

PROGRAMS, TOURS & ACTIVITIES



Cossatot River State Park-Natural Area
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February 02-03, 09-10, 16-17, 23-24, 2019



Enjoy your stay and discover the many wonderfully diverse qualities of the Cossatot River by attending any of our programs. **All activities are free "unless otherwise noted."**

Saturday, February 02

- 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Animals in Winter (1 hour)** Why is winter hard for animals, and how do they cope? A park interpreter will be your guide as we explore the winter survival strategies of a variety of animals. **Meeting Place: Sandbar Picnic Area.**
- 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Quick Frozen Critters (1 hour)** Who are the Quick-Frozen Critters and what do they do? Join a park interpreter for this intriguing, fun program about how you can become a frozen critter and outwit some sly predators.
Meeting Place: Visitor Center's Amphitheater.
- 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Bird Topo (1 hour)** Topography is the description of the physical features and their arrangement of a place or object. Meet a park interpreter as we discover a bird's landscape and how it can help improve observational and identification skills in a fun activity.
Meeting Place: Visitor Center's Legacy Room.
- 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Migration Madness (1 hour)** Many types of birds that call the Cossatot River home during the summer migrate south for the winter. Join a park interpreter to learn why the birds make this journey and experience some of the challenges that they may face.
Meeting Place: Sandbar Picnic Area.

Sunday, February 03

- 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Secrets of Cossatot River's Forest (1 hour)** Have you ever wondered what secrets lie within a forest? Meet a park interpreter as we uncover some of the hidden secrets within Cossatot River's Forest that affect everything: water quality, plants, wildlife, soil, and you! Be prepared to have fun.
Meeting Place: Visitor Center.
- 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Feed the Critters (1 hour)** It's dinner time and the critters are hungry! Come and watch them eat and learn about the animals here at Cossatot River State Park-Natural Area.
Meeting Place: Visitor Center.
- 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Fly Away or Stay? (1 hour)** What makes some birds migrate and others stay where they are all year? Fly on over to meet a park interpreter to find out.
Meeting Place: Visitor Center's Legacy Room.

Saturday, February 09

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. How to Draw Birds (1 hour) Are you up for a challenge and some fun? Join a park interpreter as you learn to draw unique birds found here in the park. Drawing is a wonderful way to help us look more carefully at nature. Materials will be provided.

Meeting Place: Visitor Center's Legacy Room.

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. I Hear Voices (1 hour) Birds can be heard calling all hours of the day and each bird makes a unique sound. Join a park interpreter to learn about the birds that you can hear calling in Cossatot River State Park. We will hike on the Waterleaf Trail, so please bring water and wear appropriate clothing and shoes.

Meeting Place: Visitor Center.

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Bats Alive! (1 hour) The diverse habitats surrounding the Cossatot River host a wide variety of these winged creatures of the night. Here is your chance to find out. Meet a park interpreter to discover more about these fascinating, beneficial, and often misunderstood mammals.

Meeting Place: Visitor Center's Legacy Room.

3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Bundle Up! (1 hour) It is getting cold outside and it is the time of year for us to break out our coats and make hot cocoa to stay warm. Join a park interpreter to learn about the animals that live here and how they stay warm to survive the winter.

Meeting Place: Visitor Center's Amphitheatre.

Sunday, February 10

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Tracks, Scats, and Signs (1 hour) There are many wild animals in fields, and forests and ponds. Some of them are easy to see; but a lot of them are hard to find. Wild animals leave clues everywhere they go. Join a park interpreter as we look for some signs and identify which animal(s) have been in the area.

Meeting Place: Cossatot Falls Parking Lot.

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Feed the Critters (1 hour) It's dinner time and the critters are hungry! Come and watch them eat and learn about the animals here at Cossatot River State Park-Natural Area.

Meeting Place: Visitor Center.

3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Plant to Pantry (1 hour) The Grist Mills used in communities surrounding Cossatot River State Park- Natural Area provided food to Arkansans by taking grains from the plant to the pantry. Join a park interpreter to see a grist mill and learn how it operates.

Meeting Place: Visitor Center.

9:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., 2:00 p.m., and 3:00 p.m.

Saturday, February 16

Constellation Programming— Between Starlab show times there will be an area where there will be crafts and stations to learn more about constellations and the vast universe.

Meeting Place: Visitor Center's Legacy Room.

Diamonds in the Sky (45 minute/program) Twinkle, twinkle, little star; how I wonder what you are. Up above the world so high; like a diamond in the sky. If you like music and stories, then this program is for you. Head on over to Cossatot River State Park-Natural Area; as park interpreters share the stories and songs through the Starlab and constellation programming. **There will be a lunch break from 11:00 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. If you would like, you are welcome to bring your own and have a picnic in the park.**

Starlab programs will begin at the following times:

9:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., 2:00 p.m., and 3:00 p.m.

Sunday, February 17

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Bird Wreath (1 hour) Oh, the weather outside is frightful but the birds are so delightful; And since we've no place to go, let it snow, let it snow, let it snow. Since it is winter time why not help our delightful birds out by creating a beautiful bird wreath for them this winter? Join a park interpreter to make bird wreaths for our wintering birds. Hope to see you there.

Meeting Place: Visitor Center's Legacy Room.

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Feed the Critters (1 hour) It's dinner time and the critters are hungry! Come and watch them eat and learn about the animals here at Cossatot River State Park-Natural Area.

Meeting Place: Visitor Center.

3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. A World in a Drop of Water (1 hour) We are about to peek into a very different world—a world that was discovered about three hundred years ago by a Dutchman. A world where tiny amazing creatures flourish. A park interpreter will guide you as we explore this fascinating world in a hands-on lab.

Meeting Place: Visitor Center's Legacy Room.

Saturday, February 23

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Designed to Conceal (1 hour) Many creatures are shaped or colored to blend into their surroundings, and these different designs of camouflage are used in many different ways. Join a park interpreter to play a fun game and find out how camouflage helps animals in Cossatot River State Park- Natural Area survive.

Meeting Place: Visitor Center's Amphitheatre.

2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Afternoon Birding (1 hour, 30 minutes) Birding is easy once you have the three B's: binoculars, a birding book and birds. Enjoy an afternoon stroll with a park interpreter along the River Corridor Trail. Feel free to bring binoculars; who knows what we will see or stir up.

Meeting Place: Cossatot Falls Parking Lot.

Sunday, February 24

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Constellation Exploration (1 hour) Constellations drew pictures for storytelling in both the past and the present at Cossatot River State Park. Join a park interpreter to learn about the constellations you may see in the park and create your own constellation and story.

Meeting Place: Sandbar Picnic Area.

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Feed the Critters (1 hour) It's dinner time and the critters are hungry! Come and watch them eat and learn about the animals here at Cossatot River State Park-Natural Area.

Meeting Place: Visitor Center.

3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Wildflower Walk (1 hour) Come to the Cossatot River State Park-Natural Area and enjoy the beauty of spring wildflowers with a park interpreter. Many of these wildflowers are unique to the area, occurring only in the Ouachita Mountains. We will be hiking 2 miles of the scenic Harris Creek Trail. A video is also available upon request.

Meeting Place: Low Water Bridge Below Visitor Center.

