcome to Smithgall Woods State Park! Covering over 5,664 acres, our state park is charged with wise management of the land and educating the public about the environment and conservation issues. Join us for these events and make yourself at home at Smithgall Woods.

# 2017 Calendar

## First Day Hike

**Sunday January 1<sup>st</sup>, 1:00-3:00 pm**

This annual hike to Duke's Creek Falls will mark the start of a new year at Smithgall Woods.

## Dulcimer Making and Playing

**Saturday February 11<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>, 1:00-3:00 pm**

In this instructive course participants will build cardboard dulcimers and learn to play them with dulcimer player Gwen Aumann. \$10 per person.

## Volunteer Training

**Saturday February 25<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am-12:00 pm**

Make your mark on Smithgall Woods! Learn more about this special conservation area and what volunteer opportunities are available.

## Flies and Fly Water

**Saturday March 18<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 am-12:00 pm**

In preparation for the upcoming spring fishing season, we will have a "how to" on fly tying, stream reading, casting, and more. Come at 9:30 to hear a presentation on Stream Entomology (aka stream critters) by a park ranger and stay for the fishing fun! \$10/adult

*There is a daily parking fee of \$5 for all classes, unless otherwise specified.*



## Native American Cultures and Medicinal Plants

**Saturday April 29<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am-12:00 pm**

This event will consist of a brief talk about Native American culture in Northeast Georgia and will be followed by a hike looking at medicinal plants used by these cultures. \$10 per person.

**Close Encounters of the Bird Kind**  
**Saturday March 11th, Saturday June 3rd**  
**11:00 am-12:00 pm**

Do you give a hoot about Birds of Prey? Join raptor and wildlife educator Beth Thomson as she introduces you to her flock. This will be an hour long presentation and encounter with birds of prey. Come meet our feathered friends! \$5 per person



**Woof in the Woods**  
**Saturday April 22nd, 9:00 am-12:00 pm**

Bring your canine companion for a day of fun at the park! There will be working-dog demonstrations, vendors, and treats for your furry friends! \$5 per person

**Kids Day at the Park**  
**Saturday June 10th, 10:00 am- 2:00 pm**

Bring your kids and their endless imaginations for a fun day of play at Smithgall. There will be outdoor games, arts & crafts, exhibits, and much more. Bring your sack lunch, and stay the day! \$10 event fee per car

**Georgia Master Naturalist**  
**Mondays June 6- July 25 , 9:00 am-4:00 pm**

In cooperation with the University of Georgia, Warnell School of Forestry, an eight week training in conservation and wildlife issues relevant to our southern Blue Ridge ecoregion will be offered. Register by May 23<sup>rd</sup>. \$200 for the series and certification. An annual pass or daily park passes for each class are required. Limit 12.

**Junior Ranger Camp**  
**Monday –Friday June 20- June 24 , 9:00 am-12:00 pm**

This camp for ages 6-12 will feature a live reptile program, archery, nature hikes and many other activities. Children will earn their level 1 Junior Ranger deer badge. A snack will be included. \$70 per child.

**Caring for the Winged Ones Camp**  
**Monday –Friday July 25- July 29th , 9:00 am-3:00 pm**

Eco-Kids learn ways to support winged creatures in this active, hands-on camp. Kids will build their own bluebird house to take home. For ages 6-12. \$100. Includes all materials, snacks, & parking fee. Limit 12

**Gold Fever**  
**August 19th, 9:00 am- 12:00 pm**

Hear about the history of gold mining with local historians, try your hand at gold panning, and enjoy a guided hike to the Martin Mine Trail. \$5 per person.

**Going Batty**  
**October 14th, 7:30 pm- 9:30 pm**

Go Batty with Smithgall Woods! Learn about the bats of Georgia from a bat researcher during a short presentation, followed by a night hike to spot them! \$5 per person.

**Christmas in the Cabin**  
**December 16th , 1:00 pm- 3:30 pm**

Enjoy the Christmas festivities at Smithgall Woods! Hike to our frontier cabin, then enjoy some hot chocolate and a fire. Then make a snow globe, or homemade bird feeder. Finish it off with decorating our tree! \$5 per person



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*To learn more about Smithgall Woods, go to [www.gastateparks.org/smithgallwoods](http://www.gastateparks.org/smithgallwoods), find us on Facebook, or call the Visitor's Center at (706) 878-3087.*

*To sign up for a monthly notice of these and additional park programs, go to: [www.friendsofsmithgallwoods.org/friends-corner/newsletter](http://www.friendsofsmithgallwoods.org/friends-corner/newsletter)*