

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

TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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Located down Palmetto Rd, off Highway 174, 362 Oyster Row Ln, Edisto Island
 Hours: Tuesday - Saturday, 9 AM - 4 PM; Closed 12/24-12/25

****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. (1 hour)**

Cast Netting: Come on down to the Environmental Learning Center, to learn about the most popular outdoor recreational activities in the Lowcountry, cast netting! Join a naturalist to learn multiple methods of this activity. **Pre-registration required. Free with Park Admission. (45min)**

Fishing 101: Want to get into fishing but don't know how? We've got you covered! We will cover all the basics of fishing, including the types of fishing lines, rigs, lures, baits, knots, common fish to catch at Edisto, and more! During the program, you can try fishing off the fishing pier located at the Environmental Learning Center. **Recommended for participants 6 and up. Pre-registration required. \$5 per person (1 hour)**

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. (45 minutes)**

Life in the Shallows: Stop in and 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. (1 hour)**

Lowcountry Tidal Treasures: Join us for a guided walk as we look at what washes up on the beach and discuss its ecology. Pre-registration required. **Meet at the beach front area of the state park. 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)**

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. **Recommended for participants 10 and up. 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. (45 minutes)**

Salt Marsh BioDiscovery: Learn about the importance of the salt marsh and the creatures that live within it. This is a hands-on citizen-science project partnered with South Carolina Sea Grant. **Recommended for participants 10 and up. Pre-registration required. Free with Park Admission. (1 hour)**

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. (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. **Recommended for participants 10 and up. Pre-registration required. Free with Park Admission. (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. (45 minutes)**

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