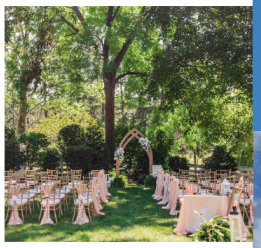
# Heritage Hall
at Lost Creek Reserve

*Reservable for:*

- Weddings
- Parties
- Meetings
- Trainings

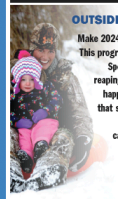


Discover Heritage Hall at Lost Creek Reserve - an exceptional venue that transcends ordinary spaces. Here, moments come alive as people gather to learn, celebrate and reconnect. Whether you're seeking a space for inspiring workshops, unforgettable celebrations, or heartfelt reunions, Heritage Hall offers it all.

- 5,361 square foot event venue
- 150-person capacity for banquet-style seating
- 275-person capacity for presentations
- Beautiful natural landscapes
- High-speed internet
- Audiovisual equipment
- Basic tables and chairs included in rental
- Accessible indoor restrooms
- Bridal room
- Demonstration kitchen

Information at MiamiCountyParks.com
or email HeritageHall@MiamiCountyParks.com

## HAPPY NEW YEAR
Be...Inspired by Nature



**OUTSIDE EVERYDAY CHALLENGE**

Make 2024 a year filled with outdoor adventure! This program is designed around your schedule. Spend family time outside bonding while reaping the benefits of feeling healthier and happier! Children will earn exciting prizes that spark imagination and have fun during outdoor exploration. How many hours can your family spend outside this year - 100, 500, 1000? Register today at MiamiCountyParks.com

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## LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

As we embark on a new year, I want to thank you for your continued support of our parks. Your presence along the trail, and participation in events like the Holiday Lights, Hug the Earth Festival and Fall Farm Fest highlights the parks' role as a central space for our community to gather and connect.

On the topic of places to gather, I'm excited to share the success of Heritage Hall at Lost Creek Reserve, which had a fantastic first year. People have enjoyed hosting their events and programs in this new building, and it's available for your events too. Feel free to reach out if you're interested in more information.

As you may know, conservation is at the heart of our mission, and we have seen some exciting projects in 2023. One significant initiative is the native habitat restoration project at John A. Wannemacher Nature Reserve. In collaboration with The Nature Conservancy, we're expanding wetlands, restoring the creek to a more natural state, and planting thousands of trees. This project is fully funded by The Nature Conservancy and will be completed spring of 2024. We encourage you to visit and witness the progress.

In closing I wanted to thank you for your continued support. Here's to a Happy New Year filled with community, nature and exciting adventures!

J. Scott Myers

# PARK PROGRAMS & EVENTS... Inspired by Nature

## FUN FOR ALL ADVENTURES

**OUTSIDE EVERY DAY CHALLENGE**
Get outside every day for a total of 1000 hours in 2024. Earn prizes while making memories!

**SIP & STROLL**
Bring a thermos & enjoy hot chocolate. This leisurely night walk will vary from .5 to 1.5 mile.
January 26, 7-8:30 p.m. LCR
February 23, 7-8:30 p.m. MRR
March 22, 8-9:30 p.m. GBWR

**DOG SOCIALS** 1-3 p.m.
January 21, HUNP March 17, SPR
February 18, CFP

**WINTER BIRD WALKS** 8:30-10:30 a.m.
Part of the Great Backyard Bird Count.
February 16, SPRRR February 17, GBWR

**WOODCOCK WALK**
March 8, 6:30-7:30 p.m. CFP

**FROG WALK**
March 29, 8-9:30 p.m. LCR

**EQUIP FOR THE ECLIPSE**
Workshop $5 - Must preregister
March 23, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. LCR

**MUSIC IN THE PARK**
March 30, 6-8 p.m. LCR
April 28, 2-4 p.m. SPR

**BUTTERFLY WALK** 2-4 p.m.
April 16, SPR May 7, SPR

**SPRING WILDFLOWER WALK**
April 17, 6-8 p.m. GBWS

**HUG THE EARTH FAMILY FESTIVAL**
Celebrate Earth Day at this fun, family festival. Watch for details in April.
April 20, 12-5 p.m. LCR

**OWLS & HOWLS**
May 3, 9-11 p.m. MRR

**ZIP & CLIMB ADVENTURE**
May 4, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Ages 8+, $10 LCR

**TRAIL RUN CHALLENGE 5K SERIES** 9 a.m.
Registration opens in March.
May 19, HUNP July 14, LCR
June 9, GBWR August 11, SPR

**DISCOVERY NIGHT HIKE**
May 24, 9 p.m. LCR

## CHILD ADVENTURES

**HOMESCHOOL NATURE CONNECTIONS**
Ages 9-13 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. LCR
$5 resident/$10 non-resident. Must preregister
April 12 May 10

**HOMESCHOOL NATURE QUEST**
Ages 6-9 10:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m. LCR
$5 resident/$10 non-resident. Must preregister
April 5 May 3

**SELF-LED FAMILY NIGHT HIKE**
Staggard start times starting at 6:30 p.m. LCR
March 1

**TRAILING MOMS & TOTS**
10:30-11:30 a.m. CFP
January 9 April 9
February 13 May 14
March 12

**PRESCHOOL IN THE PARK** 10:30 a.m. or 1 p.m.
Designed for ages 3 - 5 years of age.
January 16, LCR April 30, LCR
February 27, LCR May 21, CFP
March 19, LCR

**EGGSTRAVAGANZA**
Celebrate spring with a non-traditional egg hunt, pre-registration required. $5 per family
March 30, 11 a.m., 12 or 1 p.m. LCR

**KRITTER KITE FLY**
A kite building and flying adventure.
April 13, 12 p.m. SPR

**SENSORY HIKE**
A nature based sensory experience for our young friends with Autism or other sensory needs. Must be accompanied by an adult.
May 5, 1 p.m. LCR

## POP UP ADVENTURES

Pop-up programs are held based on the weather. Register for each pop-up program you are interested in and we will notify you when they occur.

- SELFIE SQUIRREL CHALLENGE
- SYRUP SATURDAYS - MRR

## ADULT ADVENTURES

**NATURE DISCOVERY HIKES** 9-11 a.m.
Get out in nature and learn together. Walks last about two hours and are not strenuous or fast-paced.
January 3, SPR April 3, SPR
February 7, CFP May 1, GBWS
March 6, LCR

**MORNING COFFEE HIKE** 9-10:30 a.m.
Bring your coffee mug and discover the trails in your parks. We will fill up our mugs to stay warm on this hour and a half long hike.
January 13, LCR March 9, SPR
February 10, CFP

**HOME HERBALISM** 6-7:30 p.m. LCR
Explore common herbs and the variety of ways they can heal what ails us. $10 class fee. Must preregister
January 17 "Herbal Tea Tasting"
April 11 "Spring Herb Walk"

**DATE NIGHT** Pre-registration required
Take your sweetheart on an outdoor adventure.
$5 couple resident/$10 couple non-resident
Feb.16 "Sweetheart Stroll" 6, 7 or 8 p.m. CFP
May 17 "Trivia Trek" 5, 6 or 7 p.m. LCR

**2024 DATE NIGHT CHALLENGE**
Details to come on our website and Facebook.

**SELF-LED MOTHER'S DAY STROLL**
This comical walk will help remind moms just how great they are while enjoying the wildflowers along the Scenic Stillwater River.
May 11-12, SPR

**MEATLESS MONDAYS**
$10 class fee includes meal. Must preregister
May 20, 5:30-7:30 p.m. LCR

**NATIVE PLANT WORKSHOP & SALE** LCR
Learn about native plants, how to use them in landscape and why they are so important to conservation efforts. The workshop registration fee comes with a free native plant. After the workshop, there will be a sale to purchase additional plants.
May 25
9-10 a.m. Workshop $5 - Must preregister
10 a.m.-2 p.m. Plant Sale - Open to public

PARK KEY
- Charleston Falls Preserve - CFP
- Garbry Big Woods Reserve - GBWR
- Garbry Big Woods Sanctuary - GBWS
- Hobart Urban Nature Preserve - HUNP
- Lost Creek Reserve - LCR
- Maple Ridge Reserve - MRR
- Stillwater Prairie Reserve - SPR
- Stillwater Prairie Rangeline Road - SPRRR

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