

Sep-Oct

- 9/1-30** 12 Mile Red Cedar Challenge
Entire Month of September
- 9/6** Mark Motsinger: Mysterious Stone Fort Hike and Presentation
Time: 6-8 pm
- 9/20** Anne Townsend: Using Native Plant Dyes
Time: 1-3 pm
- 9/27** Marlene Rivero: Hike with Harriet Tubman
Time: 1-3pm
- 10/4** Explore the Southern Illinois Outdoors Day at Giant City State Park
Time: Noon-3 pm
- 10/25** Trek N' Treat
Time: 1-3pm



Nov-Dec

- 11/6** Kimberly Rohling: Christmas Bird Count Workshop
Time: 1-3pm
- 11/8** Kay Ripplemeyer: African American CCC's-Company F-2 of Alto Pass Presentation
Time: 1-2 pm
- 11/15** Heather Carey: Cherokee Trail of Tears in Southern Illinois
Time: 1-2pm
- 11/15** Vicki Lang-Mendenhall: Birding hike
Time: 9:30-11:30 am
- 12/1-31** Giant City Gnome Roam
Entire Month of December
- 12/6** U of I Extension: Holiday Wreath Workshop
Time: 10- 11:30am OR 1-2:30pm
- 12/7** Illinois Botanizer: Best of Illinois Nature 2025
Time: 2-3pm



New Programs are added throughout the year! For an updated list, visit the Friends of Giant City Facebook site:
<https://www.facebook.com/friendsofgiantcity>

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2025 Programs & Events

Giant City STATE PARK



January

1/1-31 Giant City Gnome Roam

February

2/8 Jennifer Behnken: Buds and Bark Tree I.D. Hike

Time: 1-3

2/8 Vicki Lang-Mendenhall: Birding hike

Time: 10 am-Noon

2/9 Chris Benda: Plants of Concern Presentation

Time: 2-3

2/15 Miriam Link-Mullison: Watercolor Floral Cards Made Easy

Time: 1-3 pm

2/19 Melanie Kasson: 12-Mile Giant City Horse Trail Guided Hike

Time: 8:30-2:30 pm

2/22 Nadine Pershyn: Gray Fox Research Presentation

Time: 2-3 pm



March

3/5 Mary Boehler: Guided 12-mile hike

Time: 8am-4pm

3/8 Vicki Lang-Mendenhall: Birding hike

Time: 9:30-11:30 am

3/9 John Palis: What Snake is That? Presentation

Time: 2-3 pm

3/15 Hiking With Shawn: Hiking in Southern Illinois 101

Time: 1-2 pm

3/22 Kimberly Rohling: Attracting Hummingbirds to your Garden

Time: 1-2 pm

3/22 Anne Townsend: Woods Navigation 101

Time: 1-3 pm



April-May

4/5, Park Naturalist: Spring

4/12, Wildflower Walks

4/18 Time: 1-3 pm

4/18 Jeremy Schumacher: Amphibian Night Hike

Time: 7:30 -9:00 pm

4/19 Emily Webb: Mindfulness Hike

Time: 9-10:30 am



5/3 Jennifer Wharton: Nature Photography Workshop

Time: 1-3 pm

5/17 Sonja Lallemand: Landscaping With Natives

Time: 2-3pm

June-July-Aug

6/7, Park Naturalist: You Too Can Kayak!- Lake Murphysboro State Park

6/21 Time: 10 am-Noon

6/13 Kathy Belletire: Nature Journaling Fun—Ages 8-12

Time: 10 am-Noon

7/11, Park Naturalist: Sun-up Hikes

7/25 Time: 6:30am-8am

7/23 Kim Rohling: Gardening for Moths

Time: 2-3pm

7/26 Magnificent Moths Program

Time: 10am-Noon

7/27 Chris Benda: Flora of Bean Ridge

Time: 2-3pm

8/16 Jeremy Schumacher: Reptile and Amphibian program

Time: 1-3 pm

Looking for more information? Scan the QR code or, call the Giant City Visitors Center at 618-457-4836. Details can also be found on the IDNR website at dnr.illinois.gov.

All programs are FREE but most require pre-registration.

