

DeSoto State Park's

Do it Yourself Survival Days

Robert:

**For programs located in the PICNIC AREA, please indicate on which program you will actually need a pavilion, so I can get them reserved for you.*



Tripod, Hobo Pot & Bail, Cowboy coffee, and Bannock Bread Demonstration

Join Robert Wilson for this fun demonstration where he will be showing how to lash a basic tri-pod to use in making some good ol' cowboy coffee in a hobo pot & bail. He will demo on how to make bannock bread on a stick and in a pan over the campfire.

Date: Saturday Mar 22, 2014

Time: 10:00-12:00 noon

Where: DeSoto State Park-Fort Payne, Alabama-Picnic Area

Fee: Free & open to everyone. Call 256.997.5025 or email Brittney.Hughes@dcnr.alabama.gov for more details.

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How to Make a Soda Can Alcohol Stove

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Spring Herb Walk



Join Robert Wilson & Brittney Hughes on an easy meandering walk along the trails of DeSoto State Park to see early blooming species of plants & learn some of the ways that plants have been used for food & medicine in the past. Bring a day pack with water & snacks if you wish.

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How to Make Pucker Pouches



Join Robert Wilson for a class on how to make a Pucker pouch, which is a simple bag that can be made into a necklace and even a belt pouch. All supplies will be provided.

Date: Saturday April 19, 2014

Time: 10:00-12:00 noon

Where: DeSoto State Park-Fort Payne, Alabama-Nature Center (next to the Country Store)

Fee: \$10.00 supply fee. Pre-registration is required, as class size is limited to 10.

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How to Make Weaved Pouches



There are many handy things that can be made by weaving paracord/cordage. Join Robert Wilson to learn how to make basic -weave pouches from paracord that can be used for many different things. All supplies will be provided.

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How to Make a Roycroft Pack Frame



Nothing says survival like the ability and experience of making a Roycroft backpack. This craft is an excellent lesson in self-sufficiency, outdoor survival skills, knife craft, lashing, and the use of natural materials.

All supply will be provided for this class, tools may need to be shared or you can bring a knife and handsaw for your use.

Date: Saturday May 24, 2014

Time: 10:00-12:00 noon

Where: DeSoto State Park-Fort Payne, Alabama-Campfire Ring in the Improved Campground

Fee: Free & open to everyone. This class will be open until all supplies are used up.

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How to Make a Roycroft Stool



Join Robert Wilson to learn how to make a Roycroft camp stool of his own design. This craft is an excellent lesson in self-sufficiency, outdoor survival skills, knife craft, lashing, and the use of natural materials. Similar to making the Roycroft packframe, this class will teach a few basic knots & how to do a little weaving.

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Tri stick and Knife Safety Class



Join Robert Wilson for a class about the different types of knives used in survival. A knife safety briefing will be taught during the first portion of the class, and participants will be making a version of the Mora Kochanski tri stick, which teaches you how to use a knife and different notches.

Participants may bring their own full tang or rat tail knife (No pocket knives for safety reasons please). A few knives will be available on a first come-first serve

basis.

Date: Sunday May 25, 2014

Time: 10:00-12:00 noon

Where: DeSoto State Park-Fort Payne, Alabama-Picnic Area

Fee: \$10.00 supply fee. Pre-registration is required, as class size is limited limit to 15.

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Walking and Tracking Sticks Class



Robert Wilson will be teaching this fun carving class. Participants will be carving their own walking/tracking stick for their own use. A few sticks will be available, or preferred wood sticks may be brought from home. Some knives will be available on a few come, first served basis. A knife safety briefing will start the class, so participants will need to arrive early.

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Swedish Fire Log Demonstration



The Swedish fire log is a neat way to create a fire to cook over. Join Robert Wilson for this fun demonstration where he will be showing how to create this simple design that puts out a nice flame.

Date: Saturday May 31, 2014

Time: 10:00-12:00 noon

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Swedish Long Fire Log Demonstration



The Swedish long fire log is a lot like the log fire but is designed to burn all night and keep you warm in your lean-to. We will be making a smaller scale version of this but the principles will be the same. This class is open to walk-ins and it will be a demonstration ONLY

Date: Sunday June 1, 2014

Time: 10:00-12:00 noon

Where: DeSoto State Park-Fort Payne, Alabama- Country Store

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How to Make a Ferro Rod and Handles



Ever wanted your own custom Magnesium rod? This class is for you. Participants will be able to choose from different types of Magnesium rods and hand material to make their own custom Ferro Rod. All supplies will be provided.

Date: Sunday June 1, 2014

Time: 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Where: DeSoto State Park-Fort Payne, Alabama- Nature Center (next to the Country Store)

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Date: Saturday June 28, 2014

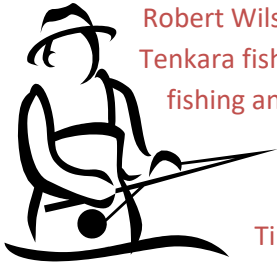
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How to Make a Tenkara Fishing Set



Robert Wilson will be teaching this fun bushcraft class; he will be teaching how to make Tenkara fishing poles using pieces of bamboo poles, as well as Tenkara spools for basic fishing and some hooks.

Date: Saturday June 28, 2014

Time: 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Where: DeSoto State Park-Fort Payne, Alabama- Campfire Ring in the Improved Campground

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Summer Herb Walk



Join Robert Wilson & Jenny Turner on an easy meandering walk along the trails of DeSoto State Park to see several species of plants & learn some of the ways that plants have been used for food & medicine in the past. Bring a day pack with water & snacks if you wish.

Date: Sunday June 29, 2014

Time: 10:00-12:00 noon

Where: DeSoto State Park-Fort Payne, Alabama-Meet at Country Store

Fee: Free & open to everyone; but Pre-registration is required.

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Stick Sun Compass + Ottoman Sun Compass Class



Join Robert Wilson for a how-to on how to set up a stick sun compass as well as an Ottoman sun compass that are easy ways to find North when in a survival situation.

Date: Saturday July 26, 2014

Time: 10:00-12:00 noon

Where: DeSoto State Park-Fort Payne, Alabama-Picnic Area

Fee: \$5.00 supply fee. Pre-registration is required, as class size is limited limit to 10.

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Basic Tracking Class



Join Robert Wilson for a basic class on how to look for ground tracks as well as learn some simple tracking techniques.

Date: Sunday July 27, 2014

Time: 10:00-12:00 noon

Where: DeSoto State Park-Fort Payne, Alabama-Meet at DSP Lodge

Fee: Free & open to everyone; but Pre-registration is required as class is limited to 12.

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Sign Post Tracking Class

Sign post tracking is a way to prep an area to lure animals in to collect or see their foot prints. Join Robert Wilson on a short hike to see some examples of these areas and to identify any animal tracks along the way.



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Home-made Bow Drill Set & Practice Bow Drill Class



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Everything you need will be supplied to make your own bow drill set; Participants may bring their own full tang or rat tail knife (No pocket knives for safety reasons please). A few knives will be available on a first come-first serve basis. Class will start with a basic knife safety course, and during the class you will make your own spindle and heath board. A demonstration will be given on the construction and use of the bow drill, and participants will be given a collapsible bow, hand hold, dust pan and a bag to put your bow set in set in.

Date: Saturday, August 23, 2014

Time: 10:00-3:00 noon

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How to Make Netting Needles & Netting



Join Robert Wilson for this fun and simple class on how to make netting needles out of soft wood. Knife safety will be a part of this class, as well as techniques in making nets both open and closed and how to tie a netting knot. Participants may bring their own full tang or rat tail knife (No pocket knives for safety reasons please). A few knives will be available on a first come-first serve basis.

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How to Make a Solar Oven

Join Robert Wilson in this fun and simple class for a how-to on making solar ovens from tin foil and cardboard. He will demonstrate how to make bread and bake it in the solar oven at the end of the class.



Supplies are first come, first serve, participants are welcome to bring additional cardboard boxes and tin foil if they wish.

Date: Saturday, August 30, 2014

Time: 10:00-12:00 noon

Where: DeSoto State Park-Fort Payne, Alabama-Picnic Area

Fee: Free and open to everyone. Pre-registration is required, as class size is limited limit to 10.

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Bush Craft Baking Bread Demonstration



Join Robert Wilson for this fun demonstration where he will be showing how to bake bread in a bushcraft & solar oven, as well as making bannock bread and ash cakes on a stick and over the campfire.

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How to Make a Noggin Cup



A noggin cup is a simple wood cup that holds about a cup worth of liquid in it that can be carried on a belt and use to drink from in the outdoors. Join Robert Wilson to learn how to burn out the basic shape of a noggin cup. Class will be open as long as supplies last.

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How to Carve a Spoon and Fork



This interesting class taught by Robert Wilson will start with basic knife safety and then everyone will be given pieces of wood to start carving out a spoon and fork along with the demonstrator.

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Medicinal Herb Walk



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Date: Monday, September 1, 2014

Time: 10:00-12:00 noon

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Herbal Salves Demonstration

Join Robert Wilson for a demonstration on how-to make a healing salve from plants for several different skin ailments.

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How to Make Hunting Shirts

This interesting class will give you a choice of making a simple pull-over hunting shirt from wool or canvas. Participants may finish in class or be able to finish at home.

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Hobo Mess Kit Demonstration

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