

**Friday, March 6****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, March 7****10 a.m. – Survival Bracelets 101 – Visitor Center - \$5**

The Survival bracelet is the superhero utility belt of the outdoors. Join a ranger to 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. We will discover why slime is so important to some species and which critters aren't slimy at all, even though many people think they are. Then, make your own bit of slime to take home.

**3 p.m. – Critter Creations – Picnic Area**

You never know what critters you will see around Belle Isle, there's dozens to pick from. Keep your ears and eyes open for the flash of a bushy tail, or a slap on the water as animals take shelter. Join a ranger and learn about the critters we see and don't see and make a craft to take home and share with friends and family.

**Thursday, March 12****9 a.m. – Walk on the Wild Side – The Fauna and Value of Temporary Wetlands – 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.

**Saturday, March 14****11 a.m. – The Pollinators – Butterflies and More – Canoe / Kayak Picnic Area**

It's Learn About Butterflies Day! Not only are butterflies beautiful but they also play an important role in our ecosystems. Join a ranger to learn about these and other pollinators and make a craft to take home.

**1 p.m. – St. Patrick's Snakes – Picnic Area**

Legend has it that St. Patrick chased all the snakes from Ireland but we have a variety of these misunderstood creatures at Belle Isle. Join us to learn about the snakes you could see at the park, their adaptations, diet, and more. You will also create your own snake to take home as a souvenir!

**3:14 p.m. - Relatively Speaking...It's Pi Day! – Visitor Center**

In 1988, March 14 was officially named Pi Day (3.14) but also celebrates Albert Einstein's birthday and International Day of Mathematics. Join us as we get irrational and explore topics like The Butterfly Effect, Golden Ration (phi) / Fibonacci Sequence and pi with pie of course!

**Friday, March 20****4 p.m. – Catching Spring Rays –  
Campground Bath House**

Join a ranger to paint Spring-themed sun catchers to brighten your home. All materials are provided, just bring your sunny dispositions!

**Saturday, March 21****10 a.m. – Advice From A Tree –  
Canoe/Kayak Picnic Area**

It is International Day of Forests so let's take "Advice from a Tree" (Ilan Shamir) and start Spring 2026 celebrating nature's beauty. Join a ranger to make your own tree related craft to take home as a souvenir.

**1 p.m. – Spring Flower Frenzy – Visitor Center**

Spring is officially here and we want to help out our pollinator friends the bee and butterfly, as well as birds who disperse seeds. We will talk about the important role these animals play and you can plant your own pollinator friendly wildflowers to take home.

**3 p.m. – B.A.R.K Rangers – Pets in Parks –  
Visitor Center**

Stop by the Visitor Center 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 the critter residents at the park.

**Friday, March 27****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 that delight your senses. You can touch pelts, see the footprints they make and hear their calls, as well as learn about adaptations they use to survive.

**Saturday, March 28****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.