

York River State Park
Outdoor Adventures
Summer 2008
757-566-3036

Paddling Programs

Pick Your Paddle

Paddle either a canoe or kayak – your choice! Explore the wetlands and Taskinas Creek on Saturdays or navigate the shores of the York River on Sundays. Pre-registration required, call 566-3036. Canoes are \$9/person or \$6/person for family of 4 or more. Kayaks are \$16/single or \$22/tandem.

Saturdays 4-6 pm in Taskinas Creek: August 2, 9, 16
September 6, 13, 20

Sundays 4-6 pm on the York River: August 3, 10, 17, 24
September 7, 14, 21, 28

Starlight / Moonlight Canoe

Saturdays 7:30-10

Starlight Canoe: August 2, September 6

Moonlight Canoe: August 16, September 20

Enjoy the sights and sounds of the marsh at night and observe the full moon (on the moonlight paddle) and the stars (during the starlight paddle) away from the lights of town as we take a peaceful night-time canoe paddle on Taskinas Creek. Pre-registration required, call 566-3036. Canoes are \$13/person or \$8/person for family of 4 or more.

Paddling Practice 101

Saturdays 4-6, August 23, September 27

Have you ever wanted to try a canoe, but didn't know how? First timers and beginner, this trip is for you! Learn and practice the basics of canoeing in the sheltered waters of Woodstock Pond. Canoes are \$9/person or \$6/person for family of 4 or more. Pre-registration required, call 566-3036.

Kid's Fishing Tournament

Sundays 1-3 August 17

Children aged 6-15 can practice their skills and try for prizes in a freshwater fishing tournament at Woodstock Pond! Children must be accompanied by an adult 18 years of age or older. Bait and limited poles are available or bring your own. Reservations required, park equipment is limited. Pre-registration required, call 566-3036. Free (\$3/vehicle parking fee required)

Seeing Stars in the Park

Saturday, 8pm-midnight, August 2

Join members of the Virginia Peninsula Astronomy Club to view planets, stars, and galaxies! Program is free, parking fee required. No registration necessary.

Fossil Frenzy Hike

Saturdays, 10-12 noon, August 2

Join us to discover fossilized marine creatures and shells as we hike to a beach right here in the park. During this special program, participants may keep ONE of the fossils they find! NOTE: At all other times, collecting fossils requires a special permit! Pre-registration required, call 566-3036. \$2/person or \$6/family of 4 or more.

Marsh March

Saturdays 10am- 12 noon, August 9

Wetlands are one of our most important and misunderstood natural areas. Hike to the marsh, and use a dip net to discover tiny creatures in the waters and search for fiddler crabs and birds, while learning to about the marsh and the ways we can protect it. Pre-registration required, call 566-3036. \$2/person or \$6/family of 4 or more.

Senses of the Night Hike

Saturdays 8:30pm-10pm, August 9

As the sun sets some creatures in the park are just waking up! Let us introduce you to the animals that come out at night and explore the senses they use to survive. Pre-registration required, call 566-3036. \$3/person or \$8/family of 4 or more.

Creature Feature Hayride

Saturdays 8:30-10PM, August 23

Hop aboard a hay wagon as we learn about the creatures that wake up as the sun goes down! Pre-registration required, call 566-3036. \$3/person or \$8 for a family of 4 or more.

Plantation Hayride

Saturdays 10-12 noon, August 23

Join us on a ride through the past of York River State Park. Visit foundations of an 18th Century Tobacco Plantation, and see some of the artifacts discovered in the park. Pre-registration required, call 566-3036. \$3/person or \$8 for a family of 4 or more.

Happenings in History

Saturdays 1pm-3pm August 2, 9, and 23

Journey back in time to discover the different groups of people who have used this land, and what they needed to survive. Each week we will look at different periods, starting with Native Americans, Jamestown Settlers, Colonial Plantations, and Civil War. No need to pre-register, no extra fee. (\$3/vehicle parking fee required)

Roaming Ranger/ Dabble in Discovery

Sundays 1pm – 3pm August 3, 10, 24

You never know what Wild creatures the Roaming Ranger might have to share! Come find out! No need to pre-register, no extra fee. (Parking fee required)

Special Events

Estuaries Day

Saturday, September 20, 2008 10am – 3pm

An Estuary is a rich, fertile ecosystem where fresh and salt water meet. The events of Estuaries Day recognize the value of our estuaries as a natural resource and focus attention on the threats that humans impose on them.

Harvest Day

Saturday, October 18, 2008 10am – 3pm

Come to the park and enjoy the beauty of the season. Learn how plants and wildlife are affected by the changing seasons, and humans too as we explore the origins of the holidays. Enjoy old-fashioned carnival games, kids' crafts, hayrides, an evening campfire and more!