



October Events in Your Charleston County Parks!

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OCTOBER Special Events

Lowcountry Trail Half Marathon & 5K

Johns Island County Park

Sat. Oct. 1, 8:30 a.m.

Join us on the scenic trails of Johns Island County Park for our annual Lowcountry Trail Half Marathon and 5K. Beautiful fall foliage, moss-draped oaks, and native wildlife provide a scenic backdrop to the perfect trail run. This is one of four 5K races in our 5K Trail Race Series.

Fee: \$ 38 5K; \$55 Half Marathon

Ages: 10 and up

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Dancing on the Cooper: The Spazmatics

Mount Pleasant Pier

Sat., Oct. 1, 7-10:30 p.m.

Enjoy scenic views of the Charleston Harbor while dancing and listening to live music from The Spazmatics. The band plays all the ultimate 80's and 90's hits while wearing costumes including bowties, plaid pants, taped glasses, and pocket protectors. Come out and get nerdy! Live music starts at 7:30 p.m.

Fee: \$8 in advance; \$10 at the event

Ages: 4 and up

[12232 Purchase Tickets](#)

Grind for Life

SK8 Charleston

Sat., Oct. 1, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

The Grind for Life series is a national, all ages and all skills street and bowl skateboarding competition benefitting the Grind for Life Organization, a non-profit that assists cancer patients with travel expenses. **Registration to compete is now closed**, however, spectators are welcome at this event. Spectators do not need to register. For more information and a schedule of competitions, visit <https://www.ccprc.com/3601/Grind-for-Life>. Come out and enjoy the action!

Fee: Free

Latin American Festival

Wannamaker County Park

Sunday, Oct. 9, 12 - 2 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, traditional dance performances, folkloric artwork and crafts, and authentic food and beverages. Visit charlestoncountyparks.com or call (843) 795-4386 for more information.

Fee: \$10 at the gate; \$5 for students and members of the military; free for kids 12 and under and Gold Pass holders

Ages: any

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Starlight Yoga

Wannamaker County Park / Tupelo Shelter

Thurs., Oct. 13, 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

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

Fee: \$10 in advance; \$12 at the event

Ages: 12 and up

Purchase Tickets [12736](#)

Toast Under The Oaks

Johns Island County Park

Thurs., Oct. 13, 5 - 7 p.m.

Come enjoy Toast Under the Oaks while exploring Johns Island County Park. Guests will enjoy wine, beer, and live music from Gracie Trice, while experiencing the beauty of this 738-acre park. Food truck fare will be available for purchase on-site from Kees Kitchen and Mac Daddy food truck.

Fee: \$20 in advance; \$25 at the event

Ages: 21 and up

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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**

Saturday, Oct. 15, 7 a.m. – 2 p.m.

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 Pearman Bridge, which have become a haven for many types of fish.

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>

**Wine Down Wednesday
Old Towne Creek County Park**

Wed, Oct. 19, 5 – 7 pm

Get tickets now as this event is expected to sell out early! Come Wine Down your Wednesday and explore Old Towne Creek County Park, one of West Ashley's hidden gems. Guests will enjoy wine and live music, while experiencing the beauty of this natural site. A commemorative wine glass is included with your admission. Food truck fare will be available for purchase on-site.

Fee: \$20 in advance

Ages: 21 and up

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**Palmetto Park Jam
Palmetto Islands County Park**

Sunday, Oct. 23, 10 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Come out to Palmetto Islands County Park to enjoy live music from local Grateful Dead cover band, The Reckoning! Gates open at 10am; live music begins at 12 p.m. You are encouraged to bring your own tables and chairs to set up. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. No outside food, alcohol, or coolers permitted.

Fee: \$ 40 per vehicle of up to 15 people

Ages: any

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OCTOBER Programs

**Fondness for Fungi
Palmetto Islands County Park**

Sat., Oct. 1, 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: 12 and up

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

Sat., Oct. 1, 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Throughout time, nature has inspired people's artistic expressions. 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: 7 to age 13

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**Essentials of Stand-Up Paddleboard (SUP)
James Island County Park / Park Center**

Sat., Oct. 1, 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

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**Intro to Climbing Technique
James Island County Park – Outdoor Zone**

Sun., Oct. 2, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

There's a lot to learn about climbing, and starting out can be intimidating, but it doesn't have to be. Whether you're new to climbing, or just trying to get past the crux on your project, our Intro to Climbing Technique class will help you reach your climbing goals. Class features a 1:6 instructor to student ratio and lots of small group and partner work. Instruction takes place on both ropes and boulders.

Fee: \$20; includes gear rental

Ages: 14 and up

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Top Roping for Beginners
James Island County Park / Outdoor Zone

Sun., Oct. 2, 2:30 – 4 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

[12743](#)

Jr. Naturalist: Feathered Friends

James Island County Park

Wed., Oct. 5, 4 – 6:30 p.m.

Through hands-on activities and an interactive nature ramble, participants will learn about bird adaptations, behaviors, and how to identify common species.

Fee: \$10

Ages: 7 - 13

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Intro to Archery

Johns Island County Park

Sat., Oct. 8, 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

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Family Archery

Johns Island County Park

Sat., Oct. 8, 1 p.m. – 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

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Jr. Naturalist: One Earth

Mount Pleasant Pier

Wed., Oct. 12, 4 – 6:30 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: 7 to age 13

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Lighthouse Inlet Bird Walk

Lighthouse Inlet Heritage Preserve

Fri., Oct. 14., 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 is a leader in number of bird species seen in South Carolina. At this time of year we hope to see songbirds, seabirds, and shorebirds such as Painted Bunting, Caspian Tern, Wilson's Plover, and much more.

Fee: \$9

Ages: 12 and up

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Monarch Migration

Folly Beach County Park /Dunes House

Fri., Oct. 14, 4 – 5:30 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: \$9

Ages: 9 and up

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Homeschool in the Parks: Web Weavers**Caw Caw Interpretive Center****Fri., Oct. 14, 10 – 11:30 a.m.**

Spiders are misunderstood creatures that play a vital role in our habitats. We will learn about unique spider adaptations, look for spiders in the field, and discuss the many ways they help contribute to a healthy environment.

Fee: \$7

Ages: 7-13

[12677](#)**Jr. Naturalist: Wetland Discovery and Graduation****Caw Caw Interpretive Center****Sat., Oct. 15, 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

Discover a fascinating underwater world as you investigate the wetlands at the Caw Caw Interpretive Center. After the program, celebrate this year's Junior Naturalist class in a graduation ceremony. All participants and family members are welcome to attend!

Fee: \$10

Ages: 7-13

[12717](#)**Intro to Sport Lead Climbing****James Island County Park – Outdoor Zone****Sun., Oct. 16, 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: Lead climbing is not a beginner skill set. We require a base of experience to take our lead course. You need to have been climbing regularly for several months. You need to be top rope certified in our gym prior to registering for the course. You need to be able to climb 5.8 routes in our facility numerous times in a row.

Fee: \$40

Ages: 14 and up

[12745](#)**Jr. Naturalist: Insect Safari****Palmetto Islands County Park****Wed., Oct. 19, 4 – 6:30 p.m.**

Did you know there are more than a million species of insects? Become familiar with some interesting local insects by collecting, observing, and then releasing them. You may even discover that "creepy crawlies" aren't bad at all!

Fee: \$10

Ages: 7-13

[12708](#)**Benefits of Bats****Caw Caw Interpretive Center****Thurs., Oct. 27, 6 – 7:30 p.m.**

No matter where you live, there are likely bats nearby, which is good since we rely on bat services to have healthy ecosystems. They eat insects, pollinate plants, disperse seeds, inspire innovation, and serve as prey to other animals. A single bat can eat up to its body weight in insects each night. We will search for bats that can be found in our region and learn about what we can do to help the conservation of this unique mammal.

Fee: \$9

Ages: 12 and up

[12690](#)**Monarch Migration****Folly Beach County Park /Dunes House****Fri., Oct. 28, 4 – 5:30 p.m.**

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Fee: \$9

Ages: 9 and up

[12672](#)**Wee Wild Ones: Pumpkins in the Park (Polliwogs)****Caw Caw Interpretive Center****Fri., Oct. 28, 10-11 a.m.**

Young children will channel their inner explorers while enjoying nature through hands-on activities, games, music, and art. What can you spy with your little eye while in nature? Little ones will discover their sense of adventure and engage their curiosity about plants and animals. Polliwogs group: Ages 18 months to 3 years

Fee: \$10

Ages: 1 1/2 -3

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Wee Wild Ones: Pumpkins in the Park (Froglets)

Caw Caw Interpretive Center

Fri., Oct. 28, 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: 4-7

[12722](#)

Homeschool in the Parks: Amazing Migration

Folly Beach County Park

Fri., Oct. 28, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Discover why animals choose to move. We will learn about Monarchs and other creatures that migrate along the South Carolina coast.

Fee: \$7

Ages: 7 -13

[12692](#)

Community & Clubs

McClellanville Open Gym Recreation

McClellanville – Lincoln High School Basketball Gym

Saturday, Oct. 1 – Sunday Oct. 30, (6-week session) 7 – 10 p.m.

Supervised open gym and facilities for community recreation, fitness, and basketball free play. A chaperone is required for ages 13 and under. Check in and out required for all participants by CCPRC staff on duty. **Everyday EXCEPT MONDAYS.**

Fee: FREE

Ages: any

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Schroder Open Gym Recreation

Schroder Open Gym Recreation / Schroder Community Center

Saturday, Oct. 1 – Sunday Oct. 30, (6-week session) 7 – 10 p.m.

Supervised open gym and facilities for community recreation, fitness, and basketball free play. A chaperone is required for ages 13 and under. Check in and out required for all participants by CCPRC staff on duty. **Everyday EXCEPT MONDAYS.**

Fee: FREE

Ages: any

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Johns Island Community Halloween Celebration

Haut Gap Middle School / Community Center

Thurs., Oct. 27, 6 – 9 p.m.

Trick or treat! Dress up in your Halloween costume and come join us for a day of family fun, including free candy, kid-friendly games, and music. Don't miss out on all the fun!

Fee: FREE

Ages: any

[12691](#)

Baptist Hill Community Halloween Celebration

Schroder Open Gym Recreation / Schroder Community Center

Saturday, Oct. 29, 5 – 7:30 p.m.

Trick or treat! Dress up in your Halloween costume and come join us for a day of family fun, including free candy, kid-friendly games, and music. Don't miss out on all the fun!

Fee: FREE

Ages: any

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McClellanville Community Halloween Celebration

Lincoln High School / Lincoln - Basketball Gymnasium

Monday, Oct. 31, 5 – 7 p.m.

Trick or treat! Dress up in your Halloween costume and come join us for a day of family fun, including free candy, kid-friendly games, and music. Don't miss out on all the fun!

Fee: FREE

Ages: any

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