

Friday, July 3**4 p.m. – Celebrating the Red, White and Blue – Campground Bath House**

It is July 4th weekend and we are bringing the BLING! Join a ranger to make your own unique beaded bracelet or necklace to wear to holiday outings and learn about this special American holiday.

6 p.m. – S'more Campfire – DCR 100 – Amphitheater

Join us for ranger-led campfire featuring Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) history and S'mores! All supplies are provided for this classic treat you just need to roast and assemble the way you like them!

Saturday, July 4**11 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. – Make Your Own Crawly Dirt Treat – Picnic Area

Join a ranger to learn about a few of the cool, crawly creatures you may see around Belle Isle State Park and make your own dirt treat to eat. We will have all the supplies you need, but space is limited. Call (804) 462-5030 or stop by the Camp Store or Visitor Center to reserve a spot.

3 p.m. – Crabbing 101 – Canoe/Kayak Parking Lot - \$2

Splash a hand line in the water and see if you pull up a jimmy or a sook. Not sure what all that means? Then this is the program for you. This is a great intro to crabbing. At the end of the program, you'll walk away with the skills you need to hand line crabs on your own, plus a discount coupon to help you stock up on supplies. \$2 per participant. Meet at the Car Top Launch parking lot. Space is limited, pre-registration recommended. Call 804-462-5030 or stop by the Camp Store.

Thursday, July 9**9 a.m. – Walk on the Wild Side – Nature Photo Walk – Tips & Tricks – Camp Store**

Take a Walk on the Wild Side with park volunteers and members of the Northern Neck Master Naturalists. 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, July 10**4 p.m. - B.A.R.K. Rangers – Pets in Parks – Campground Bath House**

Stop by for a sneak peek into the developing Virginia State Parks 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, July 11**10 a.m. – Happy Tails on the Trails – Canoe/Kayak Launch Parking Lot**

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.

1 p.m. – The Wild Life of Belle Isle – Camp Store

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.

3 p.m. – Seine n' Splash – Picnic Area

We are on an expedition to have some fun, make a splash, and discover some of the tiny creatures that inhabit the shoreline of the Rappahannock River. Join a ranger at the beach near the picnic area and use a seining net to round up some interesting specimens. You never know what we will find.

6 p.m. – Music By the River – The Tidewinders (Bluegrass) – Picnic Area

The Friends of Belle Isle have put together a fantastic line up of local bands for Saturday evenings alongside the Rappahannock River. Concerts run from 6 to 8 p.m. Bring a lawn chair or blanket and enjoy a great evening of music and free popcorn. The concerts are free thanks to our sponsors.

Friday, July 17**[4 p.m. – Critter Creations – Snakes and Moths - Campground Bath House](#)**

Thursday was World Snake Day and tomorrow is National Moth Week. Stop by to learn about the critters you will see around Belle Isle and make a craft to take home and share with friends and family.

Saturday, July 18**[1 p.m. – Slimy Science – Visitor Center](#)**

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. – 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.

[6 p.m. – Music By the River – Jumbo Lump Daddy & The Backfin Boys \(Rock/Country\) – Picnic Area](#)

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Friday, July 24**[4 p.m. – Backyard Bass – Fishing in Parks – Campground Overflow Parking Area](#)**

Are you an expert angler or looking to pick up a couple fishing tips? Think you can hook these Backyard Bass? Drop a line at the Campground Overflow Parking Lot - you'll have some fun and maybe learn a new skill or two as we practice casting with the Backyard Bass game.

Saturday, July 25**[10 a.m. – The Pollinators – Butterflies and More – Visitor Center](#)**

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. – Corn Husk Friends – Camp Store](#)

Virginians of the past often used their imagination and everyday objects for recreation. Join a ranger to play some of the games children in colonial times played as well as make a corn husk friend to take home.

[3 p.m. – Ramblin' with a Ranger – Canoe/Kayak Parking Lot](#)

Let's take a hike on the Mulberry Creek Boardwalk Trail and beyond! On this guided hike, you will see beautiful water views and an eagle nest, a ranger will point out interesting flora and fauna and talk about some the things happening around Belle Isle. Wear your walking shoes, bring your camera and water bottle.