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City Park Rangers Offer Free Canal History Tours & Tree Identification Walk

The Columbia Parks & Recreation Department's park rangers will host free programs for youth and adults including a history tour on the Columbia Canal and tree identification walk in October.

Schedule

One City, Two Canals & Three Rivers | Sunday, October 8 | 4-5:30 p.m. | Riverfront Park, 312 Laurel Street

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 beside the Red Schoolhouse at Riverfront Park, 312 Laurel Street.

Canal History Tour | Sunday, October 15 | 1-2:30 p.m. | Riverfront Park, 312 Laurel Street

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 beside the Red Schoolhouse at Riverfront Park, 312 Laurel Street.

Free Rain Barrel for City Residents | Saturday, October 21 at 9 a.m., 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. | By Reservation Only | Riverfront Park, 312 Laurel Street

The City of Columbia wants to help you save money on your water bills by using rainwater instead of treated water to irrigate your garden. City of Columbia residents can qualify for one FREE rain barrel per household by attending a free rain barrel workshop. Park Rangers will demonstrate how to put together and install your rain barrel. The workshop is open to residents outside the City of Columbia in the Midlands area. **Those residents must purchase their discounted rain barrels online prior to the event.** To register for the free workshop, visit www.bluethumbbrainbarrel.com.

Meet beside the Red Schoolhouse at Riverfront Park, 312 Laurel Street.

Shady Tree I.D. | Saturday, October 28 | 1-2:30 p.m. | Riverfront Park, 4122 River Drive

Stroll along the paved park trail with a ranger to learn about the trees located in Riverfront Park, and take home a key to identify trees in your own neighborhood.

Meet at Riverfront Park's north parking lot, 4122 River Drive.

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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