History Walks





12,000 YEAR HISTORY PARK

History Walks, which are approximately 2 miles long, and start at the Cayce Tennis and Fitness Center located at 1120 Fort Congaree Trail in Cayce. We recommend that you wear comfortable shoes and bring a hat, sunscreen, insect repellant and plenty of water.



Contact us to request a special event or program at 803-796-9020!
All programs and events begin at 10 AM and are open and free to the public.

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Enjoy themed history walks through the Congaree Creek exploring the living history of an area that has been inhabited for more than 12,000 years!



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Civil War Battle of Congaree Creek

It's 1865 and General William T. Sherman has just cut a swath of destruction across Georgia and now has eyes on South Carolina. As Sherman said, "I almost tremble for her (SC) fate, but feel that she deserves all that seems in store for her." Relive how these forces collided at the Battle of Congaree Creek. Learn about Sherman's march to Columbia that culminated in the City's destruction!

First Fort Congaree

A massacre, murder and a kidnapping! These great stories are part of the Fort Congaree program! Walk to the 1718 Old Fort Congaree site and learn about the struggles of the colonial settlers and the South Carolina Native Americans. Delve into the Deerskin Economy, then travel forward in time to Fort Congaree 2 and Fort Granby.

Native American Lifeways

Native Americans played a strategic role in the economy and welfare of the Carolina Colony. Walk the beautiful trails at the 12,000 Year History Park to learn more about their role here and how the historic resources of the park are relevant to the lives and culture of Native peoples today, including the Cherokees and Catawbas.

Civil War Battle of Congaree Creek Lantern Program

Walk by candlelight through the site of the battle with stops along the way where re-enactors in period attire tell how and why the battle was fought as General Sherman's Union Army approached Columbia in February 1865.



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