

Cache River Nature Fest



Join us on April 30, 2011

8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Rain or Shine!

Cache River Nature Fest will highlight the area's rich natural history, abundant wildlife, and natural areas. Guided hikes and canoe tours will be available throughout the day, in addition to many more exciting activities for all ages at the Henry N. Barkhausen-Cache River Wetlands Center.

Schedule of Events & Outings:

Event Name:	Time:	Location:
Registration and Information	8:00am – 4:30pm	Cache River Wetlands Center
<i>Information, exhibits, displays, live animals, and many more fun activities for all ages.</i>		
Invasive Plant Basket Weaving Demo	9:00am – 4:00pm	Cache River Wetlands Center
<i>Using invasive plant species to our benefit, get the chance to weave your own basket; takes 1-2 hours.</i>		
Bald Eagle Viewing	9:00 am – 4:00pm	Cache River Wetlands Center
<i>Learn about the physical characteristics and behavior of this magnificent bird of prey!</i>		
Cold-blooded Creatures of the Cache	9:00am – 4:00pm	Cache River Wetlands Center
<i>An up close look at "LIVE" native snakes, turtles, and frogs of the Cache River Wetlands.</i>		
Birds of Prey Show	1:00pm & 3:00pm	Cache River Wetlands Center
<i>Free Again Wildlife Rehabilitation staff will provide an up close view of owls, hawks, and other bird species.</i>		
Hummingbird Banding	8:00am – 11:00am	Cache River Wetlands Center
<i>Audubon staff demonstrate methods to capture, band, and collect data on hummingbirds and songbirds.</i>		
Ecological Fitness Fun	9:00am – 4:00pm	Cache River Wetlands Center
<i>Test your knowledge of plant & animal life found in the "Cache" through interactive stations, on the Egret Slough Trail.</i>		
Kidz Birding	9:00am – 4:00pm	Cache River Wetlands Center
<i>Great way for kids to learn how to look for & identify a variety of birds that live in the Cache River Wetlands.</i>		
Kidz Corner	8:00am – 4:00pm	Cache River Wetlands Center
<i>Critter Tattoos, Kite Creations, Wildlife Track Bandana Designs and more-all for kids to get "WILD" about Nature!</i>		
Cache River Nature Journaling	9:00am – 12:00pm	Register/depart at Wetlands Center
<i>This three hour program will include one hour of instruction on the skills and techniques for creating an illustrated nature journal and two hours in the field practicing these skills. Please bring your own art supplies.</i>		
*Cache River Wetlands Canoe Tour	9:00am, 10:00am, 11:00am, & 1:00pm	*Reservations required; call 618/634-2231
<i>Paddle Buttonland Swamp to view the state champion bald cypress tree, waterfowl, and other unique wetland wildlife.</i>		
Heron Pond Nature Hike	10:00am & 1:00pm	Register/depart at Wetlands Center
<i>Hike along the Cache River to a bald cypress swamp, as we learn the identity of spring wildflowers & birds by their songs.</i>		
Prothonotary Warbler Banding and Exhibit	8:00am – 4:00pm	Cache River Wetlands Center
<i>Discover the life of the Prothonotary warbler and the challenges it faces here in the Wetlands. Hosted by Dr. Jeff Hoover and his research assistants.</i>		
Tupelo Trail/Little Black Slough Swamp Hike	1:00pm	Register/depart at Wetlands Center
<i>Hike through an upland forest along the Tupelo trail & down a small rock outcrop, to the edge of Little Black Slough.</i>		
Wetlands Wildlife Tracking on the Cache	2:00pm – 4:00pm	Register/depart at Wetlands Center
<i>Explore the diversity of habitats, sign, and tracks of present and past wildlife through track castings, skulls, & a hike.</i>		
EVENING SOCIAL	5:00pm-8:00pm	<i>Connie's at The Gambit</i>
<i>Music, food & fun with live entertainment from 6:00-8:00pm by local bluegrass band "The Rural Kings"!</i>		
<i>*NO Cover Charge! Buffet Dinner & Refreshments may be purchased the evening of the social at Connie's at The Gambit.</i>		

All Event Activities are Free to the Public!

More information can be found on this event by visiting:

www.cacherivernaturefest.org

For questions contact: the Cache River Wetlands Center at 618-657-2064
Or Cypress Creek National Wildlife Refuge at 618-634-2231.

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