Historic Yates Mill County Park

NOVEMBER PROGRAMS

EXPLORATION STATION: AMERICAN BISON

Nov. 1-30, 8:30 am-5 p.m.

The first Saturday of November marks National Bison Day, a day to celebrate, support, and learn more about the conservation of the United States' national mammal. Join us to learn more about the bison, its ecology and history, and its long relationship with humanity. This self-guided table will be available inside the A.E. Finley Center.

HIKE WITH A NATURALIST

Friday, Nov. 6, 9:30-11 a.m.
Wednesday, Nov. 11, 10-11:30 a.m.
Sunday, Nov. 29, 10-11:30 a.m.

Join one of our naturalist staff members on a guided hike to discover the plants and animals that live here! Come prepared to hike a mile by wearing closed-toe shoes and bringing a full water bottle. Registration is required; children must have adult accompaniment. Best for ages 8 and up.

MILLPOND MIASMA: A PUBLIC HEALTH HISTORY OF GRISTMILLS

Saturday, Nov. 7, 11-11:45 a.m.

Did you know people once thought the bad air around millponds caused diseases? Or that eating too much cornbread could kill you? Join a park historian to learn about the weird and fascinating medical history of mills and millponds in North Carolina, and to discover some connections to our very own Yates Mill. Best for ages 7 and up; registration required.

HOMESPUN HOBBIES: SOURDOUGH BREAD

Saturday, Nov. 14, 10 a.m.-noon

Although Historic Yates Mill grinds only cornmeal today, in the past it also ground wheat into flour, which was used primarily to make bread. Join us for this drop-in program as we discuss the history and methods of sourdough baking and play with dough, stretching it and shaping it. Please note we will NOT be baking or eating bread, but simply having fun while we learn. *Anyone with wheat or gluten allergies should use caution, as we will be interacting with both substances.* Simple recipes will be provided to take home. Suitable for ages 3 & up.

PARK TALES: IF YOU FIND A LEAF

Friday, Nov. 20, 10-10:45 a.m.

Join park staff for this story and imagine what a leaf could be—a hat, a boat, even a hot air balloon to take you high above the trees! After the story, we'll take a short walk looking for colorful leaves in the park, and we'll make some fun leaf crafts to take home! Best for ages 6 & under. Registration is required for all family members, and children must have adult accompaniment.

EXPLORE THE MILL

MILL OPEN HOUSE

Saturday-Sunday, Nov. 7-8, 14-15, & 28-29, and Friday, Nov. 27, 1-4 p.m.

Discover Historic Yates Mill! The mill doors will be open, and historic interpreters will be available to discuss the history and inner workings of the historic gristmill. Please note that space inside the mill is limited, allowing up to 20 visitors at a time. No registration required for this free, drop-in program.

MILL HISTORY TOURS

Friday, Nov. 13, 1 & 2:30 p.m.

Join a historic interpreter at the visitor center for a guided walk to the mill, then explore the inner workings of the mill itself during this guided tour. Ten spaces are available online for pre-registration, while an additional 10 spaces are available for drop-in registration. Best for ages 7 & up.

CORN GRINDING WEEKEND *(TENTATIVE)*

Saturday-Sunday, Nov. 21-22, 1-4 p.m.

See the historic gristmill in action! Hear the splash of water on the waterwheel, and watch the millstones grinding corn into meal. **Please note that this program is *tentative*, pending adjustments to the millstones and machinery.** Even if we cannot offer corn grinding, the mill itself will be open for visits. No registration required.

ALL PROGRAMS ARE FREE.
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