

EDISTO BEACH STATE PARK
ENVIRONMENTAL LEARNING CENTER (ELC)
PROGRAM CALENDAR • SEPTEMBER 2023

	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
10 AM			Wetlands of the Lowcountry** @ ELC	Maritime Marvels** @ ELC	What's on the Menu?** @ ELC 2 nd , 9 th , 16 th , & 30 th only
12 PM	Gators of the Lowcountry** @ ELC	Turtle Talk** @ ELC	Tie-Dye!** @ ELC 7 th & 21 st only	Ravenous Reptiles** @ ELC \$5 per person	
2 PM	Edisto Bingo** @ ELC	Life in the Shallows** @ ELC	Primeval Edisto** @ ELC		Crabby Critters** @ ELC 2 nd , 9 th , 16 th , & 30 th only
SPECIAL	<u>Lowcountry Tidal Treasures**</u> Thurs 7 th , Fri 8 th , & Fri 22 nd only @ 9 AM @ Park Beachfront Free with Park Admission		<u>Free ACE Basin Fun Day @ ELC</u> Sat 23 rd from 9:30 AM to 1 PM Join us for a family-friendly day exploring science & the natural world. *Free educational cruises @10 AM & 12:30 PM for ages 10+ only. *PLEASE NOTE: Cruises are first come, first served, & will be open to on-site registration 30 min prior.		

****Please pre-register by calling the Environmental Learning Center (ELC) at 843.869.4430.**

Program Descriptions:

Crabby Critters: What do a fiddler, a ghost, and a stone have in common? They are all types of crabs! Edisto is home to many different types of crabby critters which are very important to our coastal ecosystem. Join us as we take a closer look at some of our crabby friends. **Pre-registration required. Free with Park Admission. (30-45 minutes)**

Edisto Bingo: Come join us at the Edisto Environmental Learning Center for a nature-focused game of bingo. Learn about the amazing plants and animals that dwell on Edisto Island. Prizes will be awarded to winners! **Pre-registration required. Free with Park Admission. (30-45 minutes)**

Gators of the Lowcountry: Learn more about South Carolina's largest reptiles and these modern-day dinosaurs during this educational program. Also get an up-close look at one of our resident gators! **Pre-registration required. Free with Park Admission. (30-45 minutes)**

Life in the Shallows: Experience our coastal critters up close! Come interact with our touch tank animals while being guided by an interpreter. **Pre-registration required. Free with Park Admission. (30-45 minutes)**

Lowcountry Tidal Treasures: Join us for a guided beach walk as we take a look at what washes up on the beach and discuss the ecology of the beach. **Pre-registration required. Free with Park Admission. (1 hour-1½ hours)**

Maritime Marvels: Join us for a guided walk from the Learning Center and learn all about the unique maritime forest ecosystem. Highlights include picturesque live oaks, Christmas and bubble gum lichens, and diverse forest microcosms and interactions. **Pre-registration required. Free with Park Admission. (1 hour)**

Morning Shorebird and Sea Turtle Walk: Enjoy an early morning guided beach walk to learn about our nesting shorebirds and sea turtles, with a chance to see Wilson's plovers, least terns, and evidence of loggerhead sea turtle nesting. Bring water, comfortable shoes, insect repellent, sunscreen, and binoculars. We will share our binoculars and spotting scope. **Pre-registration required. Free with Park Admission. (1 hour-1½ hours)**

Primeval Edisto: Did you know giant beavers, massive sharks, and bizarre sloths really called Edisto home? Join us to learn about the amazing wildlife of prehistoric Edisto in a game of fossil trivia. Touch real fossils of animals that roamed tens of thousands of years ago. **Pre-registration required. Free with Park Admission. (1 hour-1½ hours)**

Ravenous Reptiles: Come watch a special feeding of some of our reptile friends! **Pre-registration required. \$5 per person. (30-45 minutes)**

Tie-Dye! Come join the ELC staff as we teach you how to create your own tie-dye shirt! We'll show you a variety of designs to choose from. Make sure to bring your own white cotton t-shirt or pillowcase, or better yet, purchase an Edisto Beach State Park shirt from us! **Pre-registration required. \$10 per shirt or purchase one of ours for \$15. (30-45 minutes)**

Turtle Talk: Can you hold your breath for five hours? How tall do you measure up to a Leatherback Sea Turtle? Come discover the incredible world of South Carolina's turtles -- from terrapins to land turtles to sea turtles! Some live turtles (no live sea turtles) will be on hand! **Pre-registration required. Free with Park Admission. (30-45 minutes)**

Wetlands of the Lowcountry: Ever wonder what lies in the murky depths of the swamps? Come learn what grows, swims, and crawls around in the mucky waters of our freshwater wetlands. **Pre-registration required. Free with Park Admission. (45 minutes-1 hour)**

What's on the Menu? Not our animals! Join us as we feed some of our aquarium and terrarium animals. Our touch tank will be open! **Pre-registration required. Free with Park Admission. (30-45 minutes)**

Please call the Environmental Learning Center to register for programs: 843.869.4430

Located down Palmetto Rd, off Highway 174, 362 Oyster Row Ln, Edisto Island

Hours: Tuesday - Saturday, 9 AM - 4 PM