



February 2022 Events in Your Charleston County Parks!

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FEBRUARY 2022 Festivals & Events

Save the Light 5K and Half Marathon Entrance at Folly Beach Pier Entrance Saturday, Feb. 5, 8:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Join us on Folly Beach for the Save the Light Half Marathon and 5K. Both USATF certified races support preservation of the Morris Island Lighthouse, and start and finish near the Folly Beach Pier. Awards and post-race food provided. Pre-registration is required and ends on Monday, Jan. 31. Open to all abilities and fitness levels.

Fee: \$40 (5K), \$60 (half marathon)

Ages: 10 and up

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SEWE Combing the Caw Caw Wilderness Caw Caw Interpretive Center Saturday, Feb. 19, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Caw Caw Interpretive Center contains a variety of South Carolina Lowcountry habitats that are known for their beauty and wildlife. Join a naturalist to explore a cypress/tupelo swamp, freshwater marsh, saltwater marsh, and bottomland hardwood forest. Eagles, turkeys, otters, waterfowl, and more are often observed from the trails at Caw Caw. There's no better way to learn about the wilds of the South Carolina Lowcountry.

Fee: \$35

Ages: 12 and up

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Programs

Early Morning Bird Walk at Caw Caw Caw Caw Interpretive Center Wednesdays and Saturdays, Feb. 2, 5, 9, 12, 16, 19, 23 and 26, 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

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Nature Rx: Forest Bathing Fridays Caw Caw Interpretive Center Fridays, Feb. 4 and 11, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Join a naturalist for some ecotherapy in a county park. Warning: potential side effects may include improved mood, improved circulation, interest in something new, and spontaneous euphoria. This program will not include heavy-duty exercise, or actual bathing. It is simply being in nature and connecting with it through the senses of sight, hearing, taste, smell, and touch. The practice of forest bathing is called shinrin-yoku in Japanese. Shinrin means “forest” and yoku means “bath.” So shinrin-yoku means bathing in the forest atmosphere, or taking in the forest through our senses. Through the practice of shinrin-yoku, we may bridge the gap between us and the natural world.

Fee: \$9

Ages: 15 and up

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Twilight Beach Ramble Folly Beach County Park Friday, Feb. 4, 4:30 – 6 p.m.

We invite you to stroll the shoreline with a Master Naturalist instructor in search of those that live under the waves, in the sand, and in the skies. We'll comb the beach for unexpected natural treasures while discussing the dynamics of this ever-changing landscape. Favorite finds from previous programs will be brought to complement what we see.

Fee: \$7

Ages: 12 and up

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Earth Explorers: I Lava Volcanoes
James Island County Park – Picnic Center Meadow
Saturday, Feb. 5, 10 – 11:30 a.m.

You will "lava" volcanoes after this program! While you won't spot an active volcano in South Carolina today, the Lowcountry can experience impacts from volcanoes worldwide. Learn about different types of volcanoes, the significance of eruptions, and how scientists study these powerful geologic forces.

Fee: \$10

Ages: 7-12

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James Island County Park Bird Walk
James Island County Park – Picnic Center Meadow
Saturday, Feb. 5, 12, 19 and 26, 8:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Across the various habitats and trails at James Island County Park, staff and visitors recorded over 200 bird species over the years. Join us as we look for birds and discuss how this incredible group of animals connects people the world over. At this time of year, we hope to see a variety of songbirds, wading birds, and birds of prey such as Orange-crowned Warblers, White Ibis, Sharp-shinned Hawks, and more.

Fee: \$9

Ages: 12 and up

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Intro to Climbing
James Island County Park - Challenge Course at Outdoor Zone
Sunday, Feb. 6, 2 – 3:30 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

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Intro to Sport Lead Climbing
James Island County Park - Challenge Course at Outdoor Zone
Sunday, Feb. 6, 10 a.m. – 1 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: \$30

Ages: 14 and up

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Your Parks, Your Classroom: Lowcountry Living
Virtual Program at Online-Charleston County Parks
Wednesday, Feb. 9 and 23, 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 on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. or 11:30 a.m. 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. Join us from the comfort of your own home or classroom as we explore one of Charleston's diverse habitats and the inhabitants that call the Lowcountry home. In this installment, learn how natural resources were historically used in everyday life.

Fee: Free

Ages: 4 and up

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**Homeschool Series on Wednesdays: Low & High Elements
James Island County Park - Challenge Course at Outdoor Zone**

Wed, Feb. 9 and 23, 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.

Fee: \$30

Ages: 10 - 18 years

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**Lowcountry Senior Series: Disc Golf
James Island County Park - Challenge Course at Outdoor Zone**

Friday, Feb. 8, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

In partnership with the Lowcountry Senior Center, this program empowers adults 50+ to continue to explore, discover, and grow. Participants will be introduced to disc golf at the Outdoor Zone at James Island County Park. Equipment provided.

Fee: \$9

Ages: 50 and up

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

Friday, Feb. 11, 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

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**Homeschool in the Parks: Think Like a Naturalist
Caw Caw Interpretive Center**

Friday, Feb. 11, 10 – 11:30 a.m.

Naturalist study plants and animals so they may protect and understand the world around them. Learn how to key out species, understand the stories behind tracks, and why we use scientific nomenclature. Through these activities, children learn how to think like a naturalist and understand the dynamic ecosystems of the Caw Caw Interpretive Center.

Fee: \$7

Ages: 7- 13

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**Family Longboard Life
James Island County Park – Climbing Wall at Outdoor Zone**

Saturdays, Feb. 12 and 26, 1 – 2:30 p.m.

Too cold to surf? Get on a longboard with wheels instead. The family can learn longboarding together with a brief introduction, skill session, and take a ride around the park! Equipment will be provided. Each family member wishing to participate must pre-register.

Fee: \$15

Ages: 8 and up

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**Owl Prowl
Caw Caw Interpretive Center**

Saturday, Feb. 12, 5 – 7 p.m.

Owls have long captivated humans with their majestic appearance and enchanting sounds. This evening excursion will give you a greater understanding of the nocturnal predators that may be found in your backyard, the sounds they make, and the adaptations that aid them in successfully navigating the natural world.

Fee: \$9

Ages: 12 and up

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Sunset Moonrise Beach Walk
Dunes House at Folly Beach County Park
Saturday, Feb. 16, 5 – 7 p.m.

Join a naturalist for a leisurely walk on the beach to admire the southwest end of Folly Island during the twilight hours. We will watch the sunset and the full moon rise while we look for animals that call the edge of America home this time of year.

Fee: \$9

Ages: 12 and up

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Friday Night Hikes
Caw Caw Interpretive Center
Friday, Feb. 18, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

The sun may be going down, but many animals are just waking up. Join a Master Naturalist instructor for a program about owls, moths, and other park inhabitants that thrive in the night. We'll let our eyes adjust and will focus more on our other senses as we explore our trails at night.

Fee: \$12

Ages: 9 and up

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Wee Wild Ones Winter Fun with Feathered Ones (Polliwogs)
Caw Caw Interpretive Center
Friday, Feb. 18, 10 – 11 a.m.

Young children will channel their inner explorers while enjoying nature through hands-on activities, games, music, and art. Rarely does it snow in Charleston, but let's have some fun learning about weather especially during the winter! Polliwogs group: Ages 18 months to 3 years

Fee: \$10

Ages: 1 ½ - 3

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Wee Wild Ones: Winter Fun with Feathered Ones (Froglets)
Caw Caw Interpretive Center
Friday, Feb. 18, 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. Rarely does it snow in Charleston, but let's have some fun learning about weather especially during the winter! Froglets group:

Fee: \$10

Ages 4 to 6 years

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High Ropes Experience
James Island County Park - Challenge Course at Outdoor Zone
Saturday, Feb 19 and 26, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

This will 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

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Challenge Course Adventures
James Island County Park - Challenge Course at Outdoor Zone
Saturday, Feb. 19 and 26, 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. The average program time is 1.5 hours.

Fee: \$15

Ages: 10 and up

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Lowcountry Senior Series: Disc Golf at Wannamaker Park

Wannamaker County Park

Tuesday, Feb. 22, 10a.m. – 12 p.m.

In partnership with the Lowcountry Senior Center, this program empowers adults 50+ to continue to explore, discover, and grow. Participants will be introduced to disc golf at the disc golf course at Wannamaker County Park. Equipment will be provided.

Fee: \$12

Ages: 50 and up

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Virtual Local Paddling Destinations

Virtual Program at Online-Charleston County Parks

Wednesday, Feb. 23, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

The Lowcountry is well known for its salt marshes, cypress swamps, and inland waterways. Learn about many of our great paddling destinations and how to gain access to them.

Fee: \$25

Ages: 16 and up

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Winter Tree Identification

Palmetto Islands County Park

Thursday, Feb. 24, 1 – 3 p.m.

Identifying trees without their distinctive leaves demands scrutiny, dedication, and practice. Through the use of dichotomous keys, helpful instruction, and your powers of observation, learn more about twigs, buds, and bark!

Fee: \$9

Ages 12 and up

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Virtual Coastal Navigation

Virtual Program at Online-Charleston County Parks

Thursday thru Saturday, Feb. 24 – 26, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. and 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

This course introduces you to all aspects of coastal navigation. The basics of maps and charts, compasses, aids to navigation, declination/variation, and rules of the nautical road will be covered. You will also learn more advanced navigational skills such as dead reckoning, range lines, fixes, following bearings, triangulation, and compensating for the current. Sea kayakers and other coastal travelers will enjoy learning from these informative classes. Gain confidence and skills to feel at ease knowing where you are and how to get to where you want to go.

Fee: \$50, 1-week session

Ages: 16 and up

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