



## Arkansas Post National Memorial

# Calendar of Events 2010



**June 19 - Youth Fishing Derby** Try your hand at catching the big one in the Arkansas Post Youth Fishing Derby. Park Lake will be stocked by the Arkansas Game & Fish Commission with 300 channel catfish for this event. Prizes will be awarded for the largest catfish and for the most catfish landed. Competition is open to youth 12 and under. Registration begins at 8:30 A.M. Competition fishing from 9:00 A.M. to Noon. Fishing will be open to all ages after the contest.

**Tuesdays and Thursdays, June 22 – July 27 -Trailblazers** – Join Teacher Ranger Lindsay Robinson Beaton at **8 AM** for a special “couch-potato to 5K” running program. Those completing the program will receive the Presidential Active Lifestyle Award. Registration is necessary; call Joe Herron or Lindsay Robinson-Beaton at 870-548-2207.

**Tuesdays, June 22 – July 27 – Bike Tours** - Join Park Rangers at **10 AM** for a guided bicycle tour through the park. All ages are welcome! This is a great opportunity for the whole family to participate in an education and recreational activity. Bring your bike and a helmet. The tour will stop along points of interest for discussion and wildlife viewing. Other times may be arranged if you call and make an appointment.

### For Educators

**June 24 Arkansas Post Teacher Workshop - Early Arkansas History** Educators are encouraged to refresh their Arkansas History at the place where it all began – Arkansas Post. Talks on different aspects of the fur trade, the beginning of Arkansas Territorial Government, and the Civil War will be given on locations where many of these events took place. Educators will earn six hours of in-service credit for attending. Please call 870-548-2207 to register.

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### SPECIAL 2010 EVENT

**July 3 – Arkansas Post National Memorial 50 Year Celebration -**  
The Park was created in 1960 to memorialize the first European Settlement in the Lower Mississippi Valley. The event is FREE to the public and no reservations are needed.

10 AM -Opening Ceremony; Guest speakers and Birthday Cake

11 AM & 1 PM –Concert by The Old School Band

Noon to 3 PM - Living History Demonstrations, kids games, Information Booths, Cannon Firings every half hour (except during concert)

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**Family Fun Days (Saturdays, 9 AM – 1 PM)**

*Call 870-548-2207 to register for these events.*

**June 26 - #1 Colonial Kids Day** – What was life like for a kid in Colonial Arkansas? Come learn about the crafts and games that the children of Arkansas settlers enjoyed.

**July 10 - #2 Nature Watch** – A guided Nature Hike will leave the Visitor Center at 9 AM. When returning to the Visitor Center, Park Rangers will give programs on the plants and animals in the park.

**July 17 - #3 Enjoying the Great Outdoors** – If you want to learn ways to enjoy your hike more, Park Rangers will share some tips including how to read a compass, keep a nature journal, and practice Leave No Trace.

**July 24 - #4 Digital Photography Workshop** - Participants will learn basic techniques for taking outdoor digital photographs and will capture nature in action at Arkansas Post. Participants will create a frame for their picture and receive a copy of their best photograph to take home. You may bring your own digital camera or you can reserve one of the parks digital cameras when you call to register.

**July 17 –Special Ribbon Cutting for the Arkansas Post Water Trail** will be at 10 AM at Moore’s Bayou. The new trail is a collaboration between the Arkansas Game and Fish, US Army Corp of Engineers, National Park Service, and Park Volunteer Don Hubsch. A short guided float will follow the ceremony. Call Joe Herron for more information 870-548-2207.

**October 23 - Ghosts of the Past** Join park staff and volunteers for the annual guided walk through Arkansas History. Living History presentations will portray events from the exploration and settlement of Arkansas Post, Colbert’s Raid, and the Civil War. The tour lasts one hour. Reservations are strongly recommended.

**November 6- Bird Watch** will be from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM. Kid’s birding programs and a special hike to view



the Eagle Nest will be held. Bring your binoculars. A limited number of children’s binoculars will be available for loan on a first come basis.

**November 13- Arkansas Post Fall Bayou Float**

See Arkansas Post the way early explorers did, from the bow of a canoe. The guided float will travel from Moore’s Bayou to Post Bayou. If you cannot bring your own canoe or kayak, some seats may be available. **Registration is required.**

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Arkansas Post National Memorial is located off State Highway 169, approximately 5 miles south of Gillett on US Highway 165. The Visitor Center is open 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM everyday (except Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year’s Day.) Guided tours and programs for groups may be available by advance reservation. Admission is free. Park grounds (Trails, Parking, Picnic, and Fishing areas) are open 8:00 AM till dark. Dogs must remain on leash. Fireworks and Hunting are prohibited on park grounds. Fishing is allowed along the banks of the lakes and bayous. (Arkansas Game & Fish regulations apply.)

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