

Panther Creek State Park

2009 Special Events

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April 4 Volunteer Trail Day

Join a park ranger at the horse trailer parking lot at 9 a.m. for a project to improve the popular Trout Lily Trail. Please wear old clothes, boots and work gloves and bring some water. Some moderately strenuous activity will be required to complete this project. We will return at noon.

April 18 Earth Day Celebration

Join the Friends and staff of Panther Creek State Park during our Earth Day Celebration from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Norris Blackburn Trailhead. Events this year will include an edible plant hike, reptile program, litter cleanup, wildflower hike, native wildflower planting and more. Participants will also have an opportunity to learn about and join the Friends of Panther Creek State Park.

June 11-15 Junior Ranger Naturalist Camp

This week long day camp is an excellent opportunity for children to spend some quality time outdoors this summer. Participants will enjoy a variety of environmental, natural and recreational programs including: canoeing, stream stomps, hiking, orienteering, recycling, Leave-No-Trace activities, water safety, and much more. Junior Ranger Naturalist Camp is free to participants ages 10 to 14. Certain restrictions apply. Registration begins June 1st, 2009.

June 27 Volunteer Trail Day

Join a park ranger at the visitor's center at 9 a.m. to assist with a trail maintenance project. Please wear old clothes, boots and work gloves and bring along some water. Some moderately strenuous hiking and activity may be required. We will return at noon.

July 4 Swimming Pool Celebration

Come play some fun games during our day long 4th of July Swimming Pool Celebration. Events will include greased watermelon contest, Easter egg diving contest, T-shirt relay, face painting and more. You may even get a chance to soak a park ranger and win some cool prizes. Pool admission fee required.

July 18 Volunteer Trail Day

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August 15 **Volunteer Trail Day**

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September 12 **Forage Hike**

Lets visit the great outdoor supermarket in search of edible wild plants, nuts and fruits. We'll discuss wild foods Native Americans and pioneers ate centuries ago during this leisurely stroll along the Norris Blackburn and Wagon Trails. Meet at the Norris Blackburn Trailhead at 1 p.m. for this hike.

October 31 **Halloween Hay Rides**

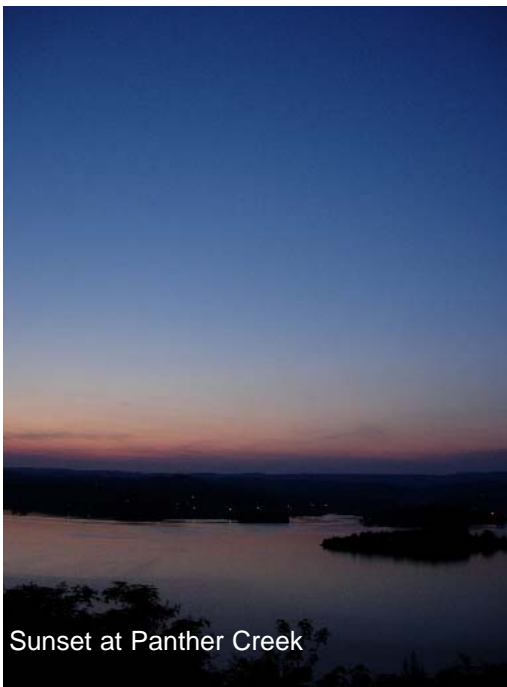
Join a park ranger at the upper campground pavilion at 3 p.m. for a campfire, hayrides through the park, ghost stories and refreshments.

November 14 **Volunteer Trail Day**

Join a park ranger at the visitor's center at 9 a.m. to assist with a trail maintenance project. Please wear old clothes, boots and work gloves and bring along some water. Some moderately strenuous hiking and activity may be required. We will return at noon.

December **To be Announced** **Christmas at Panther Creek**

Join the Friends and staff of Panther Creek State Park as we celebrate the 6th annual Christmas in the Park program beginning at 1:00pm in the upper campground pavilion. The festivities will include crafts, Christmas stories and hayrides throughout the park. Warm yourself by the fire while enjoying hot chocolate and sugary treats provided by the Friends of Panther Creek State Park. This is a free family event but participants are encouraged to bring a non-perishable food item for donation to those in need during the holiday season.



Sunset at Panther Creek



It's hard to visit Panther Creek without seeing at least one deer! Photo courtesy of Friends of Panther Creek State Park.