



Guided History Walks* 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 property. The diversity and richness of cultural and historical history at the 12,000 Year History Park is significant and makes it unique from all others.

Private group history walks and tours are available. All programs are led by National Park Service trained volunteers. The following are planned August through October:

History Walks and Events

Cayce Historical Museum Lecture Series Kicks off on September 18th

On September 18th at 7:00 John Jameson with the 12,000 Year History Park will talk about The Civil War Earthworks Threats Assessment and Prevention Plan for the defensive works located on Congaree Creek and in the 12,000 Year History Park. The program will be held in the museum's visitor center.

Civil War Battle of Congaree Creek (see schedule for times)

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 two-week march to Columbia that culminated in the City's destruction.

First Fort Congaree (see schedule for times)

A massacre, murder and a kidnapping! These great stories are part of the Fort Congaree tour! 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.

Archaeology Field Day (October 26)

Each fall the Archaeological Society of South Carolina sponsors a free gathering of archaeologists, prehistoric and historic skills demonstrators, storytellers, and more who present how the people of South Carolina's distant and recent pasts experienced their daily lives through work, play, food, and community.

"Nature in the Park" Trail Walks (November 2): Bird Watch Hike (daytime); Nocturnal Animal Discovery Walk (evening)

Contact us to request a special tour or program:
John Jameson (850) 322-5636 or Doug Patterson (803) 730-8909

*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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