





EDISTO BEACH STATE PARK
ENVIRONMENTAL LEARNING CENTER (ELC)
PROGRAM CALENDAR • JANUARY 2024

| | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|----------------|---|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|
| 10 AM | | | Wetlands of the Lowcountry** @ ELC | | What's on the Menu?** @ ELC |
| 12 PM | Gators of the Lowcountry** @ ELC 9 th & 23 rd only | Turtle Talk** @ ELC | Tie-Dye!** @ ELC | Ravenous Reptiles** @ ELC \$5 per person 5 th & 19 th only | |
| 2 PM | Birds of Edisto** @ ELC | Life in the Shallows** @ ELC | Primeval Edisto** @ ELC | Maritime Marvels** @ ELC | Crabby Critters** @ ELC |
| SPECIAL | <div style="text-align: center;">  <p><u>First Day Hike</u> @ Park Beach</p>  <p>Monday, January 1st @ 3:30 PM</p> <p>Start 2024 off on the right foot! Meet us outside of the Park Office, which is the large white building between the ocean and beach parking lot. Walk with park staff to the inlet (1.5 miles each way for a total of 3 miles). Free with Park Admission.</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;">  <p><u>National Bird Day Walk**</u> @ ELC</p>  <p>Friday, January 5th @ 10 AM</p> <p>Celebrate our avian allies by joining us for a short walk. We encourage you to bring your own binoculars, or binoculars will be provided. Learn how to identify birds, the tools to use, and how your bird watching can become part of a worldwide conservation effort. Free with Park Admission.</p> </div> | | | | |

Located down Palmetto Rd, off Highway 174, 362 Oyster Row Ln, Edisto Island
 Hours: Tuesday - Saturday, 9 AM - 4 PM

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

Program Descriptions:

Birds of Edisto: Come learn about some of our resident birds in this avian-based trivia game. No binoculars needed. **Pre-registration required. Free with Park Admission. (45 minutes-1 hour)**

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)**

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)**

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)**

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)**

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