

# Devil's Den State Park Calendar of Events

## 2017

### January

**First Day Hikes.....1<sup>st</sup>**

Let's start the New Year off with a healthy lifestyle for the whole family. You can explore nature and engage in physical activity while taking a family friendly excursion through Devil's Den State Park. We are joining forces with hikers at state parks across the nation to celebrate 2017 with a "First Day Hike"!

### February

**Vulture Venue.....11<sup>th</sup>**

Discover more about one of nature's most misunderstood creatures...the vulture. Meet "Igor" the turkey vulture and discover why these birds are so important in nature.

**Great Backyard Bird Count.....18<sup>th</sup>**

Join author and bird enthusiast Joe Neal along with park staff as we count the winter resident birds around the park.

### March

**Spring Breaks Begin.....6<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>**

It's springtime in the Ozarks. Schools are out, state parks are in! Join park staff for special programs for every member of the family to enjoy!

**Devil's Den Rocks.....25<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>**

Celebrate the geology that makes this park special! Join a geologist and park staff for a fun weekend as you discover more about the special features that make Devil's Den the rockin' place to be!

### April

**Ozark Mountain Bike Fest.....7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>**

Springtime in the Ozarks means it's time to hit the bike trails. Join the park staff for a fun weekend on the two-wheel trails. There's fun to be discovered by all ages and levels of riders!

**Senior Citizen Fun Week.....10<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>**

Join the Devil's Den State Park staff for 3 fun-filled days of park nature programs, guided hikes, cooking demonstrations, and other activities. Devil's Den State Park is a unique and special place full of wildlife, history, and mystery. Contact the park for more information about the event and to make your cabin or camping reservations. Make sure you mention you will be attending the Senior Citizen Fun Week. The event is designed for senior citizens, but anyone can participate in the activities. Event admission is free.

**Signs of Spring and Wild Edibles Workshop.....21<sup>st</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Discover more about wild edible plants with Dr. Tamara Walkingstick. Also, enjoy springtime hikes, crafts, and a whole lot more! Discover more about finding, identifying and cooking items from nature's own wild garden! We will be preparing a special dish or two for the class to enjoy. A small fee is required for this workshop. Contact the park front desk for more information and to sign up.

## May

### **Birder Weekend.....5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>**

Join park staff and various bird enthusiasts as you discover the flying creatures that call the park their home. Whether you are a beginner or an experienced birder, you will enjoy walking the trails to discover what flies by. To top off the weekend, Lynn Sciumbato from Morning Star Wildlife Rehabilitation Center will present a special program with some of her favorite feathered friends!

## June

### **National Trails**

#### **Day.....3<sup>rd</sup>**

Join park staff and volunteers as they work on your park's favorite trails. Discover what is involved in maintaining the trails here at the park that you love to hike. Come join in ... get dirty ... and have fun! Sign up is available for large groups wanting to participate.

### **27<sup>th</sup> Annual Bat-o-Rama.....9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>**

Join park staff and guests for some great family fun as we celebrate one of the most beneficial but misunderstood creatures in the world ... BATS! Special guests will be on hand to talk about why bats are so important and how they benefit us all! Also, nighttime mist netting conducted by college students studying these amazing creatures will be presented for public observation.

## July

### **CCC Reunion Day.....2<sup>nd</sup>**

Put on your best 1930s style clothing and join Devil's Den State Park staff as we honor the legacy, tradition, and hard work of the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC), a group of young men who built your park in 1933 – 1942. We will have family-oriented CCC activities scheduled throughout the day as we step back in time to the 1930s. The dinner, games, dance, music, movies, and clothing will be just like the boys had during their tenure here at the park. We encourage you to wear 1930s style clothing throughout the day. Those wearing 1930s style clothing will get extra chances for our door prize drawing at the end of the day. Join us for this fun day as we celebrate the legacy of the CCC!

### **42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Devil's Den Games.....4<sup>th</sup>**

Enjoy a fun filled family day of horseshoes, parades, and much more ... all topped off with homemade ice cream! It will be a July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration your family won't soon forget!

### **Picnic in the Park.....8<sup>th</sup>**

Join the Devil's Den State Park Interpreters for guided hikes this weekend to enjoy the spectacular landscape while getting in your exercise for the day! Or you could choose from our 20+ miles of trails, both short and long, to hike or bike on your own family time. Bring a healthy lunch and check out our picnic area in the park.

## September

### **6<sup>th</sup> Annual Legacy – Think Like a Mountain Weekend.....31<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup>**

School may be back in session, but there is still time for fun family activities as you join park staff and special speakers to get to know the park better. Discover how you can follow in the footsteps of past conservationists and help conserve and preserve our valuable natural resources for generations to come.

### **Lee Creek Clean-Up.....9<sup>th</sup>**

Join area groups and individuals as we clean up Lee Creek. Cleaner water means a cleaner park for everyone to enjoy. Come and help!

### **29<sup>th</sup> Annual Mountain Bike Race.....15<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>**

What's a mountain bike race without the trails at Devil's Den State Park? Come and ride in the race or just enjoy watching all the levels of riders compete.

## October

### **5<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Fest.....13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>**

Help us celebrate the coming of fall! Design a costume and join in the "walk around" trick or treating and lots more during this weekend of family fun.

### **Devil's Den Haunted Trail Walk.....28<sup>th</sup>**

Relive a haunted Devil's Den story as you make your way down the trail. There is a small fee for this haunted trail walk. Register at the visitor center. Light refreshments will be provided.

## November

### **America Recycles**

### **Day.....15<sup>th</sup>**

Come and get trashy! Join park staff for some fun activities about trash and what you can do to reduce your carbon footprint!

### **Green Friday**

### **November 24, 2017**

Go green NOT black! Forget the crowded malls and stores as you join park staff to ease into the holiday season by enjoying the great outdoors!

## December

### **Holiday Open House.....21<sup>st</sup>**

Join the staff of Devil's Den State Park for light refreshments and help us decorate our park Christmas Tree by making ornaments in the style of the CCC in the 1930s. This is a great family activity.