



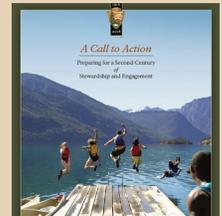
Currents

Walk or Run with Rangers at Cochran Shoals



Left to right: Isaiah Fitzgerald runs Wednesdays and Fridays; Frank Ouellette walks Mondays (and Wednesdays at Sope Creek); Raukisha Talley is our backup runner; Rudy Evenson runs Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Interstate North-- On January 1, park rangers began a new program to reach out to the fitness community at Cochran Shoals. **Run and Walk with a Ranger** departs from Interstate North every weekday at noon. See you there!



Superintendent's Corner **Get Healthy Outside**

*Island Ford--*In 2016, the National Park Service will celebrate 100 years of conserving America's treasures and providing for their enjoyment. **"A Call to Action"** lists NPS goals for our next century. We can all meet Goal #6, "Take a Hike and Call Me in the Morning," now at CRNRA. Get healthy this winter by biking, walking, or running the trails--just don't forget to dress in layers! It's chilly!

--Bill Cox,
Superintendent, CRNRA

Dave Harris is Volunteer of the Year for 2013

*Island Ford--*On November 16, the official friends group of CRNRA, **Chattahoochee Parks Conservancy**, hosted a thank-you party to recognize our most dedicated volunteers. From October 1, 2012, to September 30, 2013, volunteers worked a total of 43,500 hours on trail maintenance, river cleanups, and other projects. This was the equivalent of an extra 21 full-time employees at a park with only 40 regular staff. With volunteer time valued at \$22/hour, the total value was \$957,00! THANK YOU!

Left to right: Roger Buerki, Dave Harris, Bob Bagus, Dyna Kohler, and Michael Bartell each contributed over 500 hours to the park in 2013! Congratulations to Volunteer of the Year Dave Harris, who put in over 600 hours. Thanks to all our wonderful volunteers!



UPCOMING RANGER-LED PROGRAMS

- Every Weekday: Run or Walk with a Ranger**, Interstate North (off Exit 22 from I-285) NOON
- Feb. 15: Winter Owl Prowl**, CREEC, 8615 Barnwell Rd., Johns Creek, 30022, 6:00 to 9:00 PM
- Feb. 22: Star Bright Winter Campfire**, CREEC, 8615 Barnwell Rd., Johns Creek, 30022, 6:00 to 8:30 PM

Reservations required for all programs: call 678-538-1200.
For a complete list, check our website at <http://www.nps.gov/chat/planyourvisit/events.htm>

New Places and Faces

Farewell to Law Enforcement Ranger Emily Henderson!

After an outstanding two-year term at Chattahoochee River, Emily has accepted a permanent law enforcement ranger job at Chickasaw National Recreation Area in Oklahoma. Good luck Emily, we'll miss you!

Farewell to Superintendent's Secretary Mary Beach!

Administrative superstar Mary Beach has completed an unforgettable three-year tour with Chattahoochee River, and will be moving on to a new position with the Department of Defense in her beloved St. Augustine, Florida. We'll miss you, Mary! Good luck!

Farewell to Law Enforcement Ranger Josh Baldwin! After five years of serving as the park's wildland fire coordinator in addition to his law enforcement duties, Josh Baldwin is moving to the Fee and Commercial Enforcement Unit at Grand Canyon National Park. Good luck, Josh! We'll miss you!

Welcome Superintendent's Secretary David Bryant!

David will be joining us for a 60-day detail. He is a valuable asset on loan from the Southeast Regional Office, where he serves as secretary to the regional deputy director.

Welcome intern Mounica Kota! Mounica is a part-time intern in the Natural Resources division. She is a student at Oglethorpe University.

Cochran Shoals T-Shirts are Here!

Island Ford--Last June, we held a design contest on our Facebook page to create a logo for our most popular trail. Visitor Loren Braxton's winning design appears on the back of the shirt. Braxton's design is the first in a series of logos to be developed for all our sites. Watch our [Facebook page](#) for the Sope Creek contest this spring! The new Cochran Shoals t-shirts are available at our Island Ford Visitor Center, as well as Big Peach Running Company in Marietta (1062 Johnson Ferry Road) and Brookhaven (705 Town Blvd. Ste. 340.) Fleet Feet Sports at 224 Johnson Ferry Road NE also has them.



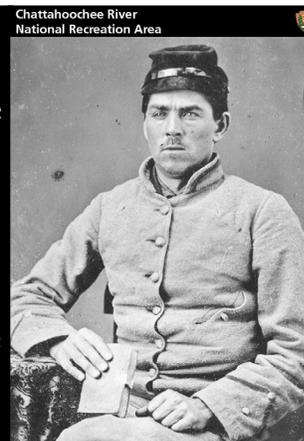
Cooperators from Oklahoma State Cooperative Fish & Wildlife Research Unit, Georgia DNR, Georgia Power, and NPS Southeast Regional Office join CRNRA biologist Paula Capece (second from right) tagging and measuring bass for the research project.



Bass-O-Matic

Bowmans Island--Did you know that there is a species of black bass found only in the Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint River system? Shoal bass were first described scientifically in 1999. The Chattahoochee River population, however, seems to be showing signs of mixing with the small-mouth bass from lower down the river and becoming genetically indistinct. Park biologists have now begun a grant-funded study to assess their genetic integrity and population status.

Civil War Trading Cards are here! 2014 is the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Atlanta. Learn what role the Chattahoochee River and its mills played in 1864 by collecting all 5 cards. More information in the "For Kids" feature on www.nps.gov/chat!



Boat Rental Concession Coming to Powers Island and JFN

A contractor rehabilitates the pavilion at Powers Island for a new concessioner.



Powers Island and Johnson Ferry North--If you have visited Powers Island or Johnson Ferry North (JFN) lately, you might have noticed some work being done on the pavilions. In August, the National Park Service **announced a concession opportunity** for a watercraft rental operation at Powers Island and JFN. The agency is currently reviewing proposals, and will select an outfitter to begin this summer. While other business will still be allowed to bring customers in rental boats to NPS boat ramps and take them out, only the selected concessioner will be authorized to stage and store equipment or conduct rental transactions (i.e. take money) on NPS property at the pavilions. The concession contract will increase park revenues and improve visitors' experience when renting watercraft.