



# MISTLETOE STATE PARK SCHOOL PROGRAMS

## Bring Your Classroom Alive Schedule a Field Trip Today

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.

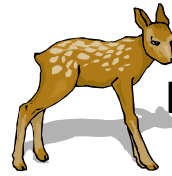
### To Schedule A Field Trip

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

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

**Fees:**  
**\$4 per student**  
**3 classes or less 25% discount**  
**Up to 4 parents free per class**

**Minimum charge \$50**



## PRE-K PROGRAMS

Programs 1 hour Cost- \$3 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.



## KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM

Program 1 1/2-2 Hr.  
Cost \$4 per student

**3 classes or less 25% discount**

### Nature Sense

**SKL1-b SKL2-ab SKE2-ac**

Students will use their sense of touch, sight and smell to discover similarities and differences in nature through a variety of hands on learning activities.

- Share, touch & compare similarities and differences in animals using mounts and puppets
- Discover difference in nature through a variety of touch boxes. (Example cotton and rock/ soft hard)
- Scavenger hunt (Focus plants)
- Rock Adventure (Focus similarities and differences)
- Critter Hike- Discover wildlife on the trails
- Critter Game- Sort toy critters into similarities & differences
- Visit the nature center

## 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Programs

Program 1 1/2 - 2 hrs.

Cost \$4 per student

**3 classes or less 25% discount**



### The Need For Survival-

#### Plant and Animal Needs

SKL1-b SKL2-ab SKE2-ac

What do plant and animals need to survive? That question will be answered through a variety of activities. Students will visit the nature center with interactive displays, create a nature craft, learn about animal needs through mounts and puppets and go on a nature hike/ focus will be on plant & animal needs.

- Share animal mounts and puppets
- Share, touch & compare furs, antlers and bones
- Animal feet & tracks-Webbed, claws & talons
- Demonstrate appearance, motion & needs
- Animal movement game
- Students will discover plant leaves, flowers & seeds come in many shapes & sizes
- Plant needs craft
- Nature Hike/Camouflage, forest floor & trees

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Programs



All Programs 1 1/2- 2 hours duration

Cost \$4 per student

**3 classes or less 25% discount**

### Wildlife & The Circle of Life

S2L1abd S2E3

Students will visit the nature center with interactive displays and go on a nature hike/ focus will be investigating the life cycles of plants & animals

- Share fawn, doe & buck mounts
- Share duck mount and life cycles
- Share lifecycle tadpole/frog puppet
- Construct a butterfly and frog lifecycle craft
- Plants life cycles
- Create a bag terrarium to carry home
- Nature center visit
- Nature hike/ Focus life cycles



## 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Programs

Programs 2 hrs.

Cost \$4 per student

**3 classes or less 25% discount**



### 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.

- Adaptations- Beaver Dress up
- Nature hike focus habitats
- Nature game
- Nature center visit
- Nature booklet focus adaptations

### Cliatt Creek Nature Hike-

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

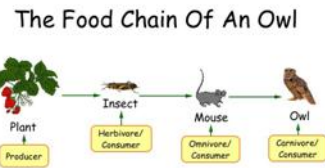
## 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Programs

Program 2 1/2-3 hrs. \$4 per students

### Birds OF Prey- What's For Dinner S4L2A S41ab

Students will dissect owl pellets, get an up close look at an mounted owl and hawk, visit the discovery room, go on a nature hike focus will be adaptations of birds of prey and food chains and webs.

- Dissect owl pellets
- Adaptations talons, beak and feathers
- Food chain and web game
- Discovery room visit
- Nature hike



### Clatt Creek Nature Hike- Decomposers, Consumers & Producers S4L2a S4L1ab

Students will go on a mile hike/ focus will be on decomposers, consumers & producers. They will visit the nature center with interactive displays

- Observe various decomposers, producers & consumers
- Focus on wildlife within the food chain.
- Camouflage hunt
- Observe how changes in the environment have affected Mistletoe's habitats for plants & animals.

## 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Program

All Programs 2 1/2- 3 hours duration  
\$4 per student



### Wildlife- From the Smallest to the Biggest Vertebrates & Invertebrates S5L1ab, S5L4

Students will get an up close look at invertebrates and vertebrates. Focus will be on identifying vertebrates and invertebrates and classification of animal groups.

- Students will discover what lives in Clarks Hill Lake as park staff seine (large net)
- Students will identify lake critters as vertebrate or invertebrate
- Students will learn the benefit of micro-organisms
- Students will use microscopes to discover what was caught in a plankton net from the lake
- Students will identify microscopic animals using a ID sheet
- Students will visit the discovery room
- Students will go on a scavenger hunt finding critters and categorizing them into vertebrate/invertebrate, crustacean/insect

## OUTREACH PROGRAMS

Can't come to us we will come to you during the months of January & February. Outreach programs meet GPS.

The cost of outreach programs is \$120 for one classroom program and \$60 for each classroom program after the first.

# Special Month Programs

Maximum 25 students  
\$10 per student  
Minimum charge \$100

## Pioneer and Indians November 2<sup>nd</sup>- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade



This learning adventure helps students learn about Pioneer and Indians lifestyles. Students will learn how important plants and wildlife were important to both Pioneers & Indians. They will make their own dipped candles and butter, play Indian games and learn some Indian sign language.

## Fall Discovery October K- 3<sup>rd</sup>



This learning adventure helps students discover fall from leaves to festival events. Students will participate in collecting fall leaves to discover the magical colors of fall. Depending on grade level they will leaf rub, scavenger hunt or even create a leaf collection booklet. They will roast marshmallows and go on a hayride.

## Jr. Rangers September & May 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> Grade



Students will learn about the plants and animals that call Georgia their home. Dependent on grade level students will discover habitats, plants animal needs, adaptations, predator/prey relationships. They will learn what is dangerous in the woods, go on a scavenger hunt and discover what lives in the lake as our staff and volunteers seine the lake.

## Earth Day April 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade



Students will learn why Earth Day is important. They will rotate through a variety of activities that focus on recycling, lake ecology and wildlife protection. They will discover what lives in the lake through seining samples, create a key chain out of recycle paper and go on a nature hike.