Celebrate the National Park Centennial at Ocmulgee National Monument!

Every year, on the weekends in April, we celebrate our founder's birthday with the John Muir Outings Series. This is a special year for our program, as we celebrate the 100th anniversary of the National Park Service (NPS). Signed into law by President Woodrow Wilson back in 1916, the federal agency was established to preserve and manage our nation's wild places "for the enjoyment of future generations." Though he did not live to see the creation of NPS, John Muir helped build public support for this model of wilderness preservation.

Did you know that plans are progressing nicely through Congress to make the Ocmulgee National Monument (near Macon) Georgia's first National Historical Park? The proposal, which would increase its size from 702 to 1280 acres, got an unexpected boost Friday when a nationwide vote ranked it the country's top archaeological site. In doing so, it beat out other 19 other nominees from Georgia to Arizona.
Join us on Saturday, April 23 for our visit to this prehistoric native American site, where we will learn about the long history of native Americans (17,000 years!) in the Georgia piedmont and see the mounds built during the Mississippian period.

**BEElieve in Change**

Pollinators are facing serious threats from the overuse of chemical pesticides and herbicides, habitat loss, and climate change. According to researchers at UGA’s Honey Bee Program, neonicotinoid pesticides are a leading cause of colony collapse disorder, the sudden die off of entire hives that have shocked beekeepers across the country and right here in Georgia.
The problems facing pollinators are only compounded by the pressures added by climate change and other factors, but with your help, the Sierra Club has pushed federal and state agencies, including at Cooper Creek, to cut back on their use of chemical herbicides and to better protect our wild spaces. Now, it's your turn to take action at home. Click here to learn some of the simple actions to create a pollinator friendly world.

**Sierra Club Meetings**

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**Upcoming Events**

**April 17th - Atlanta Streets Alive** - Organized by Atlanta Bicycle Coalition, the first Atlanta Streets Alive (ASA) of the year will take place on Sunday, April 17th from 2pm-6pm across seven neighborhoods south of I-20! We'll close the streets to cars and open them to people. Bring your bicycle or just your feet, and get ready to explore your community streets in a safer, healthier, more livable way. [Click here to register](#).

**April 18th - Taste of AGlanta** - Co-hosted by Atlanta First Lady Sarah-Elizabeth Reed and Laura Turner Seydel, Earth Week will kick-off with an evening celebration at the Westside Cultural Arts Center. The event will highlight tastings from Westside farm-to-table restaurants; a cocktail competition with seasonal elixirs created by restaurants' mixologists; modelled fashions by eco-designers; and remarks from the evening's hostesses, Honorable Mayor Reed, and the nation's first - and Atlanta's own - Urban Agriculture
April 21st - EarthShare of Georgia 21st Annual Earth Day Party -
EarthShare of Georgia's 2016 Annual Earth Day Party will be held on
Thursday, April 21 at Ponce City Market. Join a diverse group of environmentalists, devoted philanthropists, business professionals and the community-at-large to help promote sustainable practices and polices where we work, live and play. Click here to register >>

April 30th - Fun in the Sun @ Lake Lanier - The Sierra Club Military Outdoors Program and Team River Runner is proud to present a day of Kayak paddling at Lake Lanier. Come on out and learn all about the Sierra Club Military Outdoors, Team River Runner and Team Red, White, and Blue. Click here for more information to >>

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