

LIFE IS BETTER OUTSIDE: Cooper Lake State Park-South Sulphur Unit plans for busy March

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Oh, my! What a winter we have had. We have had more ups and downs than the Wright brothers at Kitty Hawk! I think we have had spring three times already and it's not even spring yet. But hey ... it's almost here to stay!

We have a busy month planned for the March at Cooper Lake State Park. Even with the lake level being low there are lots of things to do.

Spring Break is coming and the camping season for most will begin. Even with the lake level being low there is still lots to do. As you will notice on the schedule there will be something happening starting March 8 every day (except Monday and Tuesday) during Spring Break.

Whatever you enjoy doing in the great outdoors we have a program for it and it's happening over Spring Break.

Don't want to camp? No problem! Come out for the programs or just to spend the day.

Program will include Dutch oven cooking, knot tying, stargazing, geocaching, birds, hiking, campfire building, and believe it or not fishing. (At a whisper... "I know where the fish are hiding!")

Kids will be able to earn their Jr. Ranger Certificate. Ask at the desk when you check in.

For you birders, there have been several migratory birds sighted which indicates that there are more to come in the very near future.

Don't let the lack of water hold you back. Come on out and enjoy nature at its best.

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Cooper Lake State Park March Program Schedule

Note: Programs may be cancelled because of weather! Contact the park office, 903 945-5256, for updated information.

March 1

- Discover The Trees/Nature Hike — Meet at Honey Creek Amphitheater at 10 a.m.
- Geocaching Treasure Hunt — Meet at Honey Creek Amphitheater at 2:30 p.m.

March 8

- Lip Smackin', Good Eatin' Camp Dutch Oven Cooking — Meet at Honey Creek Amphitheater at 10 a.m. Bring a bowl and spoon.
- Fun With Knots — Meet at Honey Creek Amphitheater at 2:30 p.m. Rope provided

March 9

- Who Left That?/Wildlife Tracks — Meet at Heron Harbor Day Use Parking Lot at 2:30 p.m.

March 12

- Night Sky Activities — Meet at Gulls Bluff Group Pavilion at 2:30 p.m.
- The Wonders Of The Night Sky-Stargazing — Meet at Honey Creek parking lot at 7:30 p.m.

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- Campfire Building with one match — Meet at Honey Creek Amphitheater at 10 a.m.

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- Geocaching Treasure Hunt — Meet at Honey Creek Amphitheater at 2:30 p.m.

March 14

- Hike The Back Country Of Cooper Lake State Park, a guided hike — Meet at Coyote Run Trailhead at 2 p.m. Wear appropriate foot wear and bring some water. Optional items: binoculars and a camera.
- Sounds Of The Night Around Cooper Lake — Meet at Honey Creek Amphitheater at 7:30 p.m.

March 15

- Birds: Habitat And Migration — Meet at Honey Creek Amphitheater at 9:30 a.m.
- Fishing: Hook, Line, And Sinker — Meet at Park Headquarters parking area at 2:30 p.m.

March 22

- Orienteering — Reservations Required; Meet at Coyote Run Trailhead at 2 p.m. Compasses will be provided

March 29

- Birds: Habitat And Migration — Meet at Honey Creek Amphitheater at 9:30 a.m.
- Leaf Impressions — Meet at Honey Creek Amphitheater at 2:30 p.m.