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City Park Rangers Offer Free Canal History Tour, Thanksgiving Walk

Enjoy the fall weather with family and friends by taking a nature and history walk with a city Park Ranger. Both youth and adults can participate in the following free activities hosted by the Columbia Parks & Recreation Department:

Schedule

Riverfront Park Canal History | Sunday, November 19 | 1-2pm

Riverfront Park has been a central feature in the life of the City Of Columbia. From early transportation networks and grist mills to the industrial age, our park's features reveal times past. Dress for the forecast, wear good walking shoes, and pack your refillable water bottle. *Meet at the south end of Riverfront Park, 312 Laurel St.*

Thanksgiving Walk-It-Off | Saturday and Sunday, November 25 & 26 | 2-3:30pm

Waddle with us on a Ranger-guided nature walk and work off that Thanksgiving feast! It's always a good idea to bring along binoculars and field guides along with essentials like water, sunscreen, bug repellent, hats and sturdy walking shoes. This year we invite you to join us on both Saturday and Sunday at both ends of Riverfront Park- each site has its distinct charms and is worth exploring.

On **Saturday, November 25**, join us at the south end of Riverfront Park at the Red Schoolhouse (312 Laurel Street).

On **Sunday, November 26**, join us at the north end of Riverfront Park on the Canal Headgates (4122 River Drive).

Lantern Workshop | Saturday, December 2 | 2-4pm

This workshop will prepare you to join our Solstice Lantern Parade on Thursday, December 21 and light your home through winter's dark days. Using natural materials including willow, bamboo and elaeagnus along with repurposed paper, the lanterns are designed to hold a battery operated LED light. Cost: \$5 per lantern

Meet at the Columbia Art Center, 1227 Taylor St., Ste. C.

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.

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