



Georgia Becoming an Outdoors-Woman (BOW) 2023 Calendar of Events

These events are open to women aged 18 or older.

License and Pass Requirements can be fulfilled with Day Passes.

Additional information will be given upon registration prior to the event.



January 21st – How to Field Dress and Quarter a Deer: Charlie Elliott Wildlife Center

10:00 am -2:00 pm Cost: \$10.00 License or Pass: Not Required
Max: 12

Due to popular demand at the conference this class is now being offered as a one-day event. The instructor will demonstrate how to field dress (remove entrails) and quarter a freshly harvested deer. The instructor will demonstrate tools such as a gut hook, gambrel and pulley, and a bone saw. We'll discuss which parts are edible, how to identify the major cuts of meat, and explain how to keep the meat uncontaminated. Please visit the [website](#) or call 770-784-3059 to register.



February 11th – Fall in Love with Leaving No Trace and Fire Building: Charlie Elliott Wildlife Center

10:00am – 2:00 pm Cost \$15.00 License or Pass: Not Required
Max: 16

Headed outside on an adventure and want to make sure you leave the land that you're utilizing in the same if not better shape than you found it? Come take a Leave No Trace Class taught with games and activities. A bonus to the class is building a fire that meets your needs and requirements of the area you're recreating in, including some demonstrations on cooking tools in case open flame isn't an option. Trail-style lunch samples will be provided as part of the no-fire option cooking demonstration. Highly recommended for those planning on attending the Backpacking 102 course in May! Please visit the [website](#) or call 770-784-3059 to register.



March 11th – Give it a Shot Handgun: Charlie Elliott Wildlife Center & Clybel Shooting Range

9:30 am - 2:00 pm Cost: \$10.00 License or Pass: Hunting or Fishing Required
Max: 10

Are you new to shooting? Do you prefer a hands-on approach to learning? If you answered yes to both, the Give It a Shot program is for you! Charlie Elliott Wildlife Center will be offering a women's-only handgun course, which will focus on the basics of firearm safety and shooting, with time in the classroom and on the range. Participants will have the opportunity to practice using a handgun in a safe and structured environment. Please visit the website or call 770-784-3059 to register.



April 1st - No Fooling, Just Fishing: Charlie Elliott Wildlife Center

9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Cost: \$10.00

License or Pass: Fishing Required

Max: 20

You asked and we planned it! Come out for a day of relaxation and fishing at Charlie Elliott. Staff will be available for those that have not yet learned the basics of fishing, otherwise this a peer-meets-peer event. Lunch will be learning to filet and cook what’s caught along with potluck style sides. Bring your own drink of choice for the day. Current fisherwomen and those looking to learn are all welcome. Instructors will be available. Please visit the

[website](#) or call 770-784-3059 to register.

April 22nd – Medicinal Salves and Tour: Chief Vann House State Historic Site

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Cost: \$15.00

License or Pass: State Historic Site Pass Required

Max: 10

Tour the Vann House’s Shade, Three-Sisters, and Physician’s Gardens before taking part in crafting your own medicinal salve from wild plantain leaves. Call the Vann House office Thursday- Saturday from 9 am – 5 pm at 706-695-2598 to register.



April 29th – Wilderness and Survival Skills: Fort McCallister

9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Cost: \$25.00

License or Pass: State Parks Pass

Max: 24

This hands-on interactive workshop will focus on the first 72 hours of emergency survival. Together we will learn essential skills, including building a survival shelter, fire making techniques, basic navigation skills, basket weaving for hunting and gathering, and ash soap making. Participants will need to bring a survival knife and small tarp. The knife will need to

have a full tang and the blade must be at least 4 inches long. Questions can be directed to Autumn Pinault at:

autumn.pinault@dnr.ga.gov. Register for the event by calling park office: [\(912\) 727-2339](tel:9127272339)

* The site also offers a full campground for \$10 +tax per night for those that are interested in staying overnight in conjunction with the program.

May 6th- 7th - Backpacking 102: FDR State Park

3:00 pm Saturday – 11:30 am Sunday

Cost: \$30.00

License or Pass: State Parks Pass

Max: 8

Ever wanted to go backpacking but didn’t want to purchase all the necessary gear? This course will allow you to try out backpack camping without breaking the bank. We will cover the basics including finding trails, packing, fitting your gear, where to camp, utilizing equipment, building fires, and some tips and tricks for a variety of outdoor scenarios while out on the trail. This hands-on course is sure to be educational and fun! This is an OVERNIGHT course. More information and a “What to Bring” list for personal items will be given out once registered with Danielle Joerger at Danielle.joerger@dnr.ga.gov or (706) 663-4858.

May 17th and 18th – Fish Tech for the Day: An Artemis/BOW Partnership Event at McDuffie Fish Hatchery

Event Cost: \$0/Lodging on Own

License or Pass: Fishing License

This two-day event will have us removing fish, draining a pond and finding all the interesting life that abides there. A tour of the hatchery and fishing will be included. Please save these dates and look for registration, lodging and other detailed information coming after the first of the year. This exciting last-minute addition will require another planning meeting before registration is available.



May 20th - Keeping Georgia Wild Festival: Charlie Elliott Wildlife Center

9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Cost: FREE

License or Pass: None Required

Bring your family and come join us for the Keeping Georgia Wild Festival where family members and friends can try their hand at fishing, archery, shooting sports, tree climbing and much more. The event is open to everyone, no registration required.



July 15th – Kayaking 101: Hard Labor Creek State Park

7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Cost: \$20.00 License or Pass: State Parks Pass

Max: 12

Learn the basic movements of kayaking on a safe and peaceful section of Lake Rutledge. Equipment provided. Please bring water, sunscreen, bug repellent, and a change of clothes/towel. Please call the park office at 706-557-3001 to register and make payment. They will be taking a cell phone number to stay in contact regarding any weather updates. This cost includes the kayak rental, you can bring your own for \$15.



August 7th – Give it a Shot Rifle: Charlie Elliott Wildlife Center & Clybel Shooting Range

9:30 am - 2:00 pm

Cost: \$10.00

License or Pass: Hunting or Fishing License

Are you new to shooting? Do you prefer a hands-on approach to learning? If you answered yes to both, the Give It a Shot program is for you! Charlie Elliott Wildlife Center will be offering a women’s-only Rifle course, which will focus on the basics of firearm safety and shooting, with time in the classroom and on the range. Please visit the [website](#) or call 770-784-3059 to register.

September 17th – Sittons Wild Cave Tour at Cloudland State Park

AM/PM Options Cost: \$45 License or Pass: State Parks Pass Max per group: 10 Max Groups: 2

Are you ready for a subterranean adventure? This 2 - 2 1/2 hr. guided tour will take participants on a trip into Sittons Cave in the bottom of Cloudland Canyon State Park. Sittons is a "wild" (undeveloped) cave and participants will be required to scramble over rocks, crawl on their hands and knees, and possibly wade in a subterranean stream, so they should be in reasonably good physical condition. All necessary equipment and a knowledgeable guide will be provided. Please let them know if you are coming with a friend so you can be placed in the same tour group. To register contact the park office at 706-657-4050. Additional information will be provided from the guides after registration.



September 29th – October 1st - Tailgate Adult Summer Camp at Charlie Elliott Wildlife Center

Friday 6:00 pm – Sunday 11:00 am

Cost \$30.00 License or Pass: Fishing License

Max 16

Fall twist on the kids’ summer fun! Come stay in the very primitive group campgrounds for a weekend of cooking over a fire, summer fun activities and the comradery of the BOW women. While we may not have fancy bathrooms or any showers (Do kids shower at camp?), we will have the most fun as we canoe, shoot archery, fish and all the other stuff that kids get to do away from home. Part of the fun is you park where you camp, so if you need to bring a cooler, it’s accessible. Please visit the [website](#) or call 770-784-3059 to register.



October 14th - Girls with Bows: Charlie Elliott Wildlife Center Education Range

11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Cost: \$10.00

License or Pass: Hunting or Fishing Pass

Max: 15

Are you new to shooting or want to better your skills? Do you prefer a hands-on approach to learning? If you answered yes to both, the Girls with Bows event is for you! Charlie Elliott Wildlife Center will be offering a women’s-only Archery course led by Alisha Beck, which will focus on the basics of Archery safety and shooting, with time in the classroom and on the range. Please visit the [website](#) or call 770-784-3059 to register.

November 3-5 - The 12th Annual BOW Workshop: Charlie Elliott Wildlife Center

The Annual BOW Workshop focuses on learning outdoor skills in a safe and structured environment. Class activities cover topics such as hunting, shooting, fishing, and more. Beginners are welcome and stepping outside your comfort zone is encouraged. The cost ranges from \$255-\$300 depending on the type of lodging accommodation selected. License and passes will be class choice dependent. For more information, call 770-784-3059. Registration will open for annual workshop in early August.

