

Friday, September 4**2 p.m. – 4 p.m. – Lancaster County Library Bookmobile – Campground Overflow Parking**

The library is coming to the park! Join us on at the Campground Overflow Parking Area on Fridays between 2:00–4:00 p.m. to checkout and return books, access free Wi-Fi under the trees, sign up for your library card and other services. Non-local residents can participate. It's everything you love about the library, now with sunshine, fresh air, and river views! Come say hello and make it a library day in the great outdoors.

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 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, September 5**10 a.m. – Happy Tails on the Trails – Canoe/Kayak 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. – 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 – Vultures – Visitor Center

Today is International Vulture Appreciation Day! Join a ranger to learn about one of the birds you see soaring the skies at Belle Isle and how these misunderstood raptors help to maintain balanced ecosystems.



Weekend activities to earn the Girl Scouts Love the Outdoors Challenge 2026 patch

Thursday, September 10

9 a.m. – Walk on the Wild Side – Fall Migration of Birds, Butterflies & Dragonflies – Camp Store

Join park volunteers and members of the Northern Neck Master Naturalists for a leisurely walk, no more than 2 miles round trip. 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.

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4 p.m. - What Is Up With the Weather - Clouds- Campground Bath House

6 p.m. - History and S'more Campfire - Amphitheater

Saturday, September 12

1 p.m. – Survival Bracelets 101 – Visitor Center - \$5

Space is limited, please call 804-462-5030 or stop by the Camp Store or Visitor Center to reserve your space.

3 p.m. - Pollinator Flower Frenzy - Canoe / Kayak Parking Area

Friday, September 18**2 p.m. – 4 p.m. – Lancaster County Library Bookmobile –
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4 p.m. – Ask A Ranger – Campground Bath House

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, September 19**10 a.m. – Whoo's for Dinner? – Visitor Center - \$5**

Become an owl pellet detective as we dissect the clues an owl leaves behind. Discover what was on the menu for these nocturnal creatures. The cost is \$5 per pellet.

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 seasonal corn husk friend to take home.

**3 p.m. – Let's Celebrate Autumn – Canoe/ Kayak Parking
Area**

Let's talk about the changing seasons, "falling" temperatures, and leaves. You can also make a seasonal craft to take home!

SEPT. 26

National Public Lands Day

at **VIRGINIA STATE PARKS**

Friday, September 25

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4 p.m. – Natural Autumn Décor – Campground Bath House

Nature provides colorful outdoor scenery during the Autumn months. Join a ranger as we explore craft ideas using natural elements to decorate your holiday table and home. You will take away your own unique natural craft from Belle Isle as a souvenir.

Saturday, September 26

10 a.m. – 3 p.m. - National Public Lands Day Clean-Up – Camp Store or Visitor Center

Help preserve the beautiful Belle Isle State Park and protect the wildlife that calls it home. Stop by the Camp Store or Visitor Center anytime between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. to pick up a trash bag and gloves and head out to clean up any trash on your favorite trail. Trash can be returned to the Camp Store for disposal.

In honor of National Public Lands Day, all parking fees will be waived.

10 a.m. – Deep Creek Trail Hike – Visitor Center

Tomorrow is World Rivers Day! Belle Isle's shoreline along Deep Creek, which drains into the Rappahannock River) was eroding at a rate of 2 to 7 feet per year. Join a ranger for a hike to see the multi-agency restoration project and hear about the work done and see the native wildflowers, grasses, shrubs, and rock that reduce erosion. Wear your closed-toe shoes, and dress for the weather. Don't forget your water bottle!

1 p.m. – Creepy, Crawly Treats – Picnic Area

Join a ranger to learn about a few of the crawly creatures you may see around Belle Isle and make your own dirt treat to eat. We will have all the supplies you need.