

A Sampling of Interpretive Activities

Sunset Cruise/Lake Cruise

Minimum: 15 / Maximum: 30

\$12 per adult; \$6 per child (ages 6-12); children under 6 ride free

Discover the history of the lake, discuss native wildlife, and explore the rugged beauty of the Ouachita Mountains on this scenic and relaxing boat ride.

Eagle Watch Cruise

Availability: November 1-February 29

Minimum: 15 / Maximum: 30

\$12 per adult; \$6 per child (ages 6-12); children under 6 ride free

Venture out onto the lake in search of wintering bald eagles, ospreys, loons, coots, grebes, and more. Be sure to bundle up for the weather—it is always colder out on the water.

Snorkeling Adventure

Availability: June - mid September

Minimum: 15 / Maximum: 20

\$20 per adult; \$10 per child (ages 8-12)

Boat out to an island, snorkel along the shoreline, and see fish, crayfish and more! *Children must be at least 8 years old to snorkel. Under 13 must be accompanied by an adult.*

Kayak Lake Tour

Availability: April-October

Maximum Group Size: 10

Fee: \$15 per paddler; \$10 per child (6-12) riding with

Explore the beauty of DeGray Lake from inside a kayak! Kayaks, paddles, and lifejackets are provided, and no paddling experience is necessary.

Participants must be 10 to paddle solo. There is limited space for children under 10 to ride with an adult.

Guided Hikes

Maximum Group Size: 30 at one time | Free

Guided nature hikes are popular with groups. Hikes can focus on any nature topic. The most popular hike requests are Nature Hike, Night Hike, and Owl Prowl.

Who wants to be a Park Interpreter?

Group Size: any | Free

This fun and educational game is based on the hit TV "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire" show. The audience will answer questions on nature, Arkansas, and DeGray.

Edible Insects

Group Size: any | Free

Explore the benefits of insects within the food chain, and various ways insects are eaten around the world. Those brave enough to try a bug will receive something special!

Live Snake Program

Group Size: any | Free

Discover the types of reptiles that can be found in the park while getting to meet a couple live ones up close. Discussion will include identification, habitat, and behaviors of Arkansas's slithering species.

Furbearers of Arkansas

Group Size: any | Free

Discuss the mammals of Arkansas. Focus includes habitat, behavior, as well as the role mammals played in the early exploration of settlement of this area. Park interpreter provides audience with the opportunity to examine and feel real animal pelts.

Raptor Review

Group Size: any | Free

Discuss the different types of raptors and birds of prey that live around DeGray. Focus is on conservation and characteristics of each type of bird. Park interpreter provides mounted specimens for audience to examine.

Geocaching Island Hopper

Minimum: 15 / Maximum: 30

\$12 per adult; \$6 per child (ages 6-12); children under 6 ride free

Join the worldwide activity and embark on a GPS scavenger hunt to locate hidden capsules on a few of DeGray's islands and harder to reach areas of shoreline. Interpreters will provide a GPS unit for the adventure - geocaching apps are also available for smart phones.

Primitive Fire Demonstration

Group Size: any | Free (outdoor only - weather dependent)

Discover the age-old art of starting fire with nothing more than what nature provides! Park interpreter provides materials, instruction, and opportunity for hands-on participation.

