

**Friday, April 3****4 p.m. – Ask A Ranger – Campground Bathhouse**

Let us keep the kids entertained while the adults set up or take a break from setting up and stop by for a quick craft; discussion of Belle Isle's history; or a lesson on critters. It's ranger's choice, so every week is different.

**Saturday, April 4****10 a.m. – Critter Creations - April Fools Animal Trickery – Visitor Center**

Did you get fooled on April 1st? Some critters you see around Belle Isle are masters of mimicry or camouflage. Join a ranger to learn about amazing adaptations to live in their environment and make one of these critters to take home and share with friends and family.

**1 p.m. – Busy Beaver Hike – Campground Spur Trail**

There's something happening in White Oak Swamp, Beavers! Nature's most cunning engineers are building something. Join a ranger on this easy, 1-mile hike along White Oak Swamp Trail to see for yourself just what they're building and to learn why they're building it. Meet near site 29 and 30, at the start of Campground Spur Trail.

**3 p.m. – The Colors of Eggs – Picnic Area**

Eggs come in a range of colors and sizes and not just during Easter. Come discover some of the birds that have nests with colorful eggs and call Belle Isle State Park home during this season. You can make your own craft to take home as a souvenir.

**Thursday, April 9****9 a.m. – Walk on the Wild Side – Flora & Fauna Springing Forth – Camp Store**

Take a Walk on the Wild Side with park volunteers and members of the Northern Neck Master Naturalists.

The walks will be conducted at a leisurely pace to allow stops along the way. Hikes will be no more than 2 miles round trip, but may occasionally go off trail. Please wear closed-toe shoes and dress for forecasted weather. Group size is limited, pre-registration is requested. For more information or to register, please call the park at 804-462-5030.

**Friday, April 10****4 p.m. – B.A.R.K. Rangers – Pets in Parks – Campground Bath House**

Stop by our table in front of the Bath House for a sneak peek into the developing Virginia State Park's B.A.R.K. Ranger program and upcoming dog focused events at Belle Isle. Our parks are pet friendly and we want to create a space where your four-legged friends can thrive alongside their family as well as other park visitors and critter residents at the park.

**Saturday, April 11****10 a.m. – Owl Pellet Detective – Visitor Center - \$2**

Become an owl pellet detective as we dissect the clues an owl leaves behind. Discover what was on the menu for these nocturnal creatures. \$2 per pellet.

**1 p.m. – Happy Tails on the Trails – Picnic Area**

Drawing on years of dog training experience and a passion for our parks, join Ranger Rachel in the pilot program designed to bring training to the trails and help your dog become their best park-ready companion. You'll get a first look at our in-development canine education series designed to teach training techniques that meet real-world park scenarios while respecting our natural spaces. Topics include park and trail etiquette, wildlife safety, basic commands using positive training methods and discussion of any potential personal challenges with ideas to address them.

**3 p.m. – What Is Up with the Weather? – Camp Store**

Join a ranger to learn about meteorological vs. astronomical seasons, weather lore, what ROY G BIV means and put your knowledge to the test with a craft that you can take home as a souvenir.



# Earth Week

at **VIRGINIA STATE PARKS**

## Friday, April 17

### 4 p.m. – Critter Creations – Bats – Campground Bath House

It is International Bat Appreciation Day! Learn all about these important night time pollinators and make a craft to take home.

## Saturday, April 18

### 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. - Earth Day Clean Up – Camp Store or Visitor Center

Want to help the Chesapeake Bay watershed and our planet this weekend? Hike a trail, along the shoreline or in the picnic area and pick up items humans may leave behind. Trash bags and gloves will be available at the Camp Store or Visitor Center between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Collected trash can be returned to the Camp Store for disposal until 4 p.m. Wear comfortable, closed-toed shoes and bring your reusable water bottle and bug spray.

## Friday, April 24

### 4 p.m. – The Wild Life of Belle Isle – Campground Bath House

Join a ranger to learn about the wild animals found at Belle Isle State Park. You can touch pelts, see the footprints they make and hear their calls, as well as learn about adaptations they use to survive.

## Saturday, April 25

### 10 a.m. – Survival Bracelets 101 – Visitor Center - \$5

The Survival bracelet is the superhero utility belt of the outdoors. Learn the history and a couple of basic knots when you make your own. \$5 per bracelet. Space is limited, please call 804-462-5030 or stop by the Camp Store or Visitor Center to reserve your space.

### 1 p.m. – Slimy Science – Camp Store

Slime is survival, well it is for some animals. Discover why slime is so important to some species and which critters aren't slimy at all. You'll make your own bit of slime to take home.

### 3 p.m. - Where the Wild Things Are: Poetry In Nature – Canoe/Kayak/Mulberry Creek Trail

The creek, flora and fauna have a deep-rooted story, can you read it? Slow your pace, observe and find your "inner verse" along the Mulberry Creek Trail. Bring your own journal or use a provided one to record your poetic musings.