

FALL Programs 25 Years of Conservation

Learn more about our history and future



2018 Magnolia Partners



Nature Journal

Elevating Nature Through Exceptional Stewardship



Fayette County Library Picture Book Walk

The Fayette County Library presented the first Picture Book Walk at The Ridge Nature Area that began September 22 and will run through October 20, 2018. Families walk an outdoor trail and read pages from "Daniel Finds a Poem," by Micha Archer, on signposts along the way. It's a fun way to bring nature and literacy together! Our Fall 2018 Picture Book Walk is a partnership between the Fayette County Public Library and the Southern Conservation Trust, with support from Friends of the Fayette County Public Library.

The walk will be available at the Ridge Nature Area during its operating hours from September 22 through October 20. Programs will also be held at the library during this four-week time period.





Fall Outdoor Education
 We also offer Field Trips & Guided Nature Hikes
www.sctlandtrust.org/educational-programs

Fall is here, and the weather is cooling off, now's the time to join the Southern Conservation Trust and our amazing environmental education leaders for our fall educational programs! We offer a variety of outdoor programs at our six public nature areas in Fayette County. For more information or to schedule a program email our Director of Conservation and Outdoor Education, Nick Kilburg at nick@sctlandtrust.org.

Youth Archery
 Morgan Grove Nature Preserve

Nocturnal Night Hikes
 The Ridge Nature Area

Intro to Tree Climbing
 Morgan Grove Nature Preserve

Leave No Trace Workshop
 All SCT Properties

Animal Friends
 In your classroom!

What's in that Log
 In your classroom!

Skulls & Furs
 In your classroom!

Rocks of Georgia
 In your classroom!

Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Amendment
 A historic opportunity to protect Georgia's waters and lands.
 Vote Yes on Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Amendment 1 - November 6th, 2018.
 Learn more about why we support the amendment at www.georgiaoutdoorstewardship.org.



2018 trail at Morgan Grove Nature Preserve off Morgan Road in Fayette County, Georgia.

Who We Are: 1993 - 2018

As we celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the Southern Conservation Trust in 2018, we take a look at where we've come in the last 25 years!

The Southern Conservation Trust was founded in 1993 by a group of Fayette County residents that were eager to preserve greenspace in Peachtree City as it developed. Jerry Peterson, one of our founding members, is still a member of the SCT Board of Directors today.

It all began with just one property, Line Creek Nature Area - a property owned by the City of Peachtree City and managed by the Southern Conservation Trust, and was shortly followed by Flat Creek Nature Area and Sams Lake Bird Sanctuary in 1997.

We later added Morgan Grove Nature Area and Nesmith Preserve in the mid 2000's, and finally The Ridge Nature Area in 2012.

Throughout the years the Southern Conservation Trust focused on developing the nature areas in Fayette County and a handful of conservation easements in the Southern Crescent. We also became a haven for wildlife in Fayette County through volunteer work and scout projects.

Since June of 2013, ornithologists James Coleman and Brock Hutchins have conducted a bird count at The Ridge Nature Area. They have tracked over 108 species of birds, including Sharp-Shinned Hawks, American Kestrel Falcons, Yellow Billed Cuckoos, Barred Owls, and many more.

In 2017, all of our public nature areas in Fayette County received Wildlife Sanctuary Certification from the Atlanta Audubon Society.

Our Camp WILD nature camps began in 2013 and we now have 5+ camps serving over 150 children a year in Fayette and Coweta counties.

In 2015, the Southern Conservation Trust had 1,600 acres of land under conservation in the Southern Crescent. We now protect over 16,000 acres in Georgia and Tennessee and by the end of 2018 we will have expanded to North Carolina, South Carolina, and Alabama with an estimated 30,000+ acres conserved.

As of 2018, we have 12 dedicated Board Members and 5 full-time staff. With the Southern Conservation Trust's growth and recent expansion, our Board of Directors and staff met in March of 2018 to redefine who we are as an organization.

The outcome was something incredible, a new mission statement! Our new mission is to "Elevate nature through exceptional stewardship". We think this encompasses all the work we're doing here locally in Fayette County and throughout the Southeast through our public nature areas, environmental education, and land conservation efforts.

Join us as we grow and protect wildlife and land throughout the Southeast!

Upcoming Events

Fall 2018
 October 19th
 Library Story Time
 The Ridge Nature Area
 10am

October 20th
 Intro to Tree Climbing
 Morgan Grove
 9am - 11am

October 27th
 Haunted Woods
 The Ridge Nature Area
 6pm - 9pm

November 17th
 Youth Archery
 Morgan Grove
 9am - 11am

December 8th
 Laser Skeet Shooting
 Morgan Grove
 2pm - 6pm

February 16th
 Run The Ridge 5k
 The Ridge Nature Area
 8am

Volunteer Days Coming Soon!





Echols Mill Quarry, a 2018 conservation project in Oglethorpe County, Georgia.

Be a Hero for Nature

Membership to the Southern Conservation Trust offers many benefits including, discounted camps and programs, event tickets, and so much more. Your partnership allows us to continue to conserve over 16,000 acres throughout Georgia and Eastern Tennessee. Our members are also the reason we're able to run six public nature areas in Fayette County, protecting greenspace, conserving forests, safeguarding rivers, sheltering wildlife, providing environmental education, and ensuring that everyone has access to nature in our own communities throughout the great state of Georgia.

By becoming a member of the Southern Conservation Trust, your partnership allows us to continue to protect additional land across the state and to provide the highest level of public nature areas and outdoor education programming. Each membership helps us to ensure that land in the state of Georgia is protected for a lifetime.

Thank you to our 2018 Magnolia Partners!



For maps and directions to our public nature areas please visit our website at www.sctlandtrust.org and follow us on Facebook and Instagram

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