Day Hike Stone Mountain State Park Saturday, September 21st



Trip Description:

Join us as we travel to one of North Carolina's most beautiful hikes! Just a few hours away from campus we will spend our Saturday hiking along to the top of Stone Mountain. We will take a break at the summit in the middle of the day for a delicious lunch with a view! Take some time to venture out and see the beauty in this area.

Trip Cost: Student = \$15 (\$25 for non-students) Includes: transportation, equipment, instruction, and lunch.

Cancellation & Refund Policy: You must cancel <u>10 BUSINESS DAYS PRIOR</u> to trip departure date to receive a refund, minus a \$15 cancellation fee. Any cancellation within 10 business days will receive NO refund. If Outdoor Adventures cancels the trip prior to departure, a full refund will be issued. You may transfer your funds to another trip as long as it is outside 10 business days from the trip date. No cancellation fee is applied for transfers if transferring 10 business days or more prior to trip departure.

Cancellation Deadline for Partial Refund: Monday, September 9th

Requirements to Participate:

The following requirements are required for your trip. If you do not meet or complete the following requirements prior to your trip, you will be removed from the trip without refund. These requirements are necessary to maintain safe and enjoyable trip experiences for all group members.

- 1) You must be able to depart by <u>7:00AM on Saturday, September 21st</u> at Outdoor Adventures
- 2) You must be comfortable hiking up to 6 miles during the day, which may include hiking along steep and uneven terrain, while carrying a small backpack with personal items and group items.

Outdoor Adventures trips are human powered and adventure-based, therefore, you should expect some level of physical exertion from all of our trips. It is important to consider your current level of physical fitness and any other physical or mental limitations you may have when deciding to participate in any of our activities. For clarification on any activities and the difficulty, please contact us.

Goals of an OA trip:

- 1) Have a fun time outside and away from campus!
- 2) Learn technical outdoor skills.
- 3) Connect with our natural world and learn how to appreciate the areas we travel.
- 4) This is a group experience, so emphasis is also placed on interacting and getting to know new people.

Planned Itinerary (these times are approximate and subject to change):

Saturday, September 21st:

- Meet at Outdoor Adventures by 7:00AM (participants must be able to depart at this time).
- After arriving at the trail head, we will do a quick hiking instruction before getting on the trail to summit Stone Mountain
- After reaching the summit, we will break for lunch before hiking back down to the vehicle.
- Return to campus around 5:30PM, de-issue equipment and say goodbye!

Packing List:

Please contact us with any questions about the packing list. If your trip has a pre-trip meeting, the list will be reviewed in detail at the meeting. Please keep in mind that all activity specific equipment (tents, sleeping bags, etc.) will be issued on the trip or at the pre-trip meeting. Participants are expected to bring everything on the packing list and ask questions about any substitutions.

Any item with an asterisk (*) denotes items that we will provide for you at no additional charge.

Head, Hands & Feet

- □ Warm Hat
- □ Baseball Cap or Wide-brim Hat
- □ Warm Gloves
- Hiking Socks: wool hiking style are highly recommended, great for comfort and blister prevention
- Hiking Boots/Shoes: broken in hiking boots or athletic shoes with good foot support—no sandals of any kind while hiking!

Upper Body

- Hiking Shirt: short or long sleeve, quick-dry material required—no cotton!
- *Jacket: appropriate for temperatures during the trip (this could be fleece, down, or similar insulating material).
- Rain Jacket: must be high quality material and have a hood

Lower Body

- Hiking Pants/Shorts: for optimal comfort you will want hiking specific shorts or pants, quick-dry material is ideal
- Rain Pants: must be a high quality material if bringing your own

Personal Items

- □ Sunscreen: 30+ SPF (Spray Sunscreen is not recommended)
- □ Lip Balm: lip balm containing SPF is highly recommended
- $\hfill\square$ Sunglasses: We recommend you bring a keeper strap for these
- Camera: protective case is highly recommended (optional)
- Personal medications: prescription drugs must be on your health form
- Personal medical insurance card (required)
- □ Menstrual products
- □ *Water bottle: quart size (required)
- $\hfill\square$ Daypack: small backpack to carry extra layers, water, etc. during the hike