



BIG HAYNES CREEK NATURE CENTER

2024 FREE COMMUNITY OUTREACH EVENTS

Mark Your Calendars!

Saturday, July 27th, 10am-12pm

- **Wading in the Wetlands Art Walk:** Come see our brand new public art exhibit, *Herald of Herons*, located on the purple trail, as Birds Georgia Master Birder and founder of WellBirds, Jack Bruce, leads participants on a winding, wetlands adventure. Marvel at the whimsical, colorful sculptures, inspired by a plethora of talented students in our community, peer through a stationary bird blind and other natural overlooks to catch a glimpse of native summer residents and wading inhabitants, listen for distinctive bird calls and “*Spread your Wings & Fly*” at the Great blue heron photo station. This 2-mile interpretative walk intertwines art and nature, while taking a long lens look at the importance of a healthy wetland habitat so our feathered friends can thrive! Binoculars provided. Bring your own camera. Closed-toe shoes recommended.



Saturday, August 24th, 10am-12pm



- **Totally Turtle!** Join DNR outreach coordinator, Linda May and DNR herpetologist, Daniel Sollenberger, to shell-abrate native GA turtles! Meet live turtle ambassadors at the outdoor learning center, then head to the docks for a “catch & release” exercise to try to examine turtles in their natural habitat. Learn about common threats and triumphs in their wild world, play interactive games & test your turtle IQ for fun prizes! This event is geared towards a younger audience, but all ages are welcome. Magnifying glasses and binoculars provided. Closed-toe shoes recommended.

Friday, September 6th, 7-8:30pm

- **Be a Bat Detective!** Join us for a fun evening of education and exploration with DNR bat biologist, Trina Morris. We’ll learn about bats and why they are important to Georgia’s ecosystems. We’ll also search the skies for these incredible flying night mammals and attempt to identify species through sights and soundwaves. Using an echo locator and other amazing clues, you’ll become a bat detective at Big Haynes Creek Nature Center and in your own backyard! Binoculars provided. Bring a flashlight or headlamp and sturdy shoes.



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