



Georgia Becoming an Outdoors-Woman (BOW) 2021 Calendar of Events

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February:

February 22 – Give it a Shot: Shotgun at Charlie Elliott Wildlife Center & Clybel Shooting Range – 10am-2pm

Are you new to shooting? Do you prefer a hands-on approach to learning? If you answered yes to both, the Give It a Shot program is for you! Charlie Elliott Wildlife Center will be offering a women's-only shotgun course, which will focus on the basics of firearm safety and shooting, with time in the classroom and on the range. Participants will have the opportunity to practice using a shotgun in a safe and structured environment. The cost is \$10 per person. The event is open to women ages 18 and older. A Georgia hunting or fishing license is required for this class. The class is open to 10 participants. Please call 770-784-3059 or visit <https://georgiawildlife.doubleknot.com/selection/73913> to register.



March:

March 20 – Foraging Hike & Edible Plant ID - 10am-2pm

Our backyards are abundant with edible medicinal plants and mushrooms, but how do you begin identifying them? Join Forager Chick, Anne-Marie, for a morning of foraging on the trails of Charlie Elliott Wildlife Center. Participants will collect specimens, learn how to properly identify species, and share recipes for meals and natural remedies. Good walking shoes, a water bottle, a light snack, and insect repellent are recommended. If you like taking notes, bring a notebook as well. The event is open to women ages 18 and older. The cost is \$5 per person. Please call 770-784-3059 or visit <https://georgiawildlife.doubleknot.com/selection/73913> to register.



March 20 – Interpretive Hike at Providence Canyon State Park – 10am-1pm

Join an interpretive ranger at Providence Canyon State Park for a hike into the canyons to learn about campfire building, hiking pack essentials, and erosion. Class will begin promptly at 10am. Bring a packed lunch, plenty of water, and good walking shoes as parts of the trail are moderate to rugged. The cost is \$10 per person with \$5 parking fee. Please call 229-838-4706 to register.

March 27 – Georgia SHARP (Safe Harvest and Responsible Practices) Hunters: Turkey – 9am-5pm

Curious about hunting but don't know where to begin? Have you had an unsuccessful hunt and want to learn what you need to generate success? Look no further than the newest Charlie Elliott Wildlife Center program: SHARP! The goal is to provide new

and upcoming hunters with the basic knowledge and skills required to confidently pursue Georgia's wild game on their own. The day's instruction will focus on skills other than shooting. Each event will cover safety, hunting regulations, game identification, hunting techniques and tactics, scouting, hunting gear, and care and handling of harvested game. The event is open to women ages 18 and older. The cost is \$20 per person and includes lunch. Please call 770-784-3059 or visit <https://georgiawildlife.doubleknot.com/selection/73913> to register.

April

April 30-May 2 – Women’s Specialty Hunt: Turkey – 5pm Friday – noon Sunday

This is a three-day, two-night program geared towards the new hunter. Topics that will be covered include: a safety overview and shotgun patterning, guided hunts on Saturday and Sunday, as well as a discussion of turkey biology, habitat, and behavior. Participants will learn how to dress a turkey with any harvest. This program will coincide with a Youth Turkey Hunt and Learn at CEWC. The cost is \$130 which includes meals and lodging at the Charlie Elliott Wildlife Center. A hunting license is required to participate in this event. For more information and to register, call 770-784-3059 or visit <https://georgiawildlife.doubleknot.com/selection/73913>



April 30-May 2 – Beyond BOW: Black Rock Mountain State Park -1pm Friday – noon Sunday

Join us for a weekend trip to the North Georgia mountains, where we will explore the ecosystems and wildlife found throughout the Blue Ridge ecoregion! Participants will get to hike the trails of Black Rock Mountain State Park, snorkel in freshwater streams, and more. The cost is \$210 which includes lodging at Black Rock Mountain State Park and meals. The schedule and link to registration for this event is on the Georgia Becoming an Outdoors-Woman website at <https://georgiawildlife.com/BOW>.



May

May 8 – Paint-a-Pollinator at Charlie Elliott Wildlife Center – 10am-2pm

Feeling creative? Interested in learning more about the native, pollinating wildlife that call Georgia home? Join DNR wildlife biologist, Anna Yellin, for a morning of painting pollinators! Learn how to ID common Georgia pollinators while bringing plain garden rocks to life. No experience required; we welcome all levels of creative ability. All supplies will be provided. This event is open to mother/daughter pairs, ages 10 and up. For more information and to register, call 770-784-3059 or visit <https://georgiawildlife.doubleknot.com/selection/73913>

June

June 5 - Birding at Crooked River State Park – 8:30-11am

Spend a summer morning hiking and birdwatching near Crooked River State Park. Join a park ranger on a field trip to springtime breeding grounds for hundreds of birds, such as wood storks, herons, egrets, shorebirds, ibis, stilts, and roseate spoonbills. Good walking shoes recommended as the 2 miles of trails are unpaved and uneven. Binoculars available. Check-in begins at 8:30am. Participants will meet at the nature center and head to the rookery as a group. This event is open to 15 participants. The cost is \$10 plus \$5 parking fee. For more information and to register, please call the visitors center at 912-882-5256.



August

August 21 - Stand-up Paddle Boarding (SUP) at Sweetwater Creek State Park – 5-7pm

Escape the big city with an evening paddle on the lake at Sweetwater Creek State Park. This will be an introduction to stand-up paddle boarding (SUP) and will cover safety, how to launch and stand up on a paddle board, basic strokes, and falling off/getting back on the board. Dress to get wet! Participants must be able to swim. Water shoes recommended. The cost is \$20 plus \$5 parking. This event is open to 8 participants. For more information and to register, please call the visitors center at 770-732-5871.



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September

September 18 - Tree Climbing at Panola Mountain State Park – 1pm and 3pm sessions

Freedom, excitement, a rush of adrenaline and the thrill of adventure; our reasons for climbing today are still the same. Experience Canopy-Adventure-Research-Educational Technical Tree Climbing (CARE TTC), the type of rope assisted technical tree climbing offered at Panola Mountain State Park. There are two sessions available. Session 1 begins at 1pm and session 2 begins at 3pm. Each session is open to 9 participants. Loose, comfortable clothing that does not impede movement and closed-toe shoes are recommended. The cost is \$15 per person. For more information and to register, please call 770-389-7801.

October

October 16 - Archery at Hard Labor Creek State Park – 10am-2pm

Join an interpretive ranger for a morning of shooting arrows! This event is your chance to gain some archery skills. Soon, you will be hitting the bullseye. All equipment will be provided. Program geared to participants 18 years old and up. Space limited to 10 participants. The cost is \$10 per person and \$5 parking. For more information and to register, please call 706-557-3001.

November

November 5-7 - The 10th Annual BOW Workshop at Charlie Elliott Wildlife Center

Want to learn more about fishing, hunting, geocaching, wildlife photography, preparing game for meals or other outdoor topics? Be sure to sign up to attend the Becoming an Outdoors Woman workshop scheduled for Nov. 5-7 at the Charlie Elliott Wildlife Center. BOW workshops focus on learning outdoor skills in a safe and structured environment. Class activities cover topics such as hunting, shooting, fishing, and more. These are learning opportunities primarily designed for women 18 years of age or older. Beginners are welcome and encouraged. The cost ranges from \$245-\$290 depending on the type of lodging accommodation selected. For more information, call 770-784-3163. Find more details and access registration at <https://georgiawildlife.com/BOW>.

December

December 11 - Wilderness Skills at Magnolia Springs State Park

Join us at Magnolia Springs State Park for a day of fun and adventure in the great outdoors. We'll start our day off with a hike to Magnolia Lake, then kayak across the lake to our primitive skills station where we'll tackle fire building and knot tying. Participants will then explore the basics of campfire cooking, and each can make their own lunch over the fire. After lunch, we'll channel our inner Katniss Everdene on the archery range before kayaking back. The cost is \$25 per person. Please call the park office to register and pay: 478-982-1660. Deadline to signup is December 7th.

See you out there!

