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Free Ranger-Guided Programs Offered in June

Riverfront Park Series Features Canal History Tour, Nature Walks

The Columbia Parks & Recreation Department invites the public to explore Riverfront Park to learn the history of the Columbia Canal, the species that call the park home and more.

Guests are encouraged to dress comfortably, bring binoculars and field guides as well as any essentials like water, sunscreen, insect repellent and sturdy walking footwear when participating in the programs.

The following activities are free, and open to both youth and adults:

Ranger Program Schedule

Tree Identification Walk | Saturday, June 1, 2-3:30 p.m. | Riverfront Park (north), 4122 River Dr.

Learn about trees under the canopy of our floodplain forest on our Tree Identification Walk. We will learn to identify tree species with a key that participants can take home to use in their own yard and neighborhood.

Guests should meet at the Riverfront Park North parking lot.

Fish Passage Tour | Tuesday, June 4, 6-7 p.m. | Riverfront Park (north), 4122 River Dr.

Learn about the species that make the journey from the North Atlantic Ocean into the Broad River, and about the passage built to accommodate this migration.

Guests should meet at the Riverfront Park North parking lot.

Nature at the North End | Saturday, June 8 at 2 p.m. | Riverfront Park (north), 4122 River Dr.

Springtime offers something different as new blooms emerge, and different species of fish and birds migrate through or settle into nests for the season. We'll start with a look at the fish passage and finish with a woodland walk.

Guests should meet at the Riverfront Park North parking lot.

After Work Nature Walk | Tuesday, June 11, 6-7 p.m. | Riverfront Park (north), 4122 River Dr.

Join a Ranger and see what the park, canal and Broad River have to offer!

Guests should meet at the Riverfront Park North parking lot.

Birding Walk | Saturday, June 15, 9-10:30 a.m. | Riverfront Park (north), 4122 River Dr.

Learn about the birds at our park and in your back yards at this time of year. We'll look for local birds and the many species of neotropical songbirds that choose our park for nesting so bring binoculars and field guides if you have them.

Guests should meet at the Riverfront Park North parking lot.

Fish Passage Tour | Tuesday, June 18, 6-7 p.m. | Riverfront Park (north), 4122 River Dr.

Learn about the species that make the journey from the North Atlantic Ocean into the Broad River, and about the passage built to accommodate this migration.

Guests should meet at the Riverfront Park North parking lot.

Canal History Tour | Saturday, June 22, 1-2 p.m. | Riverfront Park (south), 312 Laurel St.

Join the rangers for a guided tour along the historic Columbia Canal and learn how it played a part in Columbia's growth for almost 200 years. We'll discuss the original canal, Columbia's Waterworks, the earliest hydropower plants, and the SC State Penitentiary (CCI).

Guests should meet at the Red Schoolhouse.

After Work Nature Walk | Tuesday, June 25, 6-7 p.m. | Riverfront Park (north), 4122 River Dr.

Join a Ranger and see what the park, canal and Broad River have to offer!

Guests should meet at the Riverfront Park North parking lot.

Wet Sandal Walk | Saturday, June 29, 2-3:30 p.m. | Riverfront Park (north), 4122 River Dr.

Join us to learn about the Broad River and its abundant resources. We will amble beside the river in the shade, talk about the historic Columbia Canal and understand the ecological importance of this special place.

Guests should meet at the Riverfront Park North parking lot.

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