

School Programs at Mistletoe State Park



**Bring your classroom studies to life
At Mistletoe State Park**



Our programs are correlated with the Georgia

Performance Standards!

To Schedule A Field Trip

Call the park office at 706-541-0321
Monday-Friday: 8:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.

Be ready to provide the following information when you call:

- * Number and grade level of students
- * Program you are interested in

Teachers and chaperones are expected to assist program staff as needed.

Fees: \$2 /child No charge for teachers

Supply Fee \$1 for Wildlife –Adaptations and Birds of Prey Programs, The Web of Life

**Minimum group size: 10 &
Maximum group size: 120**

Groups with 40 or more students will be broken down into smaller more manageable groups. Groups will rotate from station to station with each station focusing on the subject the teacher has selected for their school program.

The park has picnic shelters, restrooms and a playground in the picnic area that can be used while visiting the park. Picnic shelters can be used on a first come first serve bases free of charge. You can reserve a shelter, however, that is not usually necessary on a weekday. Shelter reservations are \$50 and can be made by calling 800-864-7275.

Mistletoe is a 1,972-acre park located on Clarks Hill Lake in Columbia County. The park is a treasure trove of outdoor discoveries with nature trails, creeks, wildlife observation areas and miles of shoreline. Mistletoe's staff offers a variety of Ranger-led educational programs providing hands-on learning opportunities. These programs give school children a chance to bring their classroom studies to life while providing teaching tools for teachers. All Ranger-led school programs are correlated with the Georgia Performance Standards

Mistletoe State Park provides an outdoor journey for any field trip.

Teachers can schedule a Ranger-led program or bring their class and explore on their own. School children can hike the park's nature trails, explore the creeks or discover what lives in Clark's Hill Lake. Students can learn more about Georgia's plant and animal life by participating in one of our Ranger-led school programs. Students will also get the opportunity to visit the nature center with many inter-active displays.





Every program students will visit the nature center.

PRE-K PROGRAMS

Programs 1- 1 ½ hour Cost- \$2 per student

Wild Animals

Students will learn about wild animals through animal mounts & furs. Through hands-on discovery they will learn why fawns have spots and turtles have shells.

Animals Tracks

Students will go on an adventure following animal tracks along the trail then create a track book of the animals & tracks they saw.

Birds- Feathers, Beaks & Feet

Students will see & touch bird feathers, feet & beak. They will learn why ducks have webbed feet & woodpeckers have big beaks. They will make a pinecone feeder to take home.

Animals Babies

Students will discover difference between parent and baby. They will learn baby deer are called fawns and baby ducks are called ducklings. Students will create a booklet of deer/fawn, duck/duckling and fox/ kit.

The Giving Tree

Students will on a leaf adventure. They will touch leaves, bark and seeds. They will make a leaf stamp booklet to carry home.



KINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS

Program 1 ½ hr Cost \$2 per student

Nature By Touch- SKL1- ab SKL2- abd

Focus will be on plants & animals. Students will share, touch & compare animal furs, antlers and bones. They will go on a scavenger hunt collecting non-living objects.

Animal Tracks- SKL1 ab SKL2- abd

Focus will be on animal tracks. They will compare similarities & difference of tracks along a nature trail and create a track book.

All About Birds- SKL1- ab SKL2- abcd

Focus will be on bird differences and similarities in color, size & appearance. Students will see webbed feet, beaks and talons. They will create feet and beak sheet.

Plant Explorers- SKL1- ac SKL2- bcd

Focus will be on plant similarities. Students will compare difference between vines, trees & flowers; then go on a scavenger hunt.

Animal Babies- SKL1- ab SKL2- acd

Children will discover differences between parent and baby and create an animal picture book. They will go on a animal hunt hike.



1st Grade Programs

Wildlife & Their Needs- S1L1-abd

Focus will be on plant & animal needs through a nature hike. Students will touch & compare animal furs, body parts and fur color learning how they help with motion and basic needs.

Reptiles & Amphibians S1L1- abd

Focus will be on reptiles & amphibian needs. Students will touch turtle shells, snake skins & see mounted snakes. They will go on a hike searching for hidden frogs, snakes & turtles.

Plant Investigators- S1L1ac

Focus will be on basic needs of plants. Students will go on a nature scavenger hike, discover seeds, leaves and plant roots.

Whose Tracks Are These?- S1L1-bd

Focus will be on comparing animal tracks to determine where they live water, land or tree.



2nd Grade Programs

Wildlife The Circle of Life-S2L1abd, S2E3

Focus will be on investigating the lifecycles of plants and animals. Children will see a fawn & doe & go on hike. They will create a book of the life cycles of both frogs & butterflies.

Frog an Egg to a Animal- S2L1ab, S2E3

Focus will be on investigating the lifecycles of reptiles & amphibians. Students will share eggs, shells and snake skins & go on a hike searching for hidden frogs, snakes & turtles.



3rd Grade Programs

Programs 2 hrs Cost \$2 per student

Wildlife-Habitats & Features- S3L1abcd

Focus will be on habitats & adaptations. Students will discover Beavers from their teeth to their tail & use prompts to recognize how their adaptations help them survive. Otters, raccoons & birds will also be shared.

Featuring the Birds- S3L1abcd

Focus will be on features that allow birds to survive. Students will compare different beaks & feet of birds. They will view various birds & their adaptations through binoculars.

Birds of Prey- S3L1abcd

Focus will be on Birds of Prey habitats and features that allow them to live & thrive. Students will observe adaptations of hawks, owls & eagles; then go on nature hike.

Living & Thriving with Amphibians & Reptiles S3L1abcd

Focus will be on features reptiles and amphibians use to survive. On a hike students will search for critters in the woods showing the importance of camouflage.

Cliatt Creek Nature Hike- S3L1abcd

Students will and go on a mile hike/ focus will be habitats & special features plants and animals have to survive.



4th Grade Programs

Program 2 hrs Cost \$2 per student

Wildlife-Adaptations- S4L2a S4L1ab

Focus will be wildlife adaptations for survival and food chains. Students will discover adaptations of Beavers, Otters & Owls. They will dissect owl pellets & go on a hike.

Birds of Prey- S4L2a S4L1ab

Focus will be adaptations of Birds of Prey for survival & the flow of energy through food chains. Students will dissect owl pellets and go on a nature hike.

Bird Adaptations - S4L2a S4L1ab

Focus will be birds adaptations for survival and the flow of energy through the food chains from producers to consumers and decomposers. Students will use binocular to observe adaptations of various bird.

Cliatt Creek Nature Hike- S4L2a S4L1ab

Focus will be on decomposers, consumers & producers. Students will observe various habitats and see changes in the environment that have affected habitats.



5th Grade Programs

Program 2 hrs Cost \$2 per student

Life on Our Changing Earth- S5L1ab S5L3a S5E1bc

Focus will be on vertebrates and how everything around us can be affected by change. Nature hike will focus on erosion, weathering, flood control & it's affects.

Wildlife-From the Smallest to the Biggest Vertebrates & Invertebrates- S5L1ab

Focus will be on vertebrate or invertebrate. Students will group animals according to vertebrate or invertebrate. They will go on a nature hike observing wildlife along the trail.



7th Grade Programs

Program 2 hrs Cost \$2 per student

Wildlife- The Web of Life- S7L4abc

Focus will be on food web & the transfer of energy from one organism to another. Students will discover Birds of Prey roles in the food web and dissect owl pellets.

A Closer Look at the Plant World- S7L13

Students will use microscopes comparing plants (sexual & asexual) through a microscope and go on a nature hike learning to use a dichotomous tree key.