

Fort Yargo State Park

Field Trip Guide



School Groups

Kindergarten – Sensory Awareness Walk

Students will have a 20-minute classroom component in the Nature Center, where the students can taste honey, molasses, smell different “mystery” scents and see if they identify the smells come from, they will see and touch bird feathers and different animal bones. The students will be led on a 1/2-mile hike on the Birdberry Trail, and experience the hike using different senses (hearing different bird calls, smelling different fragrant plants, touching different kinds of bark). **(SKCS1)**

1st Grade – Plant and Animal Discovery Walk

On this investigative 1-mile ranger-led walk on the Birdberry Trail, students will about the basic needs of plants and animals. Students will also identify different parts of plants, from tall trees to small grasses. Students will also look for wildlife, or signs of wildlife, and compare animals and what their needs are. Students and teachers are encouraged to bring journals and/or digital cameras to record their findings. **(S1L1)**

2nd and 4th Grade – Early Georgians and Ft. Yargo

Join a Park Ranger and historic re-enactors and learn what life was like for early Georgia Pioneers. Learn about the Native Americans who lived in the area, and why settlers built forts like Ft. Yargo. Learn about what resources the pioneers and Native Americans used to survive, including what they ate, the clothes they wore, what challenges they faced as early pioneers, and how the Native Americans philosophies toward the new pioneers were forged. **(SS2H2) (SS4H2a)**

High School – Art in the Park

Students will use a sketchbook and make several thumbnail sketches on the Birdberry Nature Trail. On the second part of the field trip, the students will take the sketches and use them to create a larger work. This can be done in Pencil or Acrylic paint. Students can use what they know about color theory (hue, value, and intensity and monochromatic, analogous, complimentary, split complimentary, and triadic colors) in their larger work. **(VAHSVAPR, VAHSVAPR.3)**

Other program themes available –

Birdwalks – ID birds by sight and sound in different habitats on the park.

Dragonfly and Damselfly Hikes – Identification of Dragonflies, damselflies, and the habitats they use.

Butterfly walks (Seasonal) – ID butterflies, habitats, host and nectar plants.

Archery – Introduction based on National Archery in Schools Program principles.

Note to teachers and educators: please fill out group contract request form and send to park ranger 1 month prior to program to allow staff to prepare resources for giving the best quality program.

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GROUP CONTRACT REQUEST FORM

1. Please arrive on time. Plan time for your group to use the restroom facilities, be divided into smaller groups, etc. before the scheduled time for your program. Park staff has set aside time to spend with your group, so please notify the park if you are going to be late arriving for your visit. In addition, we may also have other arranged group programs scheduled after yours.
3. All passengers will be discharged and loaded from a parking space.
4. Please check in at the Nature Center desk upon your arrival, unless stated otherwise. The person on duty at the desk will notify the Ranger providing your program, and accept payment for the program. Please be at the designated starting point for your program on time.
5. We require 1 adult for every 15 students/youth. It is the responsibility of the adults with your group to ensure discipline.
6. Picnic areas are available for park visitors. To ensure a picnic site or other facilities contact Reservations Resource Center Monday through Friday during the hours of 8:00am and 5:00pm using the telephone numbers 1-800-864-7275 or in Metro Atlanta at 770-389-7275.
7. Group Contract Request Form must be received 1 month prior to date of program.

(Please print or type)

Group Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Number of Participants in your Group: _____ Ages of Participants: _____

Grade level of Participants (Applicable to school groups): _____

Program Title: _____

Arrival Time of Group: _____ Mode and Quantity of Transportation (car, van, bus): _____

Requested Date of Program: _____ Requested Time for your Program to Begin: _____

Cost of Program (Program fees are subject to change, so please clarify cost of program w/ park staff): _____

Print and Signature of Group Leader: _____ Date: _____

TO BE COMPLETED BY PARK STAFF

Program Approved: _____ Date: _____

TURN IN GROUP CONTRACT REQUEST FORMS

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