

# Winter Fun *Wilderness Wildlife Week*

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Wilderness Wildlife Week provides nearly 300 ways for you to become familiar with the beauty of the Great Smoky Mountains and its cultural heritage. Free activities over an eight day period will connect you with the great outdoors and the beauty and intrigue of the mountains. Many events during this spectacular week are kid-friendly, and all are fun!



Choose from nearly 300 ways to get to know the beauty of the Great Smoky Mountains and its cultural heritage during Wilderness Wildlife Week January 25, 2014 to February 1, 2014. Lots of free activities take place over an eight day period and will connect you with the great outdoors.

Take your pick of things to do. There are numerous workshops and lectures, more than 50 guided walks and hikes, and a photography contest. The hikes and excursions – including a llama trek – into the National Park complement the indoor programs and range from easy to challenging.

The photography contest invites contributions to the following categories: amateur, wildlife, landscapes, professional, youth and young adult submissions, landmarks, and black and white photographs. This allows many unique ways to capture the beauty of the Smoky Mountains.

Experience the music of Appalachian mountain heritage! In addition to music, cloggers will join in with a unique style of dancing.

Breathe in the fresh mountain air as you hike along mountain rivers or try your skills at photography.



More than 150 experts – nature photographers, biologists, raptor rehabilitators, social historians, musicians, and just plain folks who grew up in the Smokies – donate their time to lead Wilderness Wildlife Week programs about natural history, wildlife, outdoor recreation, nature photography, conservation efforts and cultural history.

Many events are kid-friendly. There are 20 programs designed especially for kids, 22 that examine the heritage of the Smokies, and more than a dozen photography courses.

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