

FIELD TRIPS at 14th ANNUAL FRIENDS CONFERENCE

PICKWICK LANDING STATE PARK—Saturday, November 4, 2017

All off-site field trips will meet outside the conference center and leave at 1:45pm.

Hike at Big Hill Pond State Park

Join State Naturalist Randy Hedgepath for a trip to nearby Big Hill Pond State Park. The hike includes seeing an unusual amount of interesting rock formations and will take you on the boardwalk across the Dismal Swamp where wildlife abounds. The walk is rated moderate because of a hill climb and is about 2 miles roundtrip.

Shiloh National Military Park Tour

Take a guided tour of Shiloh National Military Park with NPS Park Ranger Chris Mekow and learn about how the Union Army arrived at Pittsburg Landing and the reason behind why the battle happened there; explore the iconic Shiloh Confederate Memorial which commemorates all the southern troops that fought there; experience the Hornets' Nest where Union forces held off multiple Confederate attacks before they surrendered; and observe the Shiloh Church and General Johnston's Death Site.

Smithsonian Water | Ways Exhibit

The Smithsonian's Water|Ways exhibition dives into water - an essential component of life on our planet, environmentally, culturally, and historically. Come and learn why water plays an important role in our society. One hour ranger led tours will be led through the exhibit starting at 2pm.

Pontoon Boat Tours at Pickwick Landing State Park (weather permitting)

Enjoy a one-hour, ranger-guided pontoon tour on Pickwick Lake. You will learn about the history of the park, the Pickwick Dam, and see beautiful views and wildlife. There will be two outings: the first starting at 2:00pm and the second starting at 3:00pm. These boats have limited space of 10 people only, so please sign up ahead of time!

TRIP IS FULL