



HISTORY PROGRAMS

ONE HOUR IN LENGTH

CAROLINA GOLD *New program!*

This class will discuss how rice production and culture in South Carolina turned it into one of the wealthiest colonies in the western world. Students will even try their hands at processing rice! They will then learn what led to the downfall of the rice culture and see the effects it had on the land today.

DYE IT BLUE *New program!*

Students will learn all about the history of indigo cultivation in South Carolina, including planting, processing and dyeing techniques. We will discuss why indigo was an important crop in the 1700s and what role it played in the history of our park. Each student will have a chance to dye a piece of fabric and take it home.

NATIVE AMERICANS OF THE LOWCOUNTRY *New program!*

Students will dive into the Native American culture that existed before the arrival of Europeans and briefly discuss the effects of colonial expansion. Using our surroundings, we will discuss how Native Americans used the ecosystem for all their needs, including medicinal plant usage and community structure.

CANAL HISTORY

America's first summit canal was built right here at the park, connecting the Cooper and Santee Rivers and creating a direct route to Charleston from the agricultural center of our state. Students will learn about the history of the canal from lock construction and operation to the important jobs that were needed to build and run this vital 19th century canal.

CANDLEMAKING

Day to day work in the colonial era involved the entire family and everyone had a job to do. One of these important jobs for children was to make candles for the whole year for each family. Students will learn about the different types of candle making and get to try their hand at dipping candles.



NATURE PROGRAMS

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SWAMP THINGS

This is one of our most popular programs! Students will learn about the importance of the swamp ecosystem and its many inhabitants. Students will be led on our swamp boardwalk with nets so they can catch and identify different species of wildlife in the swamp. This program is sure to excite and educate!

SCALES AND TAILS

Using the park's live collection, students will take a look at the common reptiles of Old Santee Canal Park. This class provides students a unique, hands-on experience into the world of "creepy, crawly things." Classes will discuss specific traits and characteristics of these animals that you may find in your own backyard!

ROOTS TO BRANCHES

Using hands-on activities, students will learn about native plants and trees here at the park and their important biological processes. Topics covered include transpiration, soil composition, and plant adaptations. Students will also discover many interesting facts as we take a short nature walk identifying the park's trees.

SPACE ODYSSEY

In this class, students will take a trip through the Milky Way Galaxy. They will explore subjects within astronomy, such as the moon, solar system, stars, and constellations. Students will then become part of the solar system and see how far our solar system stretches! Lastly, using the park's planetarium, students will be able to locate common constellations and the fascinating stories and legends behind them.

INCREDIBLE INSECTS

There are more types of insects in the world than all other living things, combined! This class offers an exciting look into this mysterious world with live and preserved specimens. This will also include a brief nature walk to capture and identify insects at the park.



OLD SANTEE CANAL PARK

OUTREACH PRICING

All outreach programs cost \$2 per child/per program with a minimum of 25 students. Additional travel rates are determined by location:

- Zone 1** Tri-County—Free
- Zone 2** Within 50 miles—\$50
- Zone 3** 51-100 miles away—\$75
- Zone 4** 101-150 miles away—\$100

TEACHER-LED ACTIVITIES

There are several teacher-supervised activities your class may wish to engage in while they are not participating in a scheduled program. If you are interested in any of these programs, please inform the education staff when making your class reservations.

DISCOVER THE PARK

SCAVENGER HUNT

BOARDWALK TOUR

CAVE THEATER FILMS

Old Santee Canal Park, 27 min
Web of Water, 48 min
Palmetto Places: Moncks Corner, 26 min
South Carolina Outdoors: Snakes, 23 min
Eyewitness: Amphibian, 59 min
Eyewitness: Pond & River, 32 min
Eyewitness: Reptile, 29 min

MAIN THEATER FILMS

The Santee Canal, 27 min
Pushing Back the Darkness, 22 min
Canals West, 16 min
With These Hands, 23 min
They Were Here, 37 min
Silent Witness, 32 min
Chasing the Swamp Fox, 58 min
Carolina Stories, 58 min

LIVING LOFT REPTILE EXHIBIT

LUNCH AT RESERVED PICNIC SHELTER

VISIT THE GIFT SHOP

