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# Explore Caw Caw at SEWE Program Feb. 17

## Part of Southeastern Wildlife Expo offerings

[CHARLESTON COUNTY] – Charleston County Parks is proud to once again offer a tour of Caw Caw Interpretive Center in Ravenel as part of this year's Southeastern Wildlife Expo (SEWE)! The Combing the Caw Caw Wilderness Tour will be offered to SEWE participants and the general public on Saturday, Feb. 17 from 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. All participants must register in advance.

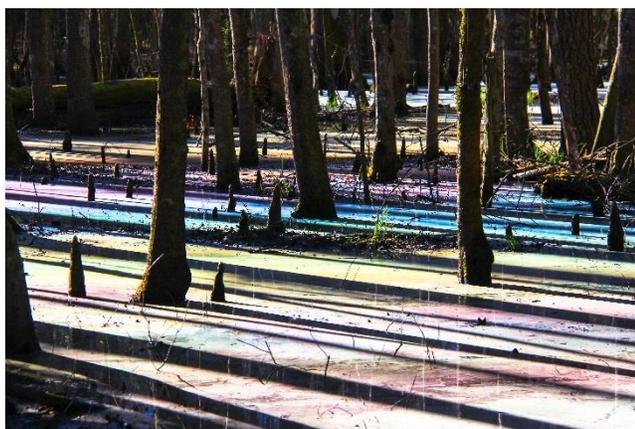
Registration is now open for this specialized tour with a naturalist to explore Caw Caw's cypress/tupelo swamp, freshwater marshes, saltwater marshes, bottomland hardwood forest and other habitats. Eagles, wild turkeys, otters and waterfowl are often observed from the trails. This is the third year this special program has been offered at Caw Caw in conjunction with SEWE.

Advance registration is required, and the program is open to any interested party, ages 12 and up. Fees are \$35 per person. To sign up, visit [CharlestonCountyParks.com](http://CharlestonCountyParks.com) (course number 55176).

Caw Caw Interpretive Center, located just south of Charleston, features a variety of habitats known for their beauty and wildlife. The park features over six miles of trails, boardwalks and bridges, with exhibits along the way. This site is a thriving wildlife preserve and birding hotspot because of its diverse habitats.

Rich in natural, cultural and historical resources, Caw Caw Interpretive Center was once part of several rice plantations and home to enslaved Africans who applied their technology and skills to create and cultivate a series of rice fields out of prehistoric cypress swamps. In addition to former 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> century rice fields, visitors can experience an understory of thousands of naturalized tea plants from an early 20<sup>th</sup> century tea farm. Caw Caw Interpretive Center is also the only formally documented site of the 1739 Stono Rebellion. The site offers educational exhibits, interpretive displays, and natural and cultural history programs for all ages, and was recently designated as a partner site for the Gullah Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor.

For details or to register for the program, visit [CharlestonCountyParks.com](http://CharlestonCountyParks.com). For more information on the Southeastern Wildlife Exposition, visit [SEWE.com](http://SEWE.com).



*Owned by the Charleston County Park and Recreation Commission (CCPRC), Caw Caw Interpretive Center is located at 5200 Savannah Highway (17 South) in Ravenel, SC. CCPRC is celebrating 50 years and still shining in 2018! The mission of CCPRC is to improve the quality of life in Charleston County by offering a diverse system of park facilities, programs and services. The large park system features over 11,000 acres of property and includes four land parks, three beach parks, four seasonally-lifeguarded beach areas, three dog parks, two landmark fishing piers, three waterparks, 19 boat landings, a skate park, a historic plantation site, a climbing wall, a challenge course, an interpretive center, an equestrian center, cottages, a campground, a marina, as well as wedding, meeting and event facilities. CCPRC also offers a wide variety of recreational services – festivals, camps, classes, programs, and much more. For more information on CCPRC, call 843-795-4386, download the Charleston County Parks mobile app, or visit [www.charlestoncountyparks.com](http://www.charlestoncountyparks.com).*