



April 2023 Events in Your Charleston County Parks!

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## **APRIL 2023 Festivals & Events**

### **Toast Under the Oaks**

**Thursday, April 6, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.**

#### **Johns Island County Park**

Enjoy Toast Under the Oaks while exploring Johns Island County Park. Guests will enjoy wine, beer and live music from The Honeybees, while experiencing the beauty of this 738-acre park. Food truck fare will be available for purchase on-site from Wally Gyros and Co-Hog.

Fee: \$20

Ages: 21 and up

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### **Starlight Yoga**

**Thursday, April 6, 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.**

#### **Mount Pleasant Pier**

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

Fee: \$10

Ages: 12 and up

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### **Sunrise Yoga**

**Saturday, April 8, 7 – 8 a.m.**

#### **Caw Caw Interpretive Center**

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

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### **Lowcountry Cajun Festival**

**Saturday, April 22, Noon – 6 p.m.**

#### **James Island County Park**

This event may sell out in advance so early purchase ticket is recommended. Bring your family and friends and come experience a full day of Louisiana culture with Zydeco music, hot and spicy crawfish, and an all-around ragin' Cajun good time! Food and beverages will be available for purchase. Visit our website at [www.charlestoncountyparks.com](http://www.charlestoncountyparks.com) or call (843) 795-4386 for more information.

Fee: \$35 per vehicle – limited admission available

<https://ccprc.com/137/Lowcountry-Cajun-Festival>

### **Mullet Haul Trail Run**

**Saturday, April 22**

**10K starts at 8:30 a.m.; 5K starts at 8:45 a.m.**

#### **Johns Island County Park**

Dash then bash at the Mullet Haul Trail 5/10K. Stick around for the awards ceremony and post-race party with delicious food and adult beverages. Open to all abilities and fitness levels. 10K is open for runners only; 5K is open to runners and walkers.

Fee: \$38-\$42

Ages: 10 and up

<https://ccprc.com/1391/Mullet-Haul-Trail-Run>

### **Sunrise Yoga**

**Saturday, April 29, 7 – 8 a.m.**

#### **Folly Beach County Park**

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

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### **Dancing on the Cooper: Mason Dixon Band**

**Saturday, April 29, 7 – 10:30 p.m.; live music starts at 7:30**

#### **Mount Pleasant Pier**

Enjoy scenic views of the Charleston Harbor while dancing to live classic country and southern rock music from Mason Dixon Band.

Fee: \$8

Ages: 4 and up

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## **APRIL 2023 Programs**

### **Basic Climbing Rescues**

**Sunday, April 2, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.**

#### **James Island County Park – Outdoor Zone**

Learn basic self rescue techniques for your next outdoor trip. When things don't go according to plan, have the skills and confidence to get you and your partner out of trouble.

Fee: \$40

Ages: 14 and up

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### **Odyssey Adventure (morning session)**

**Mondays, April 3, 10 & 17; Fridays, April 7, 14 & 21; Saturdays, April 1 & 8**

**9 a.m. – 12 p.m.**

#### **James Island County Park - Challenge Course at Outdoor Zone**

Looking for an adventure this spring? Come with us for a 3-hour Odyssey Adventure! We'll start on the ground with ground instruction then harness up. From there, we'll head to the cargo-net to climb up to the high ropes course: The Odyssey Course. Once at height, we have a multitude of challenges and elements to test your skills and abilities. At the end, you'll have one more challenge: the Zipline Exit.

Ages: 10 and up

Fee: \$30

[Register online](#)

### **Odyssey Adventure (afternoon session)**

**Mondays, April 3 & 10 & 17; Fridays, April 7 & 14 & 21; Saturday, April 8**

**1 – 4 p.m.**

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Ages: 10 and up

Fee: \$30

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### **Lowcountry Senior Series: Archery**

**Tuesday, April 4, 1 – 3 p.m.**

#### **James Island County Park – Outdoor Zone**

In partnership with the Lowcountry Senior Center, this program empowers adults 50+ to continue to explore, discover, and grow. Come out and fling some arrows! We'll start with the basics of archery and you'll find that "inner child" as you start hitting those bull's-eyes.

Fee: \$20

Ages: 50 and up

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### **Wee Wild Ones: EGGstatic About Nature (Polliwogs)**

**Friday, April 7, 10 – 11 a.m.**

#### **Caw Caw Interpretive Center**

For ages 18 months to 3 years. Young children will channel their inner explorers while enjoying nature through hands-on activities, games, music, and art. What's EGG-ing you on? Join us as we learn about different animals that that make eggs and their young in a fun and exciting way.

Fee: \$10

Ages: 1 1/2yrs to 3 years

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### **Wee Wild Ones: EGGstatic About Nature (Froglets)**

**Friday, April 7, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

#### **Caw Caw Interpretive Center**

For ages 4-6. Young children will channel their inner explorers while enjoying nature through hands-on activities, games, music, and art. What's EGG-ing you on? Join us as we learn about different animals that make eggs and their young in a fun and exciting way.

Fee: \$10

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### **Gullah Spiritual Practices**

**Friday, April 7, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

#### **McLeod Plantation Historic Site**

Gullah spiritual practices have a long and rich history. Everything done at a funeral or homegoing has a special meaning that extends all the way back to West Africa. Join us as we explore the meaning behind these practices and traditions.

Fee: \$10

Ages: 16 and up

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Fee: \$20

Ages: 8 and up

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### **Intro to Archery**

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#### **Johns Island County Park – Archery Range**

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Fee: \$30

Ages: 10 and up

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### **Alligator Adventure**

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#### **Caw Caw Interpretive Center**

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

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### **Baptist Hill Spring Break Bash**

**Saturday, April 8, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.**

#### **West County Aquatic Center**

Celebrate the 3rd Annual Community Spring Break Bash! This event will feature music, a variety of snack foods, games, story time with the St. Paul's Hollywood Library, and many other activities. Pre-registration is not required for this event. This event is free to the public.

Fee: Free

Ages: any

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### **Johns Island Spring Break Bash**

**Saturday, April 8, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.**

#### **RR Complex at Haut Gap Middle School**

Celebrate the 3rd Annual Community Spring Break Bash. Join us for live music, food, games, and more! Pre-registration is not required for this event. This event is free to the public.

Fee: Free

Ages: any

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### **McClellanville Spring Break Bash**

**Monday, April 10, 5 – 7 p.m.**

#### **Basketball Gymnasium at Lincoln High School**

Celebrate the 3rd Annual Community Spring Break Bash. Join us for live music, games, and an Easter egg hunt! Pre-registration is not required for this event. The event is free to the public. For more information about this event, please contact Sonya Gardner at (843) 408-9425.

Fee: Free

Ages: any

[13387](#)

### **The Men of the Massachusetts 54th and 55<sup>th</sup>**

**Tuesday, April 11, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

#### **McLeod Plantation Historic Site**

The African American men who enlisted in the Massachusetts 54th and 55th played a unique role in the Civil War at this site. Come and explore the stories and legends of some of the men who served. What to expect: There is no accessible parking available. There are no restrooms available. The park includes paved surface that leads to natural, unimproved surface out to a sandy beach. The program route is flat leading to moderate elevation when crossing sand dunes. There are no benches available at this site. The program speed is moderately slow and requires periods of standing.

Fee: \$10

Ages: 16 and up

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**Early Birding****Thursday, April 13, 6:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.****Stono River County Park - Trailhead**

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. What to expect: This program is open to birders of all levels, including beginners. Accessible parking, restrooms, water fountains, and picnic tables are available near the parking area where the program begins and ends. The park includes paved and boardwalk trails, as well as some natural, unimproved trails that are mostly flat. The program route is out to an overlook and back and approximately a mile and a half long total. Benches are available midway along the trail route.

Fee: \$9 per person

Ages: 12 and up

[13217](#)**Lighthouse Inlet Bird Walk****Friday, April 14, 8:30 – 10:30 a.m.****Lighthouse Inlet Heritage Preserve**

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 (chaperone required for ages 15 and under)

[13289](#)**Understanding the Rice Culture****Saturday, April 15, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.****Caw Caw Interpretive Center**

To talk about land in the Lowcountry is an automatic invite to talk about rice, who grew it, where it came from and the how cultivation changed the landscape in ways that are still evident today. Caw Caw Interpretive Center provides one of the best local looks in the Lowcountry. What to expect: Accessible parking, restrooms, water fountains, and picnic tables are available at the Welcome Center where the program begins and ends. The park includes natural, unpaved trails that are mostly flat. The program route is a loop and benches are available along the trail route. The program speed is moderately slow and includes periods of standing.

Fee: \$10

Ages: 16 and up

[13259](#)**Intro to Climbing Technique****Sunday, April 16, 12:30 – 2 p.m.****James Island County Park – Outdoor Zone**

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. 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. 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

[13281](#)**Intro to Sport Lead Climbing****Sunday, April 16, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.****James Island County Park – Outdoor Zone**

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. 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

[13283](#)**Beginner Skateboarding: Ages 13+****Thursday, April 20, 7 - 8:30 p.m.****SK8 Charleston**

Learn the basics of skateboarding in a safe and fun environment! Little to no experience skateboarding is necessary. Students will be taught the components of a skateboard, proper safety equipment, skate park etiquette, determining stance: Regular or Goofy, foot placement on the board, pushing, carving, keeping your momentum, turning, and how to properly fall. Helmets are required and pads are recommended. SK8 Charleston has skateboards, helmets, and pads (wrist guards, elbow pads, and knee pads) available for use at no additional cost during scheduled lessons. Skaters may use their own industry standard equipment. Includes free admission into the skate park on the day of the lesson as well as one courtesy pass for a return visit.

Fee: \$65

Ages: 13 and up

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**Walking Gullah Trails****Saturday, April 22, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.****Laurel Hill County Park**

After the Civil War many formerly enslaved families settled in and around Laurel Hill. In fact, descendants from many of those families can still recall what life was like during the transition to freedom and the years that followed. Come and explore the stories of Laurel Hill. What to expect: There is no accessible parking and no restrooms are available at this site. The park trails are of a natural, unimproved surface and mostly flat. The tour pace will be moderate to slow and includes periods of standing.

Fee: \$10

Ages: 16 and up

[13261](#)**Top Rope Climbing for Beginners****Sunday, April 23, 1 – 2:30 p.m.****James Island County Park – Outdoor Zone**

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

[13285](#)**Exploring Palmetto Islands County Park****Tuesday, April 25, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.****Palmetto Islands County Park – Meadow**

Tucked away in Mt. Pleasant, Palmetto Islands County Park provides an opportunity to visualize and discuss fort sites, built by enslaved labor from nearby plantations, used in the Civil War. Palmetto Islands is also an amazing location to view the intersection of nature and history, which we will do during this interpretive walk. What to expect: Accessible parking is available at this site. Accessible restrooms and water fountains are available at the meadow and accessible picnic tables are throughout the park. Park contains paved and unpaved trails and benches are placed alongside the trails. Tour pace will be moderate to slow and contains periods of standing.

Fee: \$10

Ages: 16 and up

[13263](#)**Benefits of Bats****Friday, April 28, 6 – 7:30 p.m.****Johns Island County Park**

No matter where you live, there are likely bats nearby, which is good since we rely on bats 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

[13221](#)**Gullah Spiritual Practices****Saturday, April 29, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.****McLeod Plantation Historic Site**

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Fee: \$10

Ages: 16 and up

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Fee: \$9

Ages: 12 and up

[13220](#)**Essentials of Kayaking****Saturday, April 29, 2 – 5 p.m.****James Island County Park – Boat Launch**

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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**Essentials of Stand Up Paddleboard (SUP)**

**Saturday, April 29, 1 – 5 p.m.**

James Island County Park – Boat Launch

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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**Baptist Hill Pickleball Clinic**

**Saturday, April 29, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

**Schroder Community Center**

No experience required. Clinic will focus on the fundamentals of the game. Participants will learn how to effectively hit the ball, maintain a rally, keep score, and become familiar with the basic rules of the game.

Fee: Free

Ages: 18 and up

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**Family Archery**

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Fee: \$20

Ages: 8 and up

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Fee: \$30

Ages: 10 and up

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