

**EDISTO BEACH STATE PARK
ENVIRONMENTAL LEARNING CENTER (ELC)
PROGRAM CALENDAR • APRIL 2026**

HOURS: TUESDAY – SATURDAY, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Pre-registration is required for all programs. Online registration is marked by *. For all others, please call the ELC at 843.869.4430. Ask about our special programs.

TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<p>1 9:00 AM Maritime Marvels 10:30 AM Turtle Talk 11:30 AM Hungry, Hungry Turtles</p>	<p>2 10:00 AM Tie-Dye!* 2:00 PM Wetlands of the Lowcountry</p>	<p>3 12:00 PM Ravenous Reptiles* 2:00 PM Fish of Edisto</p>	<p>4 10:00 AM What's on the Menu? 2:00 PM Primeval Edisto</p>
<p>7 12:00 PM Gators of the Lowcountry 2:00 PM Primeval Edisto</p>	<p>8 9:00 AM Maritime Marvels 10:30 AM Turtle Talk 11:30 AM Hungry, Hungry Turtles</p>	<p>9 9:00 AM Fishing 101* 2:00 PM Wetlands of the Lowcountry</p>	<p>10 9:00 AM Salt Marsh Biodiscovery* 12:00 PM Ravenous Reptiles*</p>	<p>11 10:00 AM Lowcountry Tidal Treasures 2:00 PM What's on the Menu?</p>
<p>14 9:00 AM Birds of the ACE Basin 12:00 PM Gators of the Lowcountry</p>	<p>15 9:00 AM Maritime Marvels 10:30 AM Turtle Talk 11:30 AM Hungry, Hungry Turtles</p>	<p>16 10:00 AM <u>Spill the Mana-tee with DNR*</u> 2:00 PM Wetlands of the Lowcountry</p>	<p>17 1:00 PM Ravenous Reptiles*</p>	<p>18 10:00 AM What's on the Menu? 2:00 PM Primeval Edisto</p>
<p>21 11:00 AM Crabbing* 12:00 PM Gators of the Lowcountry</p>	<p>22 6:30 AM <u>Beach Walk at Sunrise</u> 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM <u>Earth Day at Edisto</u></p>	<p>23 9:00 AM Birds of the ACE Basin 2:00 PM Wetlands of the Lowcountry</p>	<p>24 9:00 AM Marsh Mania* 2:00 PM Ravenous Reptiles*</p>	<p>25 10:00 AM Lowcountry Tidal Treasures 12:00 PM What's on the Menu?</p>
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[Free with Admission Programs \(Pre-registration required - call 843.869.4430\)](#)

Birds of the ACE Basin: Join park staff on a guided bird walk to learn about some of Edisto's beautiful avian residents and migrants. Bring your binoculars or borrow one of ours. **(1 hour)**

Fish of Edisto: Want to learn more about our fin-tastic fish friends? Join us for a fun, interactive Jeopardy/Bingo style game that covers common saltwater fish, fun fish facts, and the importance of fish! **(45 minutes)**

Gators of the Lowcountry: Learn more about South Carolina's largest reptiles during this educational program! **(45 minutes)**

Lowcountry Tidal Treasures: Join us for a guided walk as we look at what washes up on the beach and discuss its ecology. **Meet at the beachfront area of the state park. (1 hour- 1½ hours)**

Maritime Marvels: Learn all about the unique maritime forest ecosystem as we walk down the park's trails. Highlights include picturesque live oaks and a view of the saltmarsh. **(1 hour)**

Primeval Edisto: Did you know giant beavers, massive sharks, and bizarre sloths called Edisto home? Join us for a game of fossil trivia all about Edisto's amazing prehistoric animals. Touch real fossils of animals that roamed tens of thousands of years ago. **Recommended for participants 10 and up. (1 hr-1½ hr)**

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! (45 minutes)**

Wetlands of the Lowcountry: Come learn what grows, swims, and crawls around in the mucky waters of our freshwater wetlands. **Recommended for participants 10 and up. (1 hour)**

What's on the Menu?: Not our animals! Join us as we feed some of our aquarium and terrarium animals. **(45 minutes)**

[Paid Programs \(* - Register online at the provided website address\)](#)

***Crabbing:** Interested in learning how to catch crabs and not get pinched? Join us as we dive into blue crab biology, management, regulations, and how you can get to catching em'! During the program we will set up and pull our own traps by our fishing pier. Feel free to bring your own trap to set out; we have bait! **\$5 per person (1 hour)** <https://reserve.southcarolinaparks.com/register/crabbing->

***Fishing 101:** Want to get into fishing but don't know how? We've got you covered! Join a SCDNR Certified Saltwater Fishing Instructor to 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. **Participants over 16 are required to have a saltwater fishing license. Recommended for participants 6 and up. \$5 per person (1 ½ hours)** <https://reserve.southcarolinaparks.com/register/fishing-101->

Hungry, Hungry Turtles: Join park staff for this behind the scenes feeding of our resident turtles and learn about the diet of native turtle species. **Pre-register by calling 843.869.4430 or register in person at the ELC front desk. \$2 per person (30 minutes)**

***Marsh Mania:** Ever wonder what critters inhabit our tidal creeks? Why does the marsh pop, or how many types of fiddler crabs do we have? Come join park staff on our Scott Creek Trail boardwalk as we run a seine net through the creek and uncover the secrets of the salt marsh! **\$2 per person. Recommended for participants ages 5 and up. Meet at the Ranger Station parking lot. NOTE: Participants will be walking about 1 mile on the Campground and Scott Creek Trails. (1 ½ hours).** <https://reserve.southcarolinaparks.com/register/marsh-mania->

***Ravenous Reptiles:** Join us at the Learning Center to learn about our ravenous reptiles! Learn about why they aren't always ravenous, their adaptations for capturing prey, and why they are important. **\$5 per person. (45 minutes) Register online:** <https://reserve.southcarolinaparks.com/register/ravenous-reptiles->

***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. **\$2 per person. Recommended for participants 10 and up. (1 hour)** <https://reserve.southcarolinaparks.com/register/salt-marsh-biodiscovery->

***Tie-Dye!:** Come join the ELC staff as we teach you how to create your own tie-dye shirt! Choose from a variety of designs! **Dye one of our Edisto Beach State Park shirts for \$15 or bring your own white cotton T-shirt or pillowcase to dye for just \$10. (45 minutes)** <https://reserve.southcarolinaparks.com/register/tie-dye->