



October Events in Your Charleston County Parks!

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OCTOBER Special Events

Lowcountry Trail Half Marathon and 5K Run

Johns Island County Park

Sat, Oct. 9, 8 a.m.

Join us on the scenic trails of Johns Island County Park for our annual Lowcountry Trail Half Marathon and 5K.

Fee: \$35-\$45, 1-week session

Ages: 10 and up

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Poetry at McLeod

McLeod Plantation Historic Site

Thurs, Oct. 9, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

In this innovative series, African American poets reclaim the plantation landscape by exploring the past, present, future, and the imagined in their own voices. Often representing pain, suffering, survival, and perseverance, these poets confirm that plantations are places of conscience. Oct. 9's event will feature readings from Grace Ocasio. Event is free for first 50 participants and thereafter free with park admission fee.

Ages: Any

[10925](#)

Latin American Festival

Wannamaker County Park

Sun, Oct. 10, 12 – 5 p.m.

This annual tradition brings people together to celebrate Charleston's vibrant Latin and Caribbean cultures at one of the Lowcountry's favorite county parks. Festivities include non-stop music, folkloric artwork and crafts, and authentic food and beverages. Visit our website at www.charlestoncountyparks.com or call (843) 795-4386 for more information.

Fee: \$10

Ages: any

[10759](#)

Yappy Hour

James Island County Park

Thurs, Oct. 14, 5 –7 p.m.

Come out and enjoy the James Island County Park Dog Park with your furry friend! Enjoy live music from Matt Jordan and spend some quality time with your pup in the great outdoors. Alcohol will be available for purchase, and a valid ID is required. No outside food or alcohol permitted.

Fee: free

Ages: any

[10754](#)

Starlight Yoga

Wannamaker County Park

Thurs, Oct. 14, 2021, 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

The moon and stars enhance this flowing yoga class. Participants will receive a special glow in the dark prize. Open to all fitness levels.

Rain date: Thursday, October 21.

Fee: \$8

Ages: 12 and up

[10966](#)

Black History All Year Long: Focus on Women

Virtual Program at CharlestonCountyParks.com

Thurs, Oct. 21, 6 – 7:30 p.m.

Fifty-two 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. Final Resting Places In this fourth conversation of the Black History Month series, we will focus on Black burial spaces, which have become a public policy issue nationwide. Remains are being disinterred, discovered, and disregarded, and in other cases, burial sites are overgrown and nearly inaccessible. During this virtual session, we will take a video tour of local burial spaces and then hear from leading voices, all women, who have experience with this topic. We will talk about burial spaces in the state of South Carolina, what's happening nationwide, and share specific things that you can do to support this very important community initiative.

Fee: Free, registration required

Ages: Any

[10944](#)

Advance registration required for many programs. Call 843-795-4386 or visit www.charlestoncountyparks.com to register.

Many programs require that a minimum number of participants be met.

Cast Off Fishing Tournament Mount Pleasant Pier

Sat, Oct. 23, 7 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Cast your line at the Mount Pleasant Pier! Prizes awarded for biggest fish by weight in the following categories: Adult angler, lady angler, youth angler, senior angler, and 5 fish aggregate. No preregistration required. Register onsite the morning of each tournament. Adult chaperone is required for participants ages 15 and under. Tournaments are held rain or shine.

Fees: Ages 13 & up: \$10. Military: \$9 . Youth (ages 3-12) & Seniors (ages 60+): \$8. Fishing Pass Members: \$5

[Cast Off Fishing Tournaments | Charleston County Parks and Recreation \(ccprc.com\)](#)

Ongoing Programs

Early Morning Bird Walk at Caw Caw

Caw Caw Interpretive Center

Wednesdays and Saturdays, Oct. 2, 6, 9, 13, 16, 20, 23, 27 & 30, 8:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Join us on one or more of our regular bird walks. Our trek through many distinct habitats will allow us to view and discuss a variety of birds, butterflies, and other organisms.

Fee: \$9

Ages: any

[11357 / 11358](#)

Challenge Course Adventures

James Island County Park - Challenge Course at Outdoor Zone

Sat, Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30, 1 - 2:30 p.m.

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.

Fee: \$15

Ages: 10 and up

[10731](#)

High Ropes Experience

James Island County Park - Challenge Course at Outdoor Zone

Saturdays, Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30, 9 a.m. –12 p.m.

This fall, 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 our team high element challenges with your friends or family, and travel down our tandem zip-line.

Fee: \$30

Ages: 10 and up

[10718](#)

White Water for Sea Kayakers

James Island County Park

Sat, Oct. 2, 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. and Sun, Oct. 3, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Looking to improve your paddling skills in the ocean? Expand your perspective by changing venues and crafts. This program is designed for those sea kayakers looking to develop skills that can transfer from rivers to the sea. This two-day program will start with skills and drills on the lake at James Island County Park during day one. On day two, we will head up to the Saluda River in Columbia.

Fee: \$165 , 2 DAY session

Ages: 16 and up

[11172](#)

Family Archery

Johns Island County Park

Sat, Oct. 9, and 23, 1 - 2:30 p.m.

Get your bull's-eye! Bring the family, get a brief orientation, and fling some arrows at Johns Island County Park's target archery range. Equipment will be provided. Each family member wishing to participate must pre-register.

Fee: \$20

Ages: 8 and up

[11163](#)

Dragon Boat in the Park

James Island County Park

Sat , Oct. 9 & 23, 2 – 3 p.m.

Dragon boating on James Island County Park lake – no experience required. Come with friends or meet others for a unique paddling experience.

Fee: \$35

Ages: 16 and up

[11151](#)

Homeschool Series on Wednesdays: Low & High Elements
James Island County Park - Challenge Course at Outdoor Zone
Wed, Oct. 13 & 27, 1 - 4 p.m.

Part of the Homeschool Series, this program empowers youth ages 10-18 to continue to explore, discover, and grow by mastering elements like the Low Element and High Element Challenges. Participants will learn to be a part of a belay team and encourage others to move beyond perceived limitations. This powerful learning tool engages individuals to create a supportive environment where others can explore the concepts of trust, personal responsibility, stress management, self-confidence, and personal and group empowerment.

Ages: 10 to 18 years

[10741](#)

Monarch Migration
Folly Beach County Park

Fri, Oct. 15, 22 & 29, 4 – 6 p.m.

Did you know Monarch butterflies are the subject of tag and release research? Join a naturalist to search for and potentially tag Monarchs while learning about their amazing annual migration.

Fee: \$10

Ages: 9 and up

[10912](#)

Daily Programs

Jr. Naturalist: The Art of Being a Naturalist
Caw Caw Interpretive Center

Sat, Oct. 2, 2021, 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Throughout time, nature has inspired people through art. Accompany us as we connect with nature and explore various creative art concepts. Bring your camera and creativity, and we will supply the rest.

Fee: \$10

Ages: 8-12

[10922](#)

Essentials of Stand Up Paddleboard (SUP)

James Island County Park

Sat, Oct. 2, 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

[11149](#)

Essentials of Kayaking
James Island County Park

Sat, Oct. 2, 2 – 5 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: \$45

Ages: 16 and up

[11141](#)

Jr. Naturalist: One Earth
Mount Pleasant Pier

Wed, Oct. 6, 2021, 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

With a population around seven billion, humans can have quite an impact on the environment we all share. Learn about natural resource use, land development, and ways you can make a difference to keep our home planet healthy.

Fee: \$10

Ages: 8-12

[10923](#)

Lighthouse Inlet Bird Walk
Lighthouse Inlet Heritage Preserve

Friday, Oct. 8, 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

[10936](#)

Homeschool in the Parks: Getting Fishy with it!!

Beachwalker Park

Fri, Oct. 8, 10 - 11 a.m.

The shallows of our beach are home to many different species of fish. Join us as we dive into how these fish move and survive in this special habitat.

Fee: \$5

Ages: 7 to 13 years

[10903](#)

Intro to Archery

Johns Island County Park

Sat, Oct. 9, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Enhance your archery skills on our six-target archery range and 3D course at Johns Island County Park. Bring the kids, enjoy basic instruction, and we'll explore both ranges. Equipment will be provided, but feel free to bring your own. A registered and paid chaperone is required for participants ages 15 and under.

Fee: \$30

Ages: 10 and up

[11162](#)

Lowcountry Senior Series: Team Static High Elements Course

James Island County Park - Challenge Course at Outdoor Zone

Tue, Oct. 12, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

In partnership with the Lowcountry Senior Center, this program empowers adults 50+ to continue to explore, discover, and grow. Our dynamic elements are appropriate individual and/or partner challenges. Challenges inspire individuals to grow and encourage others.

More information about the Challenge Course is available here at: <https://www.ccprc.com/113/Challenge-Course-Team-Building>

Fee: \$30

Ages: 50 and up

[10747](#)

Early Birding

Stono River County Park

Thurs, Oct. 14, 7 - 9 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

[10909](#)

Earth Explorers: Marvelous Maps

Folly Beach County Park

Fri, Oct. 15, 10 - 11 a.m.

The shallows of our beach are home to many different species of fish. Join us as we dive into how these fish move and survive in this special habitat.

Fee: \$5

Ages: 7 to 13 years

[10934](#)

Jr. Naturalist: Wetland Discovery and Graduation

Caw Caw Interpretive Center

Sat, Oct. 16, 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

We depend on plants for food, shelter, medicine, and more! Spend time with us as we learn about the amazing plant kingdom through a study of anatomy, diversity, and plant uses.

Fee: \$10

Ages: At least 8 but less than 13

[10924](#)

Nature Journaling: Drawing Insects and Spiders

Caw Caw Interpretive Center

Sat, Oct. 16, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

The practice of keeping a nature journal encourages exploration of the natural world through creative expression. In this class, learn drawing and observational skills as we study the insects and spiders found at the Caw Caw Interpretive Center. We focus on symmetry, proportion, and the basic shapes found in these amazing animals. Emphasis is placed on process over the final product and learning as a group activity. All skill levels are welcome in this introductory class.

Fee: \$9

Ages: 12 and up

[10940](#)

Ramble and Row

Caw Caw Interpretive Center

Sat, Oct. 16, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

For a unique look into the ecology of the Lowcountry, join trained naturalists who will share the fascinating cultural and natural history of the Caw Caw Interpretive Center. Walk from forest to former rice fields and then hop into a canoe for a little on-water time that may alter your perspective in more than one way.

Fee: \$9

Ages: 12 and up

[10911](#)

3D Archery

Johns Island County Park

Sat, Oct. 23, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Maximize the "thrill of the hunt" by enhancing your archery skills on our 3D course, featuring wild boar, deer, turkey targets and more at Johns Island County Park. We'll warm up on the target range but spend most of the class walking the 3D range trail. Equipment is provided, but feel free to bring your own.

Fee: \$30

Ages: 13 and up

[11165](#)

Intro to Climbing

James Island County Park

Sunday, Oct. 24, 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

[10216](#)

Early Birding

Caw Caw Interpretive Center

Thurs, Oct. 28, 7 – 9 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

[10910](#)

Wee Wild Ones: Pumpkins in the Park (Froglets)

Caw Caw Interpretive Center

Fri, Oct. 29, 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. Explore the parts of a plant by learning about pumpkins. We'll scoop seeds, role-play plant life cycles, and have fun decorating a pumpkin to take home. Froglets group: Ages 4 to 6 years

Fee: \$10

Ages: ages 4-7

[10933](#)

Wee Wild Ones: Pumpkins in the Park (Polliwogs)

Caw Caw Interpretive Center

Fri, Oct. 29, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Young children will channel their inner explorers while enjoying nature through hands-on activities, games, music, and art. Explore the parts of a plant by learning about pumpkins. We'll scoop seeds, role-play plant life cycles, and have fun decorating a pumpkin to take home. Polliwogs group: ages 18 months – 47 months

Fee: \$10

Ages: ages 18 months – 47 months

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I Want To Suck Your Blood!

James Island County Park

Sat, Oct. 30, 3:30 – 5 p.m.

Many animals in our world make a living by feeding on the blood of other animals, and some even feed on humans. Join us as we highlight the fact and fiction behind these ecologically important, if despised, organisms.

Fee: \$7

Ages: ages 9 and up

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