



MAY 2022 Events in Your Charleston County Parks!

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Events

Yappy Hour

Wannamaker County Park – Dog Park

Thursday, May 5, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Come out and enjoy the Wannamaker Dog Park with your furry friend! Enjoy live music from a local Charleston performer 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 with park admission fee

Ages: any

[12071](#)

Cheers on the Pier

Mount Pleasant Pier

Thursday, May 5, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Wrap up your workday on the Mount Pleasant Pier with live music, craft beer, good friends and a gorgeous sunset. No admission fee. Blankets and chairs are welcome, as seating is limited. Outside alcohol and coolers are prohibited. Beer, made-to-order sandwiches, ice cream, fruit smoothies and more will be for sale in the River Watch Cafe and Gift Shop.

<https://ccprc.com/3286/Cheers-on-the-Pier>

Fee: Free

Ages: All ages

Sunrise Yoga

Folly Beach County Park

Saturday, May 7, 7- 8 a.m.

Stretch your body, awaken your mind, and fuel your spirit in this uplifting, intention-setting yoga class to enhance your day ahead. Inclusive and open to all abilities and fitness levels.

Fee: \$10

Ages: 12 and up

[11609](#)

Cast Off Fishing Tournament

Mount Pleasant Pier

Saturday, May 7, 6 a.m. – 2 p.m.

This year, anglers of all ages and experience levels are invited to catch fish, fun, and prizes at the Mount Pleasant Pier's Cast Off Fishing Tournament series. The pier is built on pilings from the old Silas N. Pearman Bridge, which have become a haven for many types of fish including red drum, spotted sea trout, flounder and sheepshead.

Fee: \$10 ages 13 and up, \$9 for members of the military, \$8 seniors and ages 12 and under, and \$5 fishing pass holders

Ages: All ages, chaperones are required for ages 15 and under.

<https://www.ccprc.com/2038/Cast-Off-Fishing-Tournaments>

West County Aquatic Center Open for the Season

West County Aquatic Center, Hollywood, SC

Saturday, May 7, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Opening day at West County Aquatic Center will feature a DJ and Food Trucks from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Join us for lunch and enjoy Hollywood's 6,000 sq. ft outdoor pool. The Charleston County Parks Foundation will be onsite with more information about the Genesis Swim Safety Project.

<https://ccprc.com/3316/West-County-Aquatic-Center>

Fee: \$2

Ages: All ages

Inclusive Superhero Dance Party**Cooper River Room**, 99 Harry Hallman, Jr. Blvd. Mount Pleasant, SC**Wednesday, May 11, 6 – 8 p.m.**

People with disabilities and their families and friends are invited to an unforgettable night! Come dressed as your favorite superhero! Advance registration available by calling 843-795-4386.

Fee: \$4

Ages: any

[12276](#)**Yappy Hour****James Island County Park – Dog Park****Thursday, May 12, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.**

Come out and enjoy the James Island County Park Dog Park with your furry friend! Enjoy live music from a local Charleston performer 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 with park admission fee

Ages: any

[12072](#)**Starlight Yoga****Johns Island County Park****Thursday, May 12, 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.**

The moon and stars enhance this flowing yoga class. Inclusive and open to all abilities and fitness levels. Live music provided. Participants will receive a special glow in the dark prize.

Fee: \$10

Ages: 12 and up

[11673](#)**Dancing on the Cooper: Shem Creek Boogie Band****Mount Pleasant Pier****Saturday, May 21, 7 – 10:30 p.m.**

Enjoy scenic views of the Charleston Harbor while dancing to live classic oldies and beach music from Shem Creek Boogie Band. Live music starts at 7:30 p.m.

Fee: \$8

Ages: 4 and up

[12038](#)**SK8 Charleston Hawaiian Luau & Bowl Jam****SK8 Charleston, 1549 Oceanic St., Charleston, SC 29403****Saturday, May 21, 5 – 8 p.m.**

Sponsored by Parrot Surf & Skate Shop, Sector 9, and ProTec, the SK8 Charleston Hawaiian Luau & Bowl Jam features contests, Mex 1 Coastal Cantina food truck, and live music from Chuck Treece & McRad.

Fee: \$3 to skate, free to spectate

Ages: any

<https://ccprc.com/Calendar.aspx?EID=11874>**Inclusive Swim Night****Whirlin' Waters Adventure Waterpark****Saturday, May 21, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.**

People with disabilities, their caregivers, and families are invited to an unforgettable evening at the waterparks! Enjoy the lazy river, race down the slides, and take a dip in the pool!

Fee: \$9, free for 2 and under, free for Super Splash Pass Holders

Ages: any

Charleston Sprint Triathlon Series Race #1**James Island County Park****Sunday, May 22, 7 – 11 a.m.**

This landmark, five-race series includes a 600-yard swim, a 12-mile bike ride, and a 5K run. Registration includes one t-shirt for the series. For information and to register visit charlestoncountyparks.com/csts. Spaces are limited and event is expected to sell out. Open to all abilities and fitness levels.

Fee: \$66 pre-registration

Ages: 12 and up

[11175](#)

McLeod Poetry Series

McLeod Plantation Historic Site

Saturday, May 28, 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. One poet recalled, "Reading poems where my ancestors were was a return. On their behalf I was returning with power. It belongs to them. I would be a part of reclaiming it."

Fee: free

Ages: any

[12237](#)

Inclusive Swim Night

Whirlin' Waters Adventure Waterpark

Saturday, May 28, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

People with disabilities, their caregivers, and families are invited to an unforgettable evening at the waterparks! Enjoy the lazy river, race down the slides, and take a dip in the pool!

Fee: \$9, free for 2 and under, free for Super Splash Pass Holders

Ages: any

Ongoing Programs

Top Roping for Beginners

James Island County Park - Challenge Course at Outdoor Zone

Sundays, May 1 and 15, 2 – 3:30 p.m.

Learn the basics of top rope belaying. This 90-minute class will help kick off your new climbing adventure with a 1:6 instructor to student ratio and lots of small group and partner work. The class will include your gear rental, too!

Fee: \$20

Ages: 14 and up

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Beyond the Essentials of Kayaking: Assisted and Self Rescues

James Island County Park - Boat Launch

Sunday, May 1 and May 8, 2 – 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

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Dragon Boat in the Park for Boomers 50+

James Island County Park - Boat Launch

Tuesdays, May 3 and 31, 9 – 10:30 a.m.

Experience dragon boating on James Island County Park lake. Come with friends or meet others for this unique paddling experience. No experience necessary.

Fee: \$35

Ages: 50 and up

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High Ropes Experience

James Island County Park - Challenge Course at Outdoor Zone

Saturday, May 7 and 21, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

This spring, test your mettle on our high static team's' 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 Team 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

[12096](#)

Essentials of Stand-Up Paddleboard (SUP)

James Island County Park - Park Center Boat House

Saturdays, May 7, 14, 21 and 28, 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

[12132](#)

Essentials of Kayaking

James Island County Park - Boat Launch

Saturdays, May 14, 21 and 28, 2 – 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

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Single Day Programs

Intro to Climbing Technique

James Island County Park - Challenge Course at Outdoor Zone

Sunday, May 1, 12 – 1:30 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 1:6 instructor to student ratio and lots of small group and partner work. Instruction takes place on both ropes and boulders, and the class will include your gear rental, too!

Fee: \$20

Ages: 14 and up

[12175](#)

McClellanville Music Production 101

Basketball Gymnasium at St James Santee Elementary School

Tuesday, May 3 - Tue, May 31: 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., 5-week session

Join Athletes Global Music Production to learn how to write, arrange, and form their own songs. Participants will also learn how to create basic beats, set up, mix and produce music. This class will end with participants performing and presenting the music they created to their peers and parents.

Fee: \$15

Ages: ages 5 – 14 years

[12012](#)

Moth Monitors

Caw Caw Interpretive Center

Friday, May 6, 8 – 9:30 p.m.

Join us for an evening dedicated to noting nocturnal wanderers of forest and field. We'll use lights and sheets to attract and observe the moths that socialize under the cover of darkness. Other insect associates are bound to show up, so come along and help us document these denizens of the dark.

Fee: \$11

Ages: 9 and up

[12206](#)

Wheel to Surf: Morning Session

Folly Beach County Park

Saturday, May 7, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

This unique event provides individuals with disabilities an opportunity to experience surfing! Adaptive surfing staff from partner organizations Ocean Cure, Adaptive Surf Project, Coastal Adaptive Sports, and Adaptive Expeditions will provide instruction and assistance in a controlled environment. Participants must meet guidelines prior to registration.

Fee: FREE

Ages: 4 and UP

[11830](#)

Wheel to Surf: Afternoon Session
Folly Beach County Park
Saturday, May 7, 12– 3 p.m.

This unique event provides individuals with disabilities an opportunity to experience surfing! Adaptive surfing staff from partner organizations Ocean Cure, Adaptive Surf Project, Coastal Adaptive Sports, and Adaptive Expeditions will provide instruction and assistance in a controlled environment. Participants must meet guidelines prior to registration.

Fee: FREE

Ages: 4 and UP

[11929](#)

Family Archery
Johns Island County Park – Archery Range
Saturday, May 7, 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

[12161](#)

3D Archery
Johns Island County Park – Archery Range
Saturday, May 7, 10 a.m. – 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

[12160](#)

Alligator Adventure
Wannamaker County Park
Saturday, May 7, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Join us as we search for alligators and separate fact from fiction to learn why these large reptiles carry the special title of "keystone species."

Fee: \$9

Ages: 12 and up

[12090](#)

Mother's Day Dragon Boat in the Park
James Island County Park - Boat Launch
Sunday, May 8, 2 – 3:30 p.m.

Experience dragon boating on James Island County Park lake. Come with Mom and meet others for this unique paddling experience. No experience necessary.

Fee: \$35

Ages: 16 and up

[12119](#)

Essentials of Stand-Up Paddleboard for Boomers 50+
James Island County Park - Park Center Boat House
Tuesday, May 10, 9 – 11 a.m.

Designed for those not looking to slow down, this program is for those 50 and over. Explore and learn new activities through Stand-Up Paddleboard (SUP) on the James Island County Park lake to keep you young at heart. We will cover the essentials of SUP including basic rescues to increase your sense of independence, work on strength and balance, and meet others with similar interests. For more information about our Paddlesports programs, click here: <https://www.ccprc.com/107/Paddlesports>

Fee: \$30

Ages: 50 and up

[12151](#)

**Your Parks, Your Classroom: Sand, Sun, and Science
Virtual Program at Online-Charleston County Parks**

Wednesday, May 11, 10 – 11 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Your Parks, Your Classroom is a virtual education series for students interested in learning about habitats, flora, and fauna found in the Charleston County Parks. Join us December through on Wednesdays at 10:00 AM or 11:30 AM from your screen and make your parks your classroom. This program series is free to attend thanks to the generous support of the Charleston County Parks Foundation. What critters call the beach home? We will think like marine biologists as we discover what adaptations animals big and small have to survive in this sandy and salty habitat. In this installment, learn about hidden coastal critters.

Fee: Free

Ages: 4 and up

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**Lighthouse Inlet Bird Walk
Lighthouse Inlet Heritage Preserve**

Friday, May 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 songbirds, seabirds, and shorebirds such as Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Northern Gannet, Piping Plover, and much more.

Fee: \$9

Ages: 12 and up

[12194](#)

**Alligator Adventure
James Island County Park**

Saturday, May 14, 10 a.m. – 12p.m.

Join us as we search for alligators and separate fact from fiction to learn why these large reptiles carry the special title of "keystone species."

Fee: \$9

Ages: 12 and up

[12091](#)

**Fondness for Fungi
Wannamaker County Park**

Saturday, May 14, 3 – 5 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: 9 and up

[12199](#)

**Intro to Sport Lead Climbing
James Island County Park - Challenge Course at Outdoor Zone**

Sunday, May 15, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Our lead course is for those that have been top rope climbing and are ready to take things to the next level. Learning to lead climb gives you access to more walls and better prepares you for outdoor climbing. In this course you will learn about the risks involved in lead climbing, risk management, lead climbing equipment, clipping techniques, lead belaying, and falling skills. Pre-requisites: You need to have been climbing regularly for several months, be top rope certified in our gym prior to registering, and able to climb 5.8 routes in our facility numerous times in a row.

Fee: \$40

Ages: 14 and up

[12174](#)

**Charleston Sprint Triathlon Swim Tune Up
James Island County Park - Large Lake**

Monday, May 16, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Train on the actual open water Charleston Sprint Triathlon swim course with a Blue Sky Endurance-certified triathlon coach. Participants will leave with an in-depth knowledge of the swim course and insider tips to gain confidence, increase efficiency, and improve times.

Fee: \$20 pre-registration

Ages: 12 and up

[11674](#)

Essentials of Kayaking for Boomers 50+
James Island County Park - Boat Launch
Tuesday, May 17, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Designed for those not looking to slow down, this program is for those 50 and over. Explore and learn new activities through kayaking on the James Island County Park lake to keep you young at heart. We will cover the essentials of kayaking including basic rescues to increase your sense of independence and meet others with similar interests. For more information about our Paddlesports programs, click here: <https://www.ccprc.com/107/Paddlesports>

Fee: \$30

Ages: 50 and up

[12149](#)

Dawn Patrol Adult SUP Surf Camp
Folly River Boat Landing, off-site location

Tuesday, May 17 – Friday May 20, 7 – 8:30 a.m. 1-week session

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: \$175, 1-week session

Ages: 16 and up

[12114](#)

Nature's Soundscape: How to Really Tune In
Caw Caw Interpretive Center

Friday, May 20, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Master Naturalist advanced training opportunities provide exposure and skill development in areas such as natural history, natural resource management, and nature interpretation. In order to keep a Master Naturalist certification current, you must take at least eight hours of advanced training per year. Listening to natural sounds can open new doors to experiencing the natural world, and every habitat has its own unique sounds. In this course we'll hone our auditory skills to enhance our connection to the natural world.

Fee: \$50

Ages: 18 and up

[12093](#)

Earth Explorers: Clues in the Clouds
James Island County Park

Saturday, May 21, 10 – 11:30 a.m.

Have you ever wondered about the science behind predicting the weather? Gain an understanding of meteorology and weather maps through learning about types of weather, the information clouds may provide, and the movement of weather.

Fee: \$10

Ages: 7-12

[12010](#)

Alligator Adventure
Palmetto Islands County Park

Saturday, May 21, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Join us as we search for alligators and separate fact from fiction to learn why these large reptiles carry the special title of "keystone species."

Fee: \$9

Ages: 12 and up

[12088](#)

Tones at Twilight
Caw Caw Interpretive Center
Friday, May 27, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Have you ever wondered about sounds from the natural world? Join a Master Naturalist instructor to figure some of them out. We will listen for owls, frogs, and other creatures awake during the twilight hours.

Fee: \$9

Ages: 12 and up

[12092](#)

Plantastic Voyage

Wannamaker County Park

Saturday, May 28, 3 – 5 p.m.

Local landscapes are rooted with plants that have been used for food, medicine, and all sorts of other human needs. Join us to survey some of these incredibly important and beautiful organisms with past, present, and future humanities.

Fee: \$9

Ages: 9 and up

[12203](#)

Sports and Aquatics

Starfish Swim School® Preschool: May Session 1

West County Aquatic Center

Saturday, May 14 - Sunday, May 29, 1 – 1:30 p.m.

Designed to meet the needs of children ages 3 to 5, this course will develop a high comfort level in the water and a readiness to swim, and for those children who are developmentally ready, it will teach functional swim skills. This class approaches teaching swimming through creative, fun activities in the water. Participants work toward developing core swimming competencies and progress toward achieving benchmarks in a small group setting. 4 Week Session

Fee: \$35

Ages: 3 – 5 years

[12298](#)

Starfish Swim School® Preschool: May Session 2

West County Aquatic Center

Saturday, May 14 - Sunday, May 29, 1:30 – 2 p.m.

Designed to meet the needs of children ages 3 to 5, this course will develop a high comfort level in the water and a readiness to swim, and for those children who are developmentally ready, it will teach functional swim skills. This class approaches teaching swimming through creative, fun activities in the water. Participants work toward developing core swimming competencies and progress toward achieving benchmarks in a small group setting. 4 Week Session

Fee: \$35

Ages: 3 – 5 years

[12299](#)

Starfish Swim School® Teen/Adult: May Session

West County Aquatic Center

Saturday, May 14 - Sunday, May 29, 3 – 3:30 p.m.

This course is designed to improve comfort and skill in the water regardless of past swimming experience for ages 13+.

Participants work toward developing core swimming competencies using principles of adult learning. 4 Week Session

Fee: \$35

Ages: 13 and up

[12302](#)

Starfish Swim School® Youth: May Session 1

West County Aquatic Center

Sat, May 14 - Sunday, May 29, 2 – 2:30 p.m.

Participants ages 6-12 work toward development of core swimming competencies using age-appropriate learning activities.

Learning is self-paced but challenging. 4 Week Session

Fee: \$35

Ages: 6 – 12 years

[12300](#)

Starfish Swim School® Youth: May Session 2

West County Aquatic Center

Sat, May 14 - Sunday, May 29, 2:30 – 3 p.m.

Participants ages 6-12 work toward development of core swimming competencies using age-appropriate learning activities.

Learning is self-paced but challenging. 4 Week Session

Fee: \$35

Ages: 6 – 12 years

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