



Watermelon Harvest and Sampling



Celebrate National Watermelon Month with Landmark Park during our Watermelon Harvest and Sampling on July 1 at 10 a.m. The Watermelon Sampling is free with paid gate admission. Special thanks to Master Gardener and park volunteer Tom Boyle for coordinating this event each year. Watermelon is a favorite summertime fruit throughout the South. This juicy fruit can be red, yellow, pink, or dark pink on the inside and be seeded or seedless. Watermelon is a flowering ground vine from the gourd family.

Over 1,000 varieties of watermelon are grown worldwide. Producing the biggest fruit on the longest vines, the watermelon also has the longest history of any of the melons. The first recorded evidence of a watermelon crop occurred over 5,000 years ago in Egypt. Depicted in hieroglyphics, watermelons were placed in the tombs of the pharaohs. It was used as a source of water for thirsty traders and even became a source of funds as traders began to sell watermelon seeds in cities along the ancient Mediterranean trade routes. Watermelons were even used during the Civil War for the Confederate Army, they boiled them down to create a source of sugar and molasses.

A single watermelon is made up of 92% water and is packed with healthy nutrients. They are a good source of antioxidants like vitamin A, vitamin C, vitamin B6, and potassium, magnesium, and dietary fiber. Visit www.alwatermelon.org for more info on watermelons.

Landmark Park to Participate in Blue Star Museums

Landmark Park is one of 2,000 museums and parks across North America to offer free admission to active military personnel and their families this summer in collaboration with the National Endowment for the Arts, Blue Star Families and the Department of Defense.

Organizations participating in the Blue Star Museums network will offer free admission to the nation's active duty military personnel, including National Guard and Reserve, and their families from Memorial Day through Labor Day.

"We are proud to participate in this program, especially since Fort Rucker is so close and we have so many family-oriented activities planned this summer," says Executive Director William Holman. "It is a great way to say thanks to the men and women who serve our country."

The free admission program is available to active military who present a Geneva Convention common access card (CAC), a DD Form 1173 ID card (dependent ID) or a DD Form 1173-1 ID card. Free gate admission to the park will be granted to the military ID holder and up to five

family members during the stated time period. For a complete list of Blue Star Museums, visit www.arts.gov/national/blue-star-museums.

"Special thanks are due locally to the Army Aviation Federal Credit Union for serving as our corporate partner in this program," says Holman. "Their financial support will help underwrite the cost of offering this program."

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DATES TO REMEMBER

WOODTURNER MEETING First Saturdays
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REPTILE FEEDING Second Sundays
BLUE STAR MUSEUM PARTICIPATION Memorial Day-Labor Day
SUMMER CAMPS Through June and July
EDUCATIONAL MOVIE SERIES June-August, Tuesdays and Thursdays
MUSIC BY MOONLIGHT June 15, 29, July 13
ANIMAL ADVENTURES Fridays, June 16-July 28
FATHERS DAY ADMISSION SPECIAL June 18
HONEY EXTRACTION June 24
WATERMELON TASTING July 1
HERITAGE FORUMS Sundays in July
TEACHER WORKSHOPS July 31-August 1
TEACHER OPEN HOUSE August 4
A NIGHT AT THE PARK September 8
LOW COUNTRY BOIL September 21
SYRUP WORKSHOP September 30
\$500 DRAWING/CAR SHOW October 7
QUILT SHOW October 20-22
FALL FARM DAY October 21

Educational Movie Series

Landmark Park is pleased to present educational movies in the Interpretive Center Auditorium during June, July and August. These movies are free with paid gate admission and will be shown at 10 am. and 1 p.m. Visit www.landmarkparkdothan.com for movie descriptions.

JUNE 6: EYEWITNESS WEATHER

JUNE 8: MAGIC SCHOOL BUS KICKS UP A STORM

JUNE 13: PONDS & RIVERS

JUNE 15: MAGIC SCHOOL BUS WET ALL OVER

JUNE 27: ROCKS & MINERALS

JUNE 29: MAGIC SCHOOL BUS BLOWS ITS TOP

JULY 4: FLIGHT

JULY 6: MAGIC SCHOOL BUS TAKING FLIGHT

JULY 11: BIRDS

JULY 13: MAGIC SCHOOL BUS CRACKS A YOLK

JULY 18: BUTTERFLIES AND MOTHS

JULY 20: MAGIC SCHOOL BUS BUTTERFLY AND THE BOG BEAST

JULY 25: REPTILES

JULY 27: MAGIC SCHOOL BUS COLD FEET

AUGUST 1: MAMMALS

AUGUST 3: MAGIC SCHOOL BUS HOPS HOME

AUGUST 8: DINOSAURS

AUGUST 10: MAGIC SCHOOL BUS THE BUSASAURUS

AUGUST 15: INSECTS

AUGUST 17: MAGIC SCHOOL BUS GETS ANTS IN ITS PANTS

AUGUST 22: PLANETS

AUGUST 24: MAGIC SCHOOL BUS GETS LOST IN SPACE

AUGUST 29: MONSTERS

AUGUST 31: MAGIC SCHOOL BUS GETS SWAMPED

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY! Fathers who are accompanied by a child on June 18 will receive free admission to Landmark Park in honor of Father's Day.

Honey Extraction Workshop



Join Landmark Park on June 24 at 9 a.m. in the Interpretive Center Auditorium for a Honey Extraction Workshop and learn all about bees and the important role they play in our lives. The workshop is hosted by the Wiregrass Beekeepers and the Alabama Cooperative Extension System and is free with paid gate admission. Guests will have a chance to watch as honey from the hives at Landmark Park is uncapped by hand, extracted from the comb and bottled. Honey will be on sale at the event and at Landmark Park while supplies last. For more info, contact the office at 334-794-3452.



Animal Adventures

Each Friday starting June 16-July 28, Landmark Park will present Animal Adventures, a special one-hour educational program which provides a unique opportunity to learn about our natural world. Children ages 5 and older are encouraged to come with their families to see first-hand the wonder of native and exotic animals. Animal Adventure programs begin at 10 a.m. in the Park's Interpretive Center Auditorium. Free with paid gate admission. **Registration is required.** Call 334-794-3452 to register.

JUNE 16: FANTASTIC FISH AND WHERE TO FIND THEM

Rob Andress with the Alabama Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Department will Present a program about common fish. Not only will you get to see the fish that are naturally found in our local lakes and rivers, you will also be able to brush up on your fishing and casting techniques.

JUNE 30: DOG TRAINING BASICS

Our four legged furry friends will be the star of this program as local canine specialist Renee Jones-Lewis, along with her canine teaching assistant, show visitors the correct way to interact with dogs. Park visitors will learn training tips they can easily take home and use with their own family pets.

JULY 7: AMPHIBIANS

Amphibians can be slimy and lay eggs, but they also have a lot of other interesting characteristics. Join Jimmy Stiles as he talks about various amphibians including frogs, salamanders, and one big amphiuma. Stiles has been involved in herpetology for over 25 years and is currently working on his PhD in Wildlife Sciences through Auburn University.

JULY 14: HOMING PIGEONS

Homing Pigeons are incredible birds which have an innate homing ability which allows them to return from incredible distances to their nesting area. These birds have been used throughout history in several ways, including army messengers and to deliver medical information. Join John Ross Helms, member of the Wiregrass Racing Pigeon Club, as he shares his 30+ years of experience raising and racing these spectacular birds.

JULY 21: ALLIGATORS

Tim Ward with the Alabama Department of Conservation will present a program on one of South Alabama's most misunderstood creatures, the American Alligator. A combination of slides, skins, and skulls, as well as a live alligator, will be used to illustrate and teach participants about the lifestyle and habitats of this unique animal.

JULY 28: REPTILES

Come learn from Page Whatley about these cold-blooded animals and why some of them are endangered. Visitors will have the opportunity to see some reptiles up close, including a Gopher Tortoise, Easter Indigo Snake, and several other reptiles native to the Wiregrass Region.



Morgan Golden

This summer quarter, we would like to recognize Morgan Golden. Morgan is a thirteen year old who was born in Dothan and currently lives in Abbeville. She is in the 7th grade at Abbeville High School. In her free time Morgan enjoys reading, playing the clarinet in band, and listening to music. She also likes spending time with her two pets, a cat named Lucky and Muffin, her dog.

Morgan grew up coming to Landmark Park and loves to attend events with her Aunt Penny who works in the Martin Drugstore. Spring Family Days, Spring Farm Day, Fall Farm Day and Astronomy Night are just a few of the days where Morgan has volunteered her time. She enjoys learning about science and history through the programs offered here at the park and hopes to show others, through her volunteering, how fun learning can be! We are very lucky to have Morgan volunteer, her welcoming personality and bright smile has helped to make each event she assists with a success.

If you or someone you know is interested in volunteering at the park, contact Wendy Blair (wendy@landmarkparkdothan.com or 334-794-3452) for more information.

Music By Moonlight

Free concerts will take place at 7:30 p.m. on the Gazebo Lawn. Bring your picnic and lawn chairs and enjoy an evening under the stars. No pets or alcohol, please. Sponsored by WOOF radio and David K. Hogg LLC.

JUNE 15: PONTIAC STOVE COMPANY

Featuring a variety of Americana music by local musicians



JUNE 29: TRI STATE COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

Playing patriotic and pop tunes



JULY 13: TROY DOTHAN COMMUNITY BAND

Performing traditional favorites



Eclipse!

Get your calendars ready, a rare celestial event is happening this summer! A solar eclipse, where the moon will completely block out the sun giving momentary darkness during the day, will take place on August 21. This eclipse is special because this will be the first total eclipse to be seen only from the continental US in history since the birth of the nation in 1776. A total solar eclipse has not been seen in the nation since 1979, but this eclipse is special because this will be the first to be viewed from only the continental US in history. The eclipse will begin on the west coast in Madras, Oregon and travel diagonally across the country to Columbia, South Carolina.

It is dangerous to look directly at the sun and to view any part of the solar eclipse except the totality phase requires protective eye gear. NASA recommends eclipse gazers use special solar filters or "eclipse glasses" for safety. You can also make your own pinhole camera using two pieces of paper or cardboard. The pinhole camera allows viewers to see a projected image of the sun without directly looking at it. This will give sky gazers an idea of when totality nears and it is safe to view without protection.

Here in the Wiregrass we will get to see a partial eclipse, but many cities in the path of totality are holding eclipse celebrations that can be attended with just a short drive. However you decide to see the eclipse, it will definitely be a memorable experience. For more information about the upcoming event can be found on the NASA website or at www.greatamericaneclipse.com.

In the Planetarium

Planetarium programs are \$3 per person and free for members. Visit our website for a full description of each program.

SEASONAL STARS AND STORIES:

Saturdays and Sundays, 1 p.m.

(not recommended for children under 5)

FULL-DOME MOVIES: GREAT FOR ALL AGES!

Friday and Monday at 3:30 pm

Saturdays at 11:00 am and 3:30 p.m.

June: Dynamic Earth

July: Perseus & Andromeda

August: Earth, Moon & Sun

Syrup Making Workshop

The Alabama Syrup-Makers' Association will be sponsoring a Syrup Making Workshop on September 30 at 8 a.m. at Landmark Park. Anyone that is interested in making old fashioned cane syrup is welcome. Each segment will be covered with hands-on experience from stripping the cane, cutting the cane, squeezing the cane, filtering the cane juice, cooking the cane juice and bottling the syrup. Lunch will be provided. Each person will receive a bottle of cane syrup for their labors. The fee to attend is \$25 for adults, and \$12 for children 12 and under. To register, please call President Earl Stokes or Vice President Thomas Moore at 334-494-3037.

Low Country Boil

Landmark Park's annual Low Country Boil will be held on Thursday, September 21 from 6 p.m.-9 p.m. in the Stokes Activity Barn at Landmark Park. Join us for a laid-back feast! Shrimp, sausage, corn, potatoes and a blend of spices will simmer in a 60-gallon kettle for a mouth-watering dish. Also enjoy music and a silent auction. Advance tickets are required. For more info, call 334-794-3452 or email wmsolman@landmarkparkdothan.com. All proceeds help maintain and operate Landmark Park.

You Could Win \$500!

Thank you to all the members of Dothan Landmarks Foundation for your support of Landmark Park. This fall, Landmark Park is giving YOU a chance to win \$500 cash! The drawing will be held on October 7 during the Landmark Park Benefit Car Show. You do not have to be present to win. You will soon receive 16 tickets by mail. If you would like to participate, please complete the ticket stubs with your name, address and phone number. Then, return the stubs, along with your check, in the enclosed envelope. Please pass along any unused tickets to your friends. Remember, each ticket you purchase or sell helps maintain Landmark Park. Thank you for your continued support and good luck!

A Night at the Park

Landmark Park invites you and your family to experience the Park in a unique way with our annual Night at the Park event. This camping adventure for families features a night walk through the Park, s'mores, and of course camping in tents. Your adventure begins at 4:30 p.m. on September 8 and concludes at 8 a.m. on September 9. The fee for the campout is \$15 per person for members and \$20 per person for nonmembers. A hamburger and hotdog dinner, s'mores and breakfast are included. Families are responsible for drinks, tents, and sleeping bags. Space for the campout is limited and is taken on a first come, first serve basis. Registration with payment is required to secure your spot and can be made by calling 334-794-3452. The camp out is sponsored by Camping World.

Teacher Workshop Opportunity

Landmark Park will be holding a Project Wet, Project Wild, and Project Learning Tree triple workshop for teachers on July 31 and August 1. This is an excellent opportunity to be trained to use this excellent classroom resource. More details coming soon!

www.projectwet.org

www.projectwild.org

www.plt.org

Attention Teachers!

Teachers, registration for the 2017-2018 school year is now open! Please visit our website to view our program guide and register for programs. Please contact the Education Department (education@landmarkparkdothan.com, 334-794-3452) with any questions.

Classroom and homeschool teachers are invited to attend our Open House on August 4. Learn all about what Landmark Park has to offer to help make this school year the best ever!

Make sure to register for Summer Camp! Visit www.landmarkparkdothan.com for details and to register.

Remembering Yesteryear



LEFT This photograph is of the basketball team at Edwin School in Henry County circa 1930. The Methodist Church can be seen in the background; the school is not visible in the photograph. The man standing in the center wearing a black sweater was the coach. Photograph from the Jack Ryals Collection.

For more information about items in Landmark Park's Collection and the history of those items, check out our blog at www.landmarkpark-artifacts.tumblr.com. If you're interested in donating an item to Landmark Park, please contact Anna (anna@landmarkparkdothan.com or 334-794-3452) to set up an appointment.

Heritage Forums

If you have an interest in history, Landmark Park is the place to be each Sunday afternoon during the month of July. Our annual Heritage Forum series will feature guest speakers presenting programs on state and local history. The forums will be presented in the Interpretive Center Auditorium at 3 p.m. Refreshments will follow each session and CEUs are available. Registration is required and programs are free with your paid gate admission. Call 334-794-3452 to register.

JULY 9: LANDMARK GOES DIGITAL

Presented by Dr. Marty Olliff and Dr. Bob Saunders. Olliff and Saunders discuss the Park's new Smartphone Guided Tour—a way to deliver digitally more information about physical locations more inexpensively than any other method. Olliff and Saunders wrote short web-based articles about six historical structures at Landmark Park that feature images and a short video. The tour is accessible by linking via the web and by clicking QR codes with smartphones at each structure. Olliff and Saunders teach History at Troy University Dothan Campus and serve on the Dothan Landmarks Foundation, Inc. Board of Directors.



JULY 16: SHOT IN ALABAMA: A HISTORY OF PHOTOGRAPHY IN THE HEART OF DIXIE, 1839-1941

Frances Robb is the foremost historian of photographs in Alabama today. She has been active for years in appraising photos, consulting on photographic installations (including the Snellgrove Photo installation in the Houston County courthouse



Jury Room), and producing workshops in identifying and managing photographs and photo collections. Her presentation will summarize her findings in her new book *Shot in Alabama*, published by the University of Alabama Press in 2017. She will recount the history of photography and photographers in the state from the introduction of the Daguerreotype in 1839 to the eve of World War 2. She will have books available for purchase and will be available to sign copies.

JULY 23: SOUTHSIDE: EUFAULA'S COTTON MILL VILLAGE AND ITS PEOPLE, 1890-1945



Presented by Dr. David Alsobrook. Southside is the name of the mill village south of downtown Eufaula. David Alsobrook examines the community in this sociological history /memoir, sympathetically retelling the stories of the working class residents and cotton textile mill owners who lived there. Alsobrook spent much of his life with his grandparents in Eufaula's Southside community. He received his PhD from Auburn University, then worked as the director of the George H.W. Bush Presidential Library, the Clinton Presidential Library, and the History Museum of Mobile before retiring.

He is the current president of the Alabama Historical Association. Copies of this new book, published by Mercer University Press in 2017, will be available for purchase, and Dr. Alsobrook will autograph books for you.

JULY 30: PEN STROKES OF JUSTICE: JUDGE HORTON AND THE SCOTTSBORO BOYS



Rebekah Davis joins us through the auspices of the Alabama Humanities Foundation's "Road Scholar" program. The history of the Scottsboro Boys—nine black youths accused of raping two white women on a train in the Tennessee Valley of Alabama in the early 1930s—is well known. Little known, however, is the history of the Decatur judge who overturned the jury's guilty verdict levied against Haywood Patterson, the first defendant. Judge Horton received over 700 letters during the trial. He kept them all in two lard buckets. Davis will have audience members read from the letters during her discussion of the infamous case. Rebekah Davis is the archivist for Limestone County, Judge Horton's home, and serves as the president of the National Association of Government Archives and Records Administrators.

NEW MEMBERS



A special welcome to our new members who joined from February 1-May 31. To all our previous members who renewed since our last newsletter, a sincere thank you.

Mr. Robert V. Armstrong, Ms. Sarah Arsenault and Ms. Kathy Abner, Mr. and Mrs. Tyler Bartlett, Ms. Marjorie Bivins, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Brown, Mr. Donnie Bryan, Mr. and Mrs. Corey Camp, Mr. Brooks Cavell, Mr. Ralph Chalker, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Chase, Mr. Jonah Chitty, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Clegg, Ms. Donna Clevenger and Ms. Heather Phillips, Mr. Andy Collins, Mr. Lou Condon, Mr. and Mrs. Jeremy Conner, Ms. Ann Conrad, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis L. Crabrey II, Mr. Stephen Croft, Mr. and Mrs. Tim Cullen, Mr. Matthew Darnell, Ms. Denise Davis, Ms. Jamie Ann Dean, Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Deloney, Ms. Jennifer Devlin, Mr. Neil Dodson, Ms. Carol Dracos, Mr. and Mrs. F. Keith Dreadin, Mr. William Elliott, Ms. Jamie Elmore, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Evans, Dr. and Mrs. Ralph Fillmore, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Foreman, Mr. and Mrs. Jared Forrester, Mr. and Mrs. Todd Friedman, Ms. Lynne Weston George, Ms. Jennifer Gillman, Ms. Teresa Godwin, Ms. Melanie Grantham, Ms. Linda Griffin, Ms. June Hairston, Mr. Charles Hall and Ms. BJ Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Hale, Ms. Mary H. Hall, Ms. Tasha Harger, Mr. and Mrs. Brandon Harrison, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hartzog, Ms. Carolyn Hornsby, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Hudspeth, Mr. and Mrs. Andy Hunter, Mr. and Mrs. Whit Huskey, Mr. and Mrs.

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- Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce
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- Lewis Smith Supply Corporation
- Merrill Lynch
- Slingluff United Insurance
- Smith's Inc of Dothan
- Wiregrass Construction

Thank You

- Alabama Power for a donation
- Coast2Coast for painting our benches
- Cathy Corbitt for a monetary donation
- Child Advocacy Center for a donation of computers
- Helen Richards for a donation of an antique stalk cutter
- Vince and Vicki Richter for a donation of a Red Wattle Hog
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Changing of the Guard



At the end of March, we said goodbye to our longtime assistant director, Kathie Moore. Kathie retired from Landmark Park after working here for 24 years. Kathie started at Landmark Park as a Summer Camp instructor and then moved into the Education Coordinator position after two summers. She became program director and then was promoted to assistant director and held that position for 10 years. Kathie's favorite thing about Landmark Park was working with the people in the community and sharing the park with visitors. In her retirement, Kathie is spending more time working in her yard and visiting with friends and family, especially her grandson, Will. We certainly appreciate the work Kathie has done and we miss her!

Wendy Blair has made a smooth transition into the position of assistant director. Wendy comes to us with a background of 29 years in the staffing industry. She started her career in a temporary position with Personnel Resources and quickly became a receptionist. From there, she worked in every aspect including operations and sales. She worked her way to the general manager position before deciding to open her own business, Blair Staffing, in Montgomery in June of 1998. Additional offices of Blair Staffing soon followed. Wendy sold Blair Staffing to Ambassador Personnel in 2006 after reaching \$12 million in sales. She became regional vice president at Ambassador Personnel until March of 2017 when she left to join Landmark Park as



Assistant Director. Her duties with Ambassador Personnel included managing up to 11 offices in the area of operations and sales with a sales volume of up to \$30 million. Wendy has always been very involved in her community, participating in many civic organizations including the Dothan Rotary Club and the Dothan Civitan Club. She is the past president of the Alabama Staffing Association and has served on the board for many years. She was board member for Girls Inc. of Dothan and was an active member of the Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce by serving as an Ambassador, Diplomat and working on the Small Business Committee. She has volunteered her time to the United Way by being a Loaned Executive and being on the committee for funds distribution. She makes her home in Headland and has two sons, Josh 24, and Dalton 14. She is an avid reader and enjoys outside activities including fishing and riding motorcycles. Wendy was interested in the open position at the park as she grew up at the park and so did her children.

"I cannot think of a better way to give back than to be involved in this great nonprofit organization that has helped educate the Wiregrass," she says.

We are excited to welcome Wendy to the Landmark Park staff family and hope you will stop in and say hi next time you visit the park!

Mark Your Calendars: Landmark Park Quilt Show

The Show will be on display Friday-Sunday, October 20-22 in conjunction with Fall Farm Day on October 21. We encourage you to share your antique and contemporary quilts at the show. Please visit www.landmarkparkdothan.com for entry forms, categories and submission dates (coming soon.)

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