



## PARK TO RECEIVE VISITOR CENTER

When North Carolina voters took to the polls March 15 they voted by a nearly 2-to-1 margin in favor of the Connect NC bond referendum. Aimed at infusing \$2 billion into upgrading education in science and math, the state university system, zoo and parks, the first round of projects resulting from the bond have been announced and Lake James State Park is on the list.

With an allowance of more than \$3 million for the project through the bond and other sources, Park Superintendent Nora Coffey said she is grateful to the voters who supported state parks through the bond and looks forward to repaying their commitment with a visitor center that will reflect the beauty and diversity of the

areas surrounding Lake James.

“We are not going to settle for anyone’s cookie-cutter idea of what a park visitor center should look like,” she said.

“The building will be designed



to embrace and celebrate the tremendous opportunities for outdoor recreation, the richness in natural resources and the fascinating history of the land before and after Lake James was created.”

Though the exact site has yet to be determined, the new visitor center will be located in the Paddy’s Creek Area, with approximately 6,500 square feet housing exhibits, multipurpose/meeting rooms,

office space, retail and receptionist areas and restrooms. The design team will be looking to incorporate the building with the park’s existing and future trail system and act as a hub for visitors to access a wide variety of outdoor recreation opportunities.

Once the funds become available later this year the design process will begin. If all goes as planned the project will open for bid by the end of 2017 with an eye toward 2018 for completion.

If you would like to receive our monthly programs list, contact us at [lake.james@ncparks.gov](mailto:lake.james@ncparks.gov). In an effort to reduce idle waiting time before programs begin, please make an effort to arrive a few minutes early before the start times listed. Thank you.

## **SPRING BIRD HIKE – MONDAY, MAY 9**

Spring migrants are still trickling through the Piedmont while many nesters are already on territory. It's a great time to go birding at Lake James State Park. Park Ranger Jamie Cameron will start the hike along the Overmountain Victory Trail at 8 a.m. to catch the morning chorus and see the greatest variety, including northern parulas, Louisiana waterthrushes, red-eyed vireos and scarlet tanagers. Bring binoculars and a field guide if you have them and be prepared to hike 1 mile over relatively easy terrain. We will start from the Holly Discovery Trail parking lot in the Paddy's Creek Area.

## **EAGLE/OSPREY NEST TOUR – FRIDAY, MAY 13**

The waters and shoreline of Lake James is bursting with life and there's no better way to explore than by boat. Park Rangers Earl Weaver and Clay Veasey will be your captains and guides aboard the park patrol boat as we search for loons, ospreys, eagles and scenic vistas. The weather could be blustery or it could be sultry, so be sure to watch the forecast and dress appropriately for the day (remember it's always cooler out on the water). We'll run one trip in the morning and one in the afternoon. Registration is required and available on a first-come, first-served basis. Call the park office at 828-584-7728 to reserve your spot. Meet at the Paddy's Creek Area East Picnic Shelter at 9:45 for the 10 a.m. trip or 1:45 p.m. for a briefing and prompt 2 p.m. departure.

## **CENTENNIAL S'MORES AND AMPHIBIANS – FRIDAY, MAY 13**

What better way to discuss amphibians than by a fire? By doing it with S'mores! Meet Ranger Kevin Bischof in the Paddy's Creek Campground for a campfire program on amphibians, complete with the NC State Park Centennial S'more theme. The program will happen near the bathhouse so bring your camp chairs and prepare to learn about amphibians. The program will start at 7 p.m. so don't be late!



## **LONG ARM CEMETERY TOUR – SUNDAY, MAY 15**

It has been many years since members of the public have had the opportunity to visit the historic cemetery on Long Arm Peninsula. Before the area became part of Lake James State Park in 2005 it was long held in private ownership. As new park facilities are developed to access and enjoy this beautiful area, the park staff is excited to provide a rare opportunity to walk among the tombstones. Meet Ranger Clay Veasey at the Paddy's Creek Area bathhouse breezeway at 9 a.m. and we'll caravan to the cemetery from there.

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## **WILDFLOWERS MAGNIFIED – SUNDAY, MAY 15**

Come experience nature in a new way, a magnified way! Nature Magnified is a new series at the park that will introduce kids to the natural world in a different way. Undoubtedly, you've strolled along the park trails and experienced the beauty Lake James has to offer, but have you ever seen the natural world magnified? Come join Ranger Kevin Bischof as he leads a group along the trails of Lake James to explore the wildflower species of the forest at a different level. The park will supply the magnifying loupes, all you have to do is bring the kids and a sense of exploration. Magnification will turn your walk in the woods into a whole new experience. Because we have a limited number of magnifying loupes, please call ahead of time to reserve your spot. Reservations can be made by calling the park office at 828-584-7728. This program can be used for the Junior Ranger program credit and will meet at 1 p.m. at the park office parking lot in the Catawba River Area.

## **FOREST PLANTS ID HIKE – SUNDAY, MAY 22**

Ever wondered what the different types of vegetation were as you hiked the trails at Lake James State Park? Armed with field guides and curiosity, Park Ranger Jamie Cameron will lead this program along the Fox Den Loop trail to learn more about identifying our native plants (and a few trees along the way). The trail is a moderate, 2.25-mile trek so come prepared with comfortable hiking shoes, water and maybe a snack. We'll begin our adventure at the picnic shelter at the Catawba River Area at 9 a.m.

## **CANOE EXCURSION – FRIDAY, MAY 27**

The tranquility of paddling a canoe on a quiet morning is one of life's simple pleasures. Discover the beauty of Lake James State Park from the water with Park Ranger Jamie Cameron. Whether you're an expert paddler or you don't know the difference between starboard and port, we'll provide the equipment and instruction to make it a memorable morning. Six park canoes are set aside for this free program and each is capable of carrying two adults and one child. The program starts at 9 a.m. and meets at the Paddy's Creek swim beach. You must pre-register with a head-count of how many people will be in each boat (sorry, no singles). Please call 828-584-7728 and sign-up today.

## **EAGLE/OSPREY NEST TOUR – FRIDAY, MAY 27**

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## **EAGLE/OSPREY NEST TOUR – SATURDAY, JUNE 4**

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## **ASTRONOMY FOR EVERYONE – SATURDAY, JUNE 4**

Lake James State Park Superintendent Nora Coffey will be co-hosting with the Catawba Valley Astronomy Club for a night of star gazing. Learn some basic star gazing tips and take home your own star chart. There will be telescopes and binoculars set up for viewing the night sky, but feel free to bring your own if you have them. Folding chairs are also recommended. We will meet in the upper parking lot of the Paddy's Creek Area at 8:00 p.m. Register by calling the park office at 828-584-7728.



## **FISHING 101 – SUNDAY, JUNE 5**

One of the main attractions to Lake James State Park is the quality fishing opportunities that can be found in the lake. Have you ever wanted to fish, but don't know where to start? Here is a great opportunity. Meet Park Ranger Kevin Bischof at the Paddy's Creek Area office and be prepared to wet a line! All of the fishing gear will be supplied so all you need to do is show up. Since gear will be provided, participation is limited to eight. The program starts at 1 p.m. Please call 828-584-7728 to sign-up for this program.

## **CANOE EXCURSION – SATURDAY, JUNE 11**

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## **CREEK SAMPLING – SATURDAY, JUNE 11**

Aquatic life in our creeks and rivers go far beyond the fish and crawdads you see with a casual glance. The ecosystem of moving water can be incredibly diverse, depending on water quality and other factors. At Lake James State Park, we are lucky to have a waterway of fantastic biological diversity and this program will show participants many of the hidden animals that call Paddy's Creek home. Armed with nets, seines and buckets, participants will collect aquatic insects, crustaceans, fish, amphibians and more with Park Ranger Jamie Cameron. This program is suitable for all ages, especially those who are willing to get wet and have a great time. We will meet in the parking lot for the Holly Discovery Trail at the Paddy's Creek Area at 10 a.m. Wear clothes you don't mind getting wet and water shoes or waders if you have them.

## **CANOE EXCURSION – SUNDAY, JUNE 12**

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## **EAGLE/OSPREY NEST TOUR – FRIDAY, JUNE 17**

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## **SNAKES MAGNIFIED – SUNDAY, JUNE 19**

Come experience nature in a new way, a magnified way! Nature Magnified is a new series at Lake James that will introduce kids to the natural world in a different way. Undoubtedly you've strolled along the park trails and experienced the beauty Lake James has to offer, but have you ever seen the natural world magnified? Come join Ranger Kevin Bischof as he leads a group along the trails of Lake James to seek the snake species of the forest at a different level. The park will supply the magnifying loupes, all you have to do is bring the kids and a sense of exploration. Magnification will turn your walk in the woods into a whole new experience. Because we have a limited number of magnifying loupes, please call ahead of time to reserve your spot. Reservations can be made by calling the park office at 828-584-7728. This program can be used for the Junior Ranger program credit and will meet at 1 p.m. at the Holly Discovery Trail parking lot in the Paddy's Creek Area.



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## **EAGLE/OSPREY NEST TOUR – FRIDAY, JUNE 24**

The waters and shoreline of Lake James is bursting with life and there's no better way to explore than by boat. Park Ranger Clay Veasey will be your captain and guide aboard the park patrol boat as we search for loons, ospreys, eagles and scenic vistas. The weather could be blustery or it could be sultry, so be sure to watch the forecast and dress appropriately for the day (remember it's always cooler out on the water) if you are one of the eight lucky participants. Registration is required and available on a first-come, first-served basis. Call the park office at 828-584-7728 to reserve your spot. Meet at the Paddy's Creek Area East Picnic Shelter at 9:45 a.m. for a briefing and prompt 10 a.m. departure.

## **EAGLE/OSPREY NEST TOUR – SATURDAY, JUNE 25**

The waters and shoreline of Lake James is bursting with life and there's no better way to explore than by boat. Park Ranger Clay Veasey will be your captain and guide aboard the park patrol boat as we search for loons, ospreys, eagles and scenic vistas. The weather could be blustery or it could be sultry, so be sure to watch the forecast and dress appropriately for the day (remember it's always cooler out on the water) if you are one of the eight lucky participants. Registration is required and available on a first-come, first-served basis. Call the park office at 828-584-7728 to reserve your spot. Meet at the Paddy's Creek Area East Picnic Shelter at 9:45 a.m. for a briefing and prompt 10 a.m. departure.

## **BEEES, BUTTERFLIES AND OTHER POLLINATORS – SUNDAY, JUNE 26**

Over the last 5 years the staff at Lake James State Park has been diligent in landscaping with native plants that are attractive to insect pollinators. Those efforts are starting to pay off and the pollinator gardens around the day use portion of the Paddy's Creek Area are a showplace for butterflies, bees and a host of other insects that are critical to the health of our flowering and fruiting plant communities. Park Ranger Jamie Cameron will lead this tour of the gardens – discussing the different plants and how they are utilized by the insect community. Meet at the Paddy's Creek Area bathhouse breezeway at 2 p.m.



## NATURE NOTES

We might have missed out on the April showers, but there's no shortage of May flowers. It's a wonderful time of year to hike some of Lake James State Park's trails and enjoy the beauty and diversity of blooms. Among the many wildflowers within the park, windflower, foam flower, pink lady's slipper, chickweed, bellwort and pinxter azalea are just a few. Different species flower at different times throughout the spring and summer, so repeat hikes will reveal the most diversity. The Fox Den Loop Trail at the Catawba River Area is perhaps the best spot for wildflowers within the park.

Several areas of the park received prescribed burns earlier in the year (see related story) and it will be very interesting to monitor the response by animals, birds and plants as time goes by. Visitors can walk through the burned areas at the west end of the Paddy's Creek and Homestead trails in the Paddy's Creek Area, as well as view the smaller, 40-acre burn unit along the north side of the park road between Obeth Cemetery and the Green Cabin field.

Wild turkeys are winding down their breeding season and females are hatching young. The little puffballs (called poults) grow quickly and will soon be the size of chickens. Life can be pretty hard for young turkeys. Seems like every predator in the forest wants to eat them. Broods that started out with 8-10 poults are often whittled down quickly and the average survival rate to adulthood is less than two from every nest.

With water temperatures rising steadily, fish are coming into the shallows. Along the shoreline and from the park's fishing piers folks can see (and catch) largemouth and smallmouth bass, bluegill, lake shad, carp and lots of small, juvenile fishes of several different types.

Activity in the park is heating up and these are great days to get out and enjoy the outdoors before the summer swelter takes hold. See you out on the trail!



### WHO WE ARE

A group formed in 2010, made up of dedicated people work together to help Lake James State Park meet its mission of providing opportunities for public enjoyment and education while still protecting the natural beauty and historic integrity of the State Park.

### BOARD MEMBERS

**Eric Jenkins** - President

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To contact the Friends of Lake James State Park Group please email [info@lakejamesstatepark.org](mailto:info@lakejamesstatepark.org)

# CENTENNIAL SPOTLIGHT



As you kick back in your beach chair, watching the sunshine glimmer off tranquil Lake James, our nation's independence may not be the first thing on your mind. During the latter half of the 18th Century, these mountains surrounding you were home to a group of 2,000 frontiersmen who marched to Kings Mountain, N.C. and into a battle that helped turn the tide of the Revolutionary War. Their arduous trek in pursuit of an invading British column led by General Lord Cornwallis passed through what is now Lake James and is commemorated by the Overmountain Victory Trail. The National Park Service's Overmountain Victory National Historic Trail runs from Abingdon, Virginia and Elkin, North Carolina, where patriots gathered to take up the chase. From these two points the trail runs south through Lake James and joins at Morganton, N.C., eventually terminating at Kings Mountain, where the battle was waged. With their victory at Kings Mountain these "Overmountain Men," are said to have broken the stalemate between the colonies and England.

The Revolutionary War started on April 19, 1775. Five years into the fighting the British army shifted its sights to the southern campaign, taking Charlestown, S.C. and eventually occupying most of South Carolina and Georgia. In September of 1780 the British southern army, led by Cornwallis in South Carolina, continued its siege on the South and started to focus on The Old North State.

As the British army was moved northwest toward North Carolina, the Overmountain Men mustered and were on the move to head off Cornwallis and his invading troops. On Oct. 7, 1780, the Overmountain Men defeated Lord Cornwallis' troops at the Battle of Kings Mountain, a battle the British had been heavily favored to win.

After the battle, the Revolutionary War went on for nearly three more years until it ended on Sept. 3, 1783. While there were many more battles fought up and down the Atlantic Coast states, the Battle of Kings Mountain is still remembered as one of the most, if not the most influential battles in the outcome of the Revolutionary War. Frontiersmen marched from their homesteads to head off the invading British force, and against long odds, won a decisive battle to help turn the tide of the war for our freedom.

In his letter to John Campbell, Thomas Jefferson wrote, "The victory at King's Mountain was the joyful annunciation of that turn of the tide of success which terminated the Revolutionary War, with the seal of our independence."

So the next time you find yourself out on one of the park trails, take a moment or two to stop and reflect. Try to imagine yourself as one of those brave Overmountain Men, walking away from your homestead through the lands that would become Lake James State Park and towards a war for our independence.

## PARK CELEBRATES SUCCESSFUL FIRE SEASON



After sitting on the sidelines during the 2015 fire season due to uncooperative weather and conflicting operational needs, Lake James State Park staff and partners got significant portions of the Paddy's Creek Area into the prescribed burning rotation during the early part of this year.

Lake James and many other parks across the state system utilize prescribed fire to accomplish several safety and management goals. The use of low- to medium-intensity fire allows the removal of combustible materials on the forest floor. During periods without natural fire events, dead tree limbs, fallen logs, leaf litter and organic materials accumulate. These materials can provide the fuels to feed uncontrollable wildfires during extreme weather conditions. Fire also removes some pioneering tree species that otherwise choke out opportunities for native, fire-adapted landscapes that include white oak, hickory, shortleaf and Table Mountain pines.

With assistance and expertise from the North Carolina Forest Service, the first area to feel the heat was a 67-acre unit at the west end of the Paddy's Creek Trail in January. Weather conditions and thick understory vegetation made this a low-intensity burn, creating a mosaic of fire affects across the unit. Hikers along the Paddy's Creek and Homestead trails will be able to see the immediate effects of the fire and track its long-term implications on the health of the forest during the years to come.



In February, the park successfully completed its largest prescribed burn to date – a 470-acre unit on the Long Arm Peninsula. Because of its size and rugged terrain, the N.C. Forest Service once again provided invaluable help in the form of one of their helicopters and crews. Aerial ignition from the helicopter, along with focused efforts by a team with drip torches aboard one of the park boats made for a very successful day that benefit wildlife habitat on the peninsula for years to come and guard against catastrophic wildfires originating in the boat-in camping areas.

To finish out the season in March, the park conducted an “in house” burn on a 40-acre unit on the north side of the Paddy's Creek Area entrance road. Though it was relatively small in area, this was the highest intensity burn of the year. Careful monitoring of this unit as it recovers in the months and years to come will provide natural resource managers and regional biologists with data that will guide future planning for prescribed fires across N.C. Parks and Recreation's West District.

## FAMILIAR FACE: LISA CRANE



When it comes to running a state park that hosts more than half a million visitors a year, there's a lot of behind-the-scenes work occurring to ensure everyone has a great day. Sure Lake James has a full staff of rangers and maintenance mechanics, along with around 20 summer seasonal workers, making sure things work and folks are safe, but each and every one of them will readily admit the park office assistant is the glue that holds it all together.

Lisa Crane came to Lake James during June of last year and took the baton as resident fixer and doer of all that needs doing. In addition to keeping track of budgets, filing paperwork, filling out reports and ordering goods and materials for the park, Lisa is the voice most people hear when they call with questions.

A native of Philadelphia, Lisa worked for 13 years with the Vermont state parks system; starting out as a park attendant and moving through the ranks to park ranger before moving to North Carolina in 2010. From 2010 until 2014 she served as the office assistant at Mount Mitchell State Park before transferring to Lake James.

"I've always loved working in parks," she said. "I've always appreciated that parks exist for all of us to enjoy. Everyone needs nature in their lives."

The next time you find yourself at the Catawba River Area office or calling the park with a question, be sure to let Lisa know you appreciate her hard work and dedication. Without her and others in similar positions throughout the North Carolina state parks system, the overall park experience wouldn't be nearly as nice.

## LJSP TRAILS



### CATAWBA RIVER AREA:

Fishing Pier Trail (0.3 mile, easy)

Fox Den Loop Trail (2.25 miles, moderate)

Lake Channel Overlook Trail (1.5 miles, moderate)

Sandy Cliff Overlook Trail (0.5 mile, easy)

### PADDY'S CREEK AREA:

Holly Discovery Trail (0.75 mile, easy)

Mill's Creek Trail (3.6 miles, moderate)

Overmountain Victory Trail (2.0 mile, moderate)

Paddy's Creek Trail (2.0 miles, moderate)

Tindo beginners' mountain bike trail (4.0 miles)

Wimba intermediate mountain bike trail (11.25 miles)

## PARK GENERAL INFO

- Gate hours during May and June are 7 a.m. until 10 p.m.
- The Paddy's Creek Area swim beach opens May 1, from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. – swim at your own risk. Lifeguards will be on duty starting May 30 (swimming fees will apply).
- The Paddy's Creek Area concessions stand, including canoe and kayak rentals will begin on weekends only, May 7 through May 22. Starting May 28, the concessions stand/canoe and kayak rentals will be open seven days a week, starting at 10 a.m.

### SAVE THE DATE

Lake James State Park will hold its Centennial Celebration for North Carolina State Parks on Sept. 17. The annual Catawba RiverFest and McDowell Trails Association triathlon will be held simultaneously to make for an unforgettable event for the entire family. Stay tuned for details.

## SUPER VOLUNTEER: AUDREY ELLIOT



During the last few months, young Audrey Elliot has been working diligently with park staff to complete her SHINE project. Nebo Elementary's SHINE project requires their students to give back to their communities through service. Fortunately for Lake James and its visitors, Audrey has chosen to give back to the state park. Audrey has helped renovate several stations on the Holly Discovery Trail and spent several hours picking up trash from along the trails and lakeshore. Audrey's favorite activity at the park is looking for Bigfoot on her favorite trail, the Fox Den Loop. She and her family visit the park often, so if you see them on the trails, make sure to thank her for making Lake James State Park a better place for all of us.

# FRIENDS OF LAKE JAMES STATE PARK

## HOW TO GET INVOLVED

Do you have an interest in Lake James State Park? Whether you enjoy hiking the trails, swimming at the beach or just picnicking with your family, there is some part of the park for everyone.

Join the Friends of Lake James State Park group and learn about all the opportunities to help make the park a better place for everyone to enjoy. The Friends of Lake James State Park focus on working together to help Lake James State Park meet its mission of providing opportunities for public enjoyment and education while still protecting the natural beauty and historic integrity of the State Park.

There are a variety of opportunities to get involved from trail work days, to volunteering at RiverFest and other festivals. Become a member of Friends of Lake James State Park, and know that you are helping to preserve the natural beauty and historic resources of Lake James for generations to come.

## FRIENDS CONTRIBUTIONS

The Friends of Lake James State Park is proud to support the hardworking staff at Lake James State Park and contribute wherever we can to help improve park operations and offer new recreational opportunities to visitors. If you think these efforts are meaningful, please consider joining our group using the form at the bottom of this page.

- Boat Camping Project; partially funded, purchased equipment including rebar driver and auger
- Stand-up Paddleboards; purchased two for rental fleet and one for lifeguard use
- Funded instructor for Waterfront Safety training for lifeguards
- Linville Overlook picnic area
- Assisted with Overmountain Victory Trail 2 construction
- Holly Discovery Trail; partially funded and dedicated, annual funding for upkeep
- Park of the Year celebration
- Sponsored night rides on mountain bike trails
- RiverFest Sponsor

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## FRIENDS OF LAKE JAMES STATE PARK - MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Be a Friend of Lake James State Park

Select class of annual membership:

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