



## Meetings

The Friends meet at the park on the first Monday in February, April, August, and October at 4 p.m. Please check our website - [belleislestateparkfriends.org](http://belleislestateparkfriends.org) - for date changes due to weather or holidays, or call the park, 804-462-5030.

Guests are always welcome!

## Music by the River

Music by the River is one of the annual highlights of the summer in the Northern Neck. Six concerts of country, gospel, and rock from 6 to 8 PM on Saturdays in June, July, and August are sure to set your feet to stomp.



The annual Music by the River concert series is a highlight of Northern Neck summers.



Bel Air House and Bel Air Guest House are available for overnight stays.



Belle Isle pier on Mulberry Creek



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## Who are the Friends?

The **Friends** are a nonprofit citizen group of supporters who assist the park in achieving its goals of serving visitors and protecting park resources.

The **Friends** provide development and support for park educational programs, interpretive presentations, and special activities.

**Friends** have many interests and backgrounds. Our members are sensitive to the needs of park guests and seek to support all of the unique park opportunities, including nature, history, hiking, biking, horseback riding, canoeing, and many more.

**Friends**, with strong support from the community and other nonprofit groups, such as the Virginia Northern Neck Chapters of the Master Naturalists, the Audubon Society, and the Native Plant Society, sponsor many ongoing and special events in the park.

**Friends have fun doing all these things!**

**COME AND JOIN US**

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## Belle Isle State Park

Belle Isle State Park is at 1632 Belle Isle Rd., Rte. 683, just off Rte. 345, in Lancaster, VA. The park has 892 acres with 7 miles of shoreline on the Rappahannock River, Deep Creek, and Mulberry Creek. Visitors can explore a wide variety of tidal wetlands interspersed with agricultural fields and upland forests.

The area, once a settlement for Virginia Indians, became tobacco land in the late 1600s. The Belle Isle manor house was built around 1760.



Over the years after the Civil War, much of the area was sold off in pieces. Belle Isle Plantation seemed destined to become a waterfront subdivision until it was purchased for a State Park by Virginia in 1993.

In 2015 the park acquired an inholding which included the manor house and outbuildings. With this purchase the historic lands of the Belle Isle Plantation were reunited. The manor is presently under restoration.

The park welcomes over 48,000 visitors annually and offers hiking, biking, picnicking, watercraft rental, and overnight accommodation in campgrounds and in the historic Bel Air area.

For more information on  
Belle Isle State Park visit  
[www.virginiastateparks.gov/belle-isle](http://www.virginiastateparks.gov/belle-isle)

## Join The Friends

**Please consider becoming a  
Friend of Belle Isle State Park**

### *Annual Membership*

|                |       |
|----------------|-------|
| _____ Family   | 15.00 |
| _____ Business | 25.00 |

As a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization, the Friends rely on your tax deductible donations. If you would like to include an additional donation, please indicate the amount here:

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Make checks payable to Friends of Belle Isle State Park and mail or bring to the park office.

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You can also join or donate at our website:  
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