Fort Payne
Murdock’s Hidden Trails & EXTREME Hike

Remember when you were a kid and loved to explore? Dr. Chris Murdock, JSU Biologist and Little River native, is offering a one of a kind experience where big kids (ages 16 and up) can relive those times. Join Dr. Murdock and hike the hidden trails of his “old stomping grounds” for an extreme outdoor experience.

This is not just another outdoor recreational hike. Participants will find themselves in areas of the canyon that are rarely, if ever, seen by most visitors. This hike entails sheer vertical drops, ledge climbs, hands-and-knees crawling through rock face openings and wading the river in search of other special areas of the canyon. Be prepared to play hard, get dirty and get your feet wet.

As you hike, Dr. Murdock will be interpreting the natural history of the area. You will learn about the flora, fauna and special geology of the canyon that make this one of Alabama’s most spectacular and diverse habitat pockets. Discover why one of the only known bogs where endangered green pitcher plants grow is located here, why this river flows 100 miles on top of a mountain and why it’s called the Grand Canyon of the southeastern US.

Dress in layers as the weather may be quite cold. This hike is not recommended for children under the age of 16 years.

Where: Meet at JSU’s Little River Canyon Center on Hwy. 35 near Little River Falls in Ft. Payne.
Time: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Fee: $20 per person, pre-registration required. Call 256-782-5697 or e-mail fieldschool@jsu.edu for more information. Limited to 10 people.

February 7

Wetumpka – February 7 & 8
1814 Tennessee Militia Living History Demonstration
Fort Toulouse/Jackson State Park
10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Contact: (334) 762-2352, Monday-Thursday Only
www.forttoulouse.com

Mobile – March 26 & 28
Susannah
Mobile Civic Center Theatre – 7:30 p.m.
Admission: Charged
Contact: (251) 432-6772