

Reserve a Ranger is a flexible program offered to individuals, families, or groups that have an interest in the great outdoors. On the posted days a ranger will be available during the published time slot for customized programming at chosen or designated High Bridge Trail parking lot. Please email High Bridge Trail State Park or call the park interpreter to reserve your slot today.

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Winter Options

Once Upon A Railroad: Join a ranger for a 1.5 mile hike at Camp Paradise as they take you back in time to the 1850s. You'll learn how High Bridge served as both an economic turning point for Farmville and a historical impact for the country.

Remnants of the Railroad Scavenger Hunt: All along High Bridge Trail are remnants of the past, such as the mile markers, telegraph poles, and much more. Join us for a ranger led scavenger hunt to find these pieces of history. Once you find the objects, a ranger will discuss how the object played a role in the South Side Railroad. Starting at the River Road parking lot is the best option for this program!

Fireside Stories: Bring a blanket and a cup of your favorite hot chocolate to enjoy "fireside stories". A ranger will start a warm campfire as they tell the tale of High Bridge Trail.

The Hidden World of Bats: When you picture a bat, you probably think of a vampire-like creature that roams the earth looking for its next victim, but bats are not like that at all. They are actually incredibly beneficial to our ecosystem, and some of them are kind of cute. During this program, a ranger will give you the inside scoop on how these little creatures play a not so little role.

Art in Parks: Art is all around us, and it's called nature! For the winter months, enjoy decorating "tree cookies"! Tree cookies are thinly sliced pieces of a small tree. They make great coasters, ornaments, decorations, and gifts.

Ride with a Ranger: Join a ranger for a guided bike ride. They'll point out scenes from history and identify any wildlife or native flora found along High Bridge Trail. We recommend starting in downtown Farmville and traveling east towards High Bridge. The maximum distance for a round trip for this program is 12 miles. (The availability for this program will vary according to the forecasted temperature).