



August Events in Your Charleston County Parks!

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AUGUST Special Events

Charleston Sprint Triathlon Series Race #5

James Island County Park

Sunday, August 8, 7 – 11 a.m.

This five-race series includes a 600-yard swim, a 12-mile bike ride, and a 5K run. Participants are divided into: Open / Elite, Age Group and Masters, Clydesdale (men 220 pounds or greater under the age of 40), Masters Clydesdale (men 220 pounds or greater over the age of 40), and Athena (women 165 pounds or greater). Registration includes one t-shirt for the series. For information and to register visit www.charlestoncountyparks.com/csts. Spaces are limited and event is expected to sell out.

Fee: \$60

Ages: 12 and up

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Black History All Year Long: Focus on Women

Location: Virtual Program at Online-Charleston County Parks

Thursday, August 19, 2021, 6 – 7:30 p.m.

Fifty-one years after the first Black History Month, the full integration of Black history and culture into the American narrative is long overdue. This series focused specifically on honoring and acknowledging Black women, begins in February but continues throughout 2021. For much of America's history, Black bodies, especially Black women's bodies, have been exploited, commodified, and objectified. Join us for four virtual discussions focused on celebrating, respecting, and raising awareness about Black women. Join us for the third conversation in this yearlong series to discuss the origins, impact, and challenges of dealing with colorism. This program is virtual and will be held online via Zoom. Participants will be emailed a Zoom link prior to the start of the program.

Ages: Any

10207

AUGUST Programs

Ongoing Programs

Counting on Nature

Palmetto Islands County Park: Wednesday, August 18, 8:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Johns Island County Park: Wednesday, August 4 and 25, 8:30 – 10:30 a.m.

James Island County Park: Wednesday, August 11, 8:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Our naturalists are always trying to make their observations count. Not long ago we photographed and uploaded an interesting looking millipede to an internet platform that helped us realize that we had found a new species! Can you help us repeat this feat? On this nature walk we will explore and guide you through the natural environment as always, but we will also pursue various ways to give our observations a wider audience. This has the benefit of not only helping us learn but can help protect and conserve biodiversity wherever we are. Whether or not we find another new species, you are sure to learn more about nature and how to make your observations count.

Fee: \$9

Ages: 9 and up

<https://www.ccprc.com/calendar.aspx>

Stand-Up Paddleboard (SUP): Beyond Essentials

James Island County Park

Sundays, August 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Take the next steps in SUPing. We'll practice some fun balance drills, improve stroke technique, and learn more safety skills. This fun class is a great prep for paddling in more challenging conditions.

Fee: \$30

Ages: 16 and up

Learn to SUP

Fondness For Fungi

Caw Caw Interpretive Center

Friday, August 6, 4 – 5:30 p.m.

Please join us for an introduction to the fascinating world of fungi. We will cover the roles these valuable and important organisms play, identification tips, how to make a spore print, and how to share your observations with others.

Fee: \$9

Ages: ages 9 and up

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Challenge Course Adventures

James Island County Park

Saturdays, August 7 and 21, 1 – 2:30 p.m. 10707

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With names like Catwalk, or the Leap of Faith, you can be sure that our High Dynamic Adventures will test your sense of adventure in ways you never thought about! We will have you balancing, climbing, leaping, and swinging away your Saturday with friends and family. Never fear, you will have all the safety gear you need and our expert course staff will lead you to personal victories. The average program time is 1.5 hours.

Fee: \$15

Ages: 10 and up

High Ropes Experience

James Island County Park

Saturdays, August 7 and 21, 9a.m. – 12 p.m.

This summer, test your mettle on our high static teams' course! Courageous souls can walk on air, swing from the rafters, and fly high - pretty much everything your parents ever told you NOT to do! Enjoy pulse-racing fun, complete with safety gear and expert course staff. What a terrific opportunity for young (and young-at-heart) daredevils to sample a grand new adventure! Join the fun on the High Teams Course Experience! Traverse across two to four of our team high element challenges with your friends or family, and travel down our tandem zip-line. Average climbing time is 2 to 3 hours.

Fee: \$30

Ages: 10 and up

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Essentials of Stand-Up Paddleboard (SUP)

James Island County Park

Saturdays, August 7, 14, 21 and 29, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

This fun and relaxed class will get you started with instruction on safety and the proper paddling technique that will allow you to progress comfortably at your own pace.

Fee: \$30

Ages: 16 and up

Learn to SUP

Essentials of Kayaking

James Island County Park

Saturdays, August 7, 14, 21 and 29, 2 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Learn a new sport comfortably and enjoyably. Using a variety of boats, this entry-level course teaches you the basic strokes and skills to have fun on the water!

Fee: \$45

Ages: 16 and up

Learn to Kayak

Beyond the Essentials of Kayaking: Assisted and Self Rescues

James Island County Park

Sundays, August 8 and August 22, 2 p.m. – 5 p.m.

We will teach the basic components necessary to perform efficient rescues from classic textbook rescues to improvisational methods that work in all environments. This class is recommended to those paddlers looking to gain confidence in their paddling and ability to be independent.

Fee: \$55

Ages: 16 and up

Learn to Kayak

Dawn Patrol Adult SUP Surf Camp

Folly River Boat Landing

Tuesday, August 24 – Friday, August 27, 6:30 – 8:30 a.m.

Greet the mornings with a surf session led by a certified instructor. Hone your skills and appreciation for the sport and culture over the course of a week. But be careful, this could be habit forming!

Fee: Standard charge: \$165.00, 1 Week Session

Ages: 16 and up

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Daily Programs

Beginner Sprint Triathlon Swim Tune Up

James Island County Park

Monday, Aug 2, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Train on the actual open water Charleston Sprint Triathlon swim course with a Blue-Sky Endurance triathlon coach. Open to all levels, this beginner course will give participants in-depth knowledge of the swim course and insider tips to gain confidence, increase efficiency, and improve times.

Fee: \$15

Ages: 12 and up

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Intermediate Sprint Triathlon Swim Tune Up

James Island County Park

Mondays, Aug 2, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Designed for intermediate to advanced swimmers, this program will sharpen your open water swimming skills. Held on the actual Charleston Sprint Triathlon swim course, each class is led by a Blue Sky Endurance triathlon coach. Leave with an in-depth knowledge of the swim course and insider tips to gain confidence, increase efficiency, and improve times.

Fee: \$15 per session

Ages: 12 and up

9998

H2O Moves Whirlin' Waters - Session 3

Wannamaker County Park

Mondays and Wednesdays, August 2 - 18, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Take your workout to the water with this total-body aerobics class that focuses on form, flexibility, strength, and balance. Offered after regular water park hours. Open to all fitness levels.

Fee: \$48 per 3-week session

Ages: 16 and up

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H2O Moves Splash Island - Session 3

Palmetto Islands County Park

Mondays and Wednesdays, August 2 - 18, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Take your workout to the water with this total-body aerobics class that focuses on form, flexibility, strength, and balance. Offered after regular water park hours. Open to all fitness levels.

Fee: \$48 per 3-week session

Ages: 16 and up

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H2O Moves Splash Zone - Session 3

James Island County Park

Mondays and Wednesdays, August 2 - 18, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Take your workout to the water with these total-body aerobics class that focuses on form, flexibility, strength, and balance. Offered after regular water park hours. Open to all fitness levels.

Fee: \$72 per 3-week session

Ages: 16 and up

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H2O Balance & Flexibility West County - Session 3

West County Aquatic Center

Mondays and Wednesdays, August 2 -18, 10 – 11 a.m.

This refreshing approach to aquatic fitness capitalizes on the supportive environment of the water to increase balance and flexibility while promoting increases in range of motion and joint stability. Participants must be comfortable in 4' 6" deep water.

Fee: \$30

Ages: 16 and up

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H2O Moves West County Aquatic Center – Session 3

West County Aquatic Center

Tuesdays and Thursdays, August 3 - 19, 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.

Take your workout to the water with these total-body aerobics class that focuses on form, flexibility, strength, and balance. Participants must be comfortable in 4' 6" deep water.

Fee: \$45 per 5-week session

Ages: 16 and up

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Homeschool in the Parks: Marvelous Marine Mammals

Beachwalker County Park

Friday, August 6, 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Join us at the beach and learn about the importance of marine mammals to ocean ecosystems. We will discuss what makes this group of animals unique among mammals while attempting to spot a local favorite, the Bottlenose dolphin.

Fee: \$5

Ages: 7 to 13 years

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Lighthouse Inlet Bird Walk

Lighthouse Inlet Heritage Preserve

Friday, August 13, 8:30 – 10:30 a.m.

This walk focuses on the incredibly diverse northeast end of Folly Island. Once the home of a Coast Guard station, this Heritage Preserve protects maritime forest, beach, dune, and marsh habitats for wildlife. This site boasts one of the largest bird lists in South Carolina. At this time of year, we hope to see spring arrivals such as Painted Buntings and Wilson's Plovers, plus much more.

Fee: \$9

Ages: 12 and up

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Wee Wild Ones: Pond Ponderers (Polliwogs)

Caw Caw Interpretive Center

Friday, August 13, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Young children will channel their inner explorers while enjoying nature through hands-on activities, games, music, and art. Did you know that marshes are muddy but mighty? Join us as we engage the senses of your little one by exploring the dynamic salt marsh. Polliwogs group: Ages 18 months to 3 years

Fee: \$10

Ages: 18 months to 3 years

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Wee Wild Ones: Pond Ponderers (Froglets)

Caw Caw Interpretive Center

Friday, August 13, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Young children will channel their inner explorers while enjoying nature through hands-on activities, games, music, and art. Did you know that marshes are muddy but mighty? Join us as we engage the senses of your little one by exploring the dynamic salt marsh. Froglets group: Ages 4 to 6 years

Fee: \$10

Ages: 4 to 6 years

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Intro to Climbing
James Island County Park
Sunday, Aug 15, 2 – 3 p.m.

There's a lot to learn about climbing. Getting your footing, learning the lingo, and starting out can be intimidating, but it doesn't have to be. In our Intro to Climbing class, you'll receive expert instruction on the basics of climbing, the opportunity to meet and learn with other new climbers, and an overview of our facility. This 90-minute class will help kick off your new adventure with a 1 to 9 instructor to student ratio and small group and partner work. Instruction takes place on both ropes and boulders, class includes your gear rental, too!

Fee: \$20

Ages: 14 and up

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Earth Explorers: Hello Hurricanes!
James Island County Park
Saturday, August 21, 10 – 11:30 a.m.

While hurricane season runs from June 1st to November 30th, the peak of hurricane season is August through October. What makes this time so ideal for tropical storm formation? We will learn which conditions create hurricanes, their impact on the environment, and how we can prepare for these natural disasters.

Fee: \$10

Ages: 7 to 13 years

10167

Early Birding
Stono River County Park
Friday August 20, 6:30 – 8:30 a.m.

If the early bird gets the worm, the early birdwatchers get both! We can leave the worms for the avian life and enjoy finding birds at dawn. A birding professional will help you find the birds and understand their strategies for success in the natural world.

Fee: \$9

Ages: 12 and up

10176

Decoding Dolphin Behavior
Isle of Palms County Park
Thursday, August 26, 8:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Did you know dolphins often work as a team to harvest fish schools and they also hunt individually? Join a naturalist to learn more about Atlantic Bottlenose Dolphins and their unique feeding strategies like strand-feeding.

Fee: \$9

Ages: 9 and up

10172

Intro to Coastal Kayaking: Strokes and Rescues
Folly River Boat Landing
Sun., August 29, 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.

This course offers a progression of skill and knowledge development for paddling at the coast. We will begin in the calmer waters of Folly River and work towards introducing ourselves into moderate ocean environment. The course is designed to introduce basic coastal kayaking skills and safety to beginners.

Fee: \$85

Ages: 16 and up

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