

History Walks and Programs 12,000 Year History Park on Congaree Creek



The 12,000 Year History Park on Congaree Creek in Cayce, South Carolina is a unique, stunningly beautiful site full of natural resources. In just one square mile, there is proof of 12,000 years of habitation including civil war and revolutionary war history. In addition, there are at least 12 archaeological-significant sites on the property. The diversity of cultural and historical richness at the 12,000 Year History Park is significant and unique throughout our local and regional areas as well as the State of South Carolina.

All walks and programs are led by volunteers trained by the National Park Service. Private group programs are also available.

History Walks, Programs and Special Events

Civil War Battle of Congaree Creek

It's 1865 and General William T. Sherman has just cut a swath of destruction across Georgia and now has eyes on South Carolina. As Sherman said, "I almost tremble for her (SC) fate, but feel that she deserves all that seems in store for her." Forces will collide at the Battle of Congaree Creek. Learn about Sherman's march to Columbia that culminated in the City's destruction.

First Fort Congaree

A massacre, murder and a kidnapping! These great stories are part of the Fort Congaree program! Walk to the 1718 Old Fort Congaree site and learn about the struggles of the colonial settlers and the South Carolina Native Americans. Delve into the Deerskin Economy, then travel forward in time to Fort Congaree 2 and Fort Granby.

Native American Lifeways

Native Americans played a strategic role in the economy and welfare of the Carolina Colony. Walk the beautiful trails at the 12,000 Year History Park to learn more about their role here and how the historic resources of the park are relevant to the lives and culture of Native peoples today, including the Cherokees and Catawbas.

Civil War Battle of Congaree Creek Evening Lantern Program

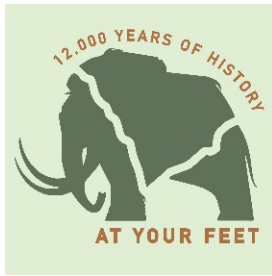
Walk by candlelight through the site of the battle with stops along the way where reenactors in period attire tell how and why the battle was fought as General Sherman's Union Army Approached Columbia in February 1865.

History walks, which are approximately 2 miles, start at the Cayce Tennis Center, 1120 Fort Congaree Trail in Cayce. We recommend that you wear comfortable shoes, bring a hat, sunscreen, insect repellent and plenty of water.

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Summer 2019 History Walks



All walks and programs are free and open to the public

Summer programs begin on Saturday, June 1 and start at 10 a.m. Battle of Congaree Creek walks are the first Saturday of each month, and the First Fort Congaree walks are the third Saturday of each month:

Battle of Congaree Creek

June 1

July 6

August 3

First Fort Congaree and 18th Century Trade

June 15

July 20

August 17

Contact us to request a special event or program:

John Jameson (850) 322-5636 or Doug Patterson (803) 730-8909

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