

# Nature and History Programs

## December 2016



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### Hiwan Holiday Walk

*Friday, December 2* 5–9pm  
*Hiwan Heritage Park and Museum* All Ages

Hiwan Museum will be roasting chestnuts on an open fire and offering hot cider and popcorn outside, while visitors can view the 18-foot tall tree and Christmas decorations and enjoy crafts inside the Museum. Shuttles will run to and from the Museum to for the downtown festivities.

### December Birds at Lair o' the Bear

*Saturday, December 3* 8:30–11:30am  
*Lair o' the Bear* Adults Only

Join our monthly birding group at Lair o' the Bear. Observe and discover how to identify our local birds.

### History Hunt

*Sunday, December 4* 12–3pm  
*White Ranch* All Ages

Bundle up and go on a history hunt! Families will follow a scavenger hunt worksheet and find some historical treasures in White Ranch. Drop by anytime from noon to 3pm to participate at your own pace. Successful history hunters will get a prize.

### Jeffco Open Space Nature Journal Club: Painting the Colors of Nature

*Thursday, December 8* 5:30–8:30pm  
*Lookout Mountain Nature Center* All Ages

The limited colors in our painting palettes rarely match the endless hues found in the natural world. Working indoors while using natural objects from the Lookout Mountain Nature Center collections, discover strategies for mixing a wide variety of colors including earthy browns and subtle grays. Please don't forget to bring an item for a potluck dinner!

### 'Tis the Season to Learn About Scat

*Wednesday, December 11* 10am–1pm  
*Lookout Mountain Nature Center* All Ages

Were you a "stinker" this year? Then join us to learn about different types of animal scat. Compare carnivore and herbivore scat. Make your own holiday crap...er, craft. Drop-in program. No registration required.

### Hiwan Christmas Tea

*Monday, December 12* 11:30am–2pm  
*Hiwan Heritage Museum* All Ages

Set aside the hustle and bustle of the season. Enjoy a light lunch and Christmas Tea at Hiwan Homestead Museum. Sponsored by the Jefferson County Historical Society.

### Nature's Gifts

*Wednesday, December 14; Thursday, December 15; OR Saturday, December 17* 10am–12pm  
*Lookout Mountain Nature Center* Ages 2–8 with Adult

Have fun making nature-related holiday crafts for your loved ones. This special program takes the place of our normally scheduled Preschool Nature Nuts. Suggested donation of \$3 per child for craft supplies.

### Spacecraft Missions of 2016

*Friday, December 16* 7–8:30pm  
*Lookout Mountain Nature Center* Ages 13+ w/ Adult

Lockheed Martin Propulsion Engineer Adam Pender will discuss the Juno mission to Jupiter, the launch of the next-generation Earth weather satellite GOES-R, and other spacecraft missions followed by a Q&A session.

### December Birds at Lair o' the Bear

*Saturday, December 17* 8:45–11:45am  
*Lair o' the Bear* Adults Only

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### Winter Solstice Campfire

*Wednesday, December 21* 6–8pm  
*Bear Creek Lake Park* All Ages

Welcome the first day of winter with naturalists from Bear Creek Lake Park and Lookout Mountain Nature Center. Go on a short night hike and roast marshmallows. \$2/person. Register before 12/16.

### Owl Watch

*Saturday, December 31* 4–6pm  
*Lair o' the Bear* Adults Only

Top off our year long bird survey at Lair o' the Bear Park, Owl Watch will listen for owls at dusk and early evening.

Registration opens one month in advance of program. Visit [LMNC.eventbrite.com](http://LMNC.eventbrite.com) for more information and registration.