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## **City Park Rangers to Kick Off New Year with Nature Walks**

The City of Columbia's Parks Rangers will kick off the New Year with two free nature walks, the Columbia Parks & Recreation Department announced.

Both youth and adults can participate in the following activities:

### **January Ranger Program Schedule**

#### **Last Day Leg Stretch | Sunday, December 31 | 1-2:30 pm**

Admire the views and learn about Riverfront Park's rich natural history on this New Year's Eve walk. *Meet at the Red Schoolhouse at the south end of Riverfront Park, 312 Laurel Street.*

#### **First Day at Riverfront Park | Monday, January 1 | 1 pm**

Join the Park Rangers for a brisk walk along the Columbia Canal and Broad River. Meet at the north end of Riverfront Park, 4122 River Drive.

#### **First Day at South East Park | Monday, January 1 | 2 pm**

Join our Park Ranger for a stroll around the pond beside the beautiful Live Oaks and learn about the South East Park's features and wildlife.

Meet at the ranger station at Southeast Park, 951 Hazelwood Road.

#### **Canal History Walk | Sunday, January 7 | 1 pm**

Join the rangers for a guided tour along the historic Columbia Canal and learn how it played a part in Columbia's growth for almost 200 years. We'll discuss the original canal, Columbia's Waterworks, the earliest hydropower plants, and the SC State Penitentiary (CCI).

Meet at the Red Schoolhouse at the south end of Riverfront Park, 312 Laurel Street.

#### **Tuesday Night History Walks | Tuesday, January 9, 16, 23 & 30 | 6 pm**

Walk along the canal and the historic waterworks buildings and discover how our waterways served the city in years past.

Meet at the Red Schoolhouse at the south end of Riverfront Park, 312 Laurel Street.

#### **Winter Nature Walks | Saturday, January 20 and 27 | 2 pm**

Walk with a ranger to discover clues about the natural world at the north end of Riverfront.

Meet at the north end of Riverfront Park, 4122 River Drive.

**One City, Two Canals & Three Rivers | Sunday, January 28 | 4pm**

Walk with us to learn how Columbia used our waterways in the past; hear about the evaluation of the Columbia Canal following 2015's flood and discover details about pending construction of the Three Rivers Greenway along the beautiful Lower Saluda River.

Meet at the Red Schoolhouse at the south end of Riverfront Park, 312 Laurel Street.

Guests are encouraged to dress comfortably, bring binoculars and field guides as well as any essentials like water, sunscreen, insect repellent and sturdy walking footwear.

For more information, contact the Parks & Recreation Department at 803-545-3100.

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