

LIFE AT YAMTRAHOOCHEE



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The Tumbling Waters Society is a group of volunteers dedicated to preserve the history and integrity of Hurricane Shoals Park.

It is a beautiful park brimming with fascinating history. Here's a brief historical timeline:

- Before 1784 - Yamacutah (Tumbling Shoals) and a mile up the river to Yamtrahoochee (Hurricane Shoals) is considered neutral ground for the Creek and Cherokee Indians.
- 1784, June 20th - Jacob Bankston, Jordan Clark, John Harris, and other pioneers begin a settlement at Hurricane Shoals.
- 1788 - The first church in Jackson County is built on the Shoals. ...called 'Etoho'...the Indian name for river.
- 1794 - Dr. Henry Therrauld performed the first marriage in Jackson County uniting Bana Mar de Vedo (given in marriage by her adopted Indian father Umausauga) and Mr. Johnson Josiah Strong.
- 1840 - A flood destroys most of the buildings in the settlement.
- 1870 - A cotton gin and grist mill begin and continue in operation until the mid 1920's.
- 1882 - Bids are taken for the construction of the covered bridge to span 127 feet over the North Oconee River. (You can read this original document on our website.)
- 1906 - Dr. L.G. Hardman, Governor of Georgia (1927-1931), purchases the property.
- 1925 - Hardman builds an electric generator plant that provides electricity to the booming town of Maysville.
- 1930 - Georgia Power purchases property from Hardman.
- 1962 - Four industrialists: Morris Bryan, Jr. - Jefferson Mills, R.H. McEver - McEver Packing Company Commerce, Jack Mackemson - Roper Pump Company and Charles McCollum - Blue Bell purchase the property from Georgia Power, seeing the Shoals' potential for a recreational facility. These men form the Hurricane Shoals Park Association, Inc.
- 1972, May 31st - Vandals burn the covered bridge.
- 1973 to 1986 - 18 acres are deeded to Jackson County by the Hurricane Shoals Park Association. The park, with a host of volunteers, begins working to make the park the best it can be.
- 1986 - The Tumbling Waters Society is formed and incorporated.

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- 1990 – The Tumbling Waters Society stages the First Annual Art in the Park. This festival proudly celebrates its sixteenth year in 2006 and draws visitors near and far to participate in the many activities during the weekend event including the Annual 5K run and exciting Duck Dash.
- 1992 – The Tumbling Waters Society purchases 11.5 additional acres for the park (The Perry Property) and leases it to the county. The society endorsed a plan for History Village.
- 1993 – The Tumbling Waters Society pays to move the 100 year old Center Presbyterian Church and Harrisburg Courthouse to History Village.
- 1994 to Present – The Tumbling Waters Society buys 27.87 acres, moves, sets up several buildings in History Village, and pays for endless improvements to the park and the History Village.

As you can see, it takes the cooperation of the volunteers and individuals, like you, to continue making Hurricane Shoals Park the best it can be for all of our citizens.



Legends of Hurricane Shoals

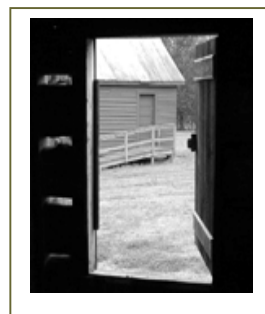
Not long after the arrival of the pioneer settlers at Yamtrahoochee, a man named Jacob Clarke violated a treaty between the Cherokee and Creek Indians. This treaty proclaimed that the Yamacutah area was a sacred Holy Ground and forbid any hunting. Mr. Clarke violated this treaty unintentionally by killing a bear there. This episode was a source of trouble between the Indians and whites for a long time.

It was after this occurrence, late one afternoon in 1801, that little Egbert Clover wandered away from the protection of the fort, was seized and murdered by an Indian. Egbert's mother shot and killed the Indian before he could get away. Not long after the murder of Egbert, his sister Flora and her friend Susan Bingham were kidnapped. They were returned unharmed to Yamtrahoochee after being held by Indians for six weeks.

The white settlers eventually won out in the conflict with the Indians, but not until Dr. Therrauld gave his life for the cause in 1801. In May of 1785 a cold wave dropped normally warm temperatures so low that large trees, nesting birds and many animals were killed. Later that year on November 24th another strange occurrence happened. The sun was visible during the day, but it did not emit any light. The sun had the appearance of

looking at the moon through a dense fog. This frightened all of the wild animals and the normally fearless pioneers stayed in their cabins all day. It was also on this day that the last ceremony held by Indians at Yamacutah took place. The building of four stone altars that held traces of fire burnings on the Holy Ground indicated that a religious ceremony of some kind had taken place.

The colonists lived in constant danger. If not from Indian renegades, it was from serpents and wild animals. There was also the tale of Wog. Frary Elrod's account of the Wog in "*Historical Notes of Jackson County, Georgia*" describes it as having long jet-black hair, front legs twelve inches shorter than the back, a tail with a white tip that was kept in



*Take a trip back in time...
Art in the Park
September 16 & 17, 2006*

What's Happening in 2006

September 16th & 17th, 2006 – The 16th Annual Art-in-the-Park Festival

Join us for an exciting Festival at Hurricane Shoals Park and the Heritage Village. Along with the cool tumbling waters of Hurricane Shoals, artists and craftsmen will sell their hand-made items. Stroll on down to the grist Mill and watch the water wheel turn corn into fresh ground cornmeal, available for purchase. Enjoy your walk across the covered bridge to step back in time as you tour the Chapel and old log cabins that date from the 1800's. There are many activities for both children and adults. The 44th Georgia Infantry Civil War Re-enactors will be camped at the Village over the weekend, and much, much more.

The 5K Mill-Race will start at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, September 17th, 2006. For the less inclined, a one-mile Fun Run or Walk takes place at 2:30 p.m. Fees are \$12.00 to pre-register and \$15.00 on race day. For more information contact Keith Ariail at (706) 335-5519.

The Duck Dash Don't miss out on the most unique event in North Georgia as hundreds of plastic ducks race down the Shoals to the finish line during Art in the Park. Ducks can be adopted for \$5.00 each or five (5) ducks for \$20.00. Is your duck the fastest? Come and find out.

Friends of TWS Thank You Party We will hold a Thank You Party for all 2006 contributing members. Your tax-deductible contribution is your invitation to this event.

Art in the Park Festival Sponsors if your business is interested in being a 2006 sponsor of Art in the Park, please contact Becky Perry at (706) 335-6723.

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constant motion giving off a rattling sound, red eyes, a forked tongue that was twelve inches long, and it was about the size of a horse. The Wog was claimed to have poked his forked tongue through cracks in the houses.

Several generations of Jackson Countians have remained here since the founding of Yamtrahoochee and other surrounding settlements and have helped to preserve our heritage. It was with great hope that present descendents will take pride in remembering our history and will preserve it for future generations.

More information about Yamacutah is available from the University of Georgia Library.

"We loved having our wedding in the Chapel at History Village. It was the kind of ceremony we had dreamed of."



The Chapel is available to rent for weddings. For complete online details and a printable application form, go to our website at www.hurricaneshoalspark.org

Art in the Park Festival Vendors if you are interested in learning more about becoming a vendor for the 2006 Art in the Park, please contact Helen Gunnels at (706) 340-4497 or (706) 367-8688.

Matthews Chapel Rental For more information about renting the Chapel contact Helen Gunnels at (706) 367-8688 or on the web go to: www.hurricaneshoalspark.org/churchrental.htm.

Pavilion Rentals Reservations are made through the Jackson County Parks and Recreation Department, 1801 County Farm Road, Jefferson, Georgia 30549. For complete information and reservations call: (706) 367-6350.

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**Art In the Park
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Annual 5K Mill-Race
The Duck Dash
Pavillion Rentals
Chapel Rental
The Grist Mill
And so much more!**

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THE TUMBLING WATERS SOCIETY OF JACKSON COUNTY, INC.
WAS ESTABLISHED AS A 501(C)(3) INCORPORATION ON
FEBRUARY 7, 1987 EXCLUSIVELY FOR THE PURPOSE OF
ASSESSING AND PRESERVING THE HISTORICAL NATURE OF THE
HURRICANE SHOALS PARK AREA.

YOUR TAX DEDUCTIBLE DONATION HELPS EXPAND AND
PERSERVE THE BEAUTY AND APPRICATION OF THIS 'JEWEL' OF
JACKSON COUNTY.

Annual Sustaining Membership \$100.00 _____

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Enclosed is my check for \$_____

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Please contact Keith at (706) 335-5519 if you would rather
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donation, or are interested in becoming an active member.

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