



EARTH DAY TOOLKIT PART 2, APRIL 2021

Share your favorite place in nature with us.

When the world was spinning, nature recentered us. When we were stuck inside, it became our escape. And when we felt overwhelmed, it allowed us room to breathe.

2020 reminded us all why we protect Georgia's sacred outdoor spaces. And it emboldened EarthShare Georgia's conviction that these destinations need to be protected and preserved so that everyone has access to places of peaceful refuge.

Where did you go to breathe easier? Was it on the water? Hiking through the mountains? Or sitting under your favorite tree at your local park?

Share your favorite place with us.

The next time you're there, snap a picture or take a video and post it on social media using the #earthsharing.



Share with us.

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CONGRATULATIONS

2021 Award Recipients

Outstanding Campaign Partner



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Outstanding Member Organization



#reconsiderlitter Earth Month contest!



1) Gather materials from your house or yard that often become litter if not disposed of properly—soda cans, glass bottles, aluminum cans, straws, bottle caps, cardboard, hubcaps, tires, etc.

2) Visit [Keep Georgia Beautiful Foundation](#) for inspiration, or use your own imagination, to create an upcycled piece of art for your yard, balcony, or windowsill.

3) Post a photo of your creation on Instagram or Facebook by FRIDAY APRIL 23, tagging @keepgeorgiabeautifulfoundation and #reconsiderlitter. Feel free to include yourself in the photo as well.

Top 5 Ways to Make a Difference on Earth Day by Southface

Engage more in your Community. Support public decision-makers who will work for cleaner energy and climate-friendly policies.

Travel Differently. Use cleaner forms of transportation and travel less.

Adopt Cleaner Energy. Find out how to switch from gas to electric or solar, and make the change.

Speak with Your Wallet. Make investments and purchases that support sustainability commitments.

Reduce Your Daily Carbon Footprint at Home. Eliminate single-use plastics, eat less meat or eat sustainably-sourced meat, or air seal your home.

Learn more at [Southface.org](https://southface.org)



FREE BIKE CLASSES

Whether you're a True Beginner, seeking greater confidence riding on city streets, hoping to increase your transportation options by getting around on Atlanta's bike share bikes, or want help navigating a commute on your own two wheels, Atlanta Bicycle Coalition has a class for you. Each class is led or facilitated by our Education Coordinator Stephen Spring or another League Cycling Instructor (LCI), certified by the League of American Bicyclists. [Learn more.](#)

Shoal Lily Paddle for Mother's Day, May 8/9

Flint Riverkeeper's annual Mother's Day paddle to view the shoal spider lily is back! This year, two trips will be offered so paddlers can choose the length of trip and technicality of waters they are comfortable with. FRK members can attend for free but must register and there will be a \$10 charge for rented equipment. Non-members are welcome to join the trip for \$45 and an additional \$10 charge for rented equipment. [Learn more.](#)



Trees Atlanta Virtual Root Ball is May 27!
[Get tickets here.](#)

Georgia Bird Fest Returns for 2021 Now through May 16

As Georgia's largest bird and nature festival, Georgia Bird Fest features a full month of activities, including guided field trips to Georgia's best birding hotspots, nature-based workshops, webinars, and guest speakers. Events are tailored to all levels of bird, nature, and outdoor enthusiasts—there's something for everyone at Georgia Bird Fest! [Learn more.](#)



Evaluating the City of Atlanta Tree Protection Ordinance (TPO) with Trees Atlanta

Did you miss the four-part webinar series on the city's proposed draft of the TPO? To view recordings of each webinar and view the slides, [click here.](#)

20th Annual Parks & Greenspace Conference

THE New Case FOR parks

Tuesday, May 4, 2021
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Virtual Event

featuring Keynotes:

Atiya Wells, RN Marshall Shepherd, PhD Kofi Boone, FALSA Al Bangoura, CPRP



Urban parks are more important than ever before!

Park Pride's [20th Annual Parks and Greenspace Conference](#), The New Case for Parks, will explore how the recent convergence of crises--the pandemic, racial justice, and extreme weather events--have altered the parks conversation and highlighted the urgent need for investment and equity in our park systems.

Registration for this virtual event on May 4th is open. We hope you'll join us there.



Ocmulgee River Paddle-Pedal with Georgia River Network, May 8

This 11-mile bike and 8-mile paddle takes us to Middle Georgia. The journey will coincide with Abbeville's Ocmulgee Wild Hog Festival. We'll begin by dropping our boats at Ochise Landing in Dodge County, and then drive our vehicles to Half Moon Landing. From there, we'll cycle back to Ochise Landing to begin the paddle. Bicycles will be shuttled by Georgia River Network to Half Moon Landing. [Learn more.](#)

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Scenic America
The Sierra Club Foundation
Surfrider Foundation
The Trust for Public Land
Union of Concerned Scientists
Wilderness Society
Wildlife Conservation Society
World Wildlife Fund
Xerces Society
Yellowstone to Yukon Conservation Initiative

**Save the date: connect with
our member organizations
on May 27 at the EarthShare
Georgia Celebrates Event!**

