



September 2026 Events and Programs in Your Charleston County Parks!

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September 2026 Festivals & Events

Yappy Hour

Thursday, Sept. 3, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

James Island County Park

Come out and enjoy the James Island County Park Dog Park with your furry friend! Enjoy live music and spend some quality time with your pup in the great outdoors. Alcohol will be available for purchase, and a valid ID is required. No outside food or alcohol permitted.

Free with regular park admission of \$2 per person

<https://www.ccprc.com/event/yappy-hour/466/>

Sunrise Yoga

Saturday, Sept. 5, 7 a.m.

Kiawah Beachwalker Park

Stretch your body, awaken your mind, and fuel your spirit in this uplifting, intention-setting yoga class to enhance your day ahead.

Fee: \$10 in advance; \$12 at the event

Ages 10 and up

<https://www.ccprc.com/event/sunrise-yoga/300/>

Wine Down Wednesday

Wednesday, Sept. 9, 5 – 7 p.m.

Old Towne Creek County Park

Come Wine Down your Wednesday and explore Old Towne Creek County Park, one of West Ashley's hidden gems. Guests will enjoy wine and live music, while experiencing the beauty of this natural site. Food truck fare will be available for purchase on-site.

Ages 21 and up

Fee: \$20 per person in advance; \$25 day-of

<https://www.ccprc.com/event/wine-down-wednesday/468/>

Starlight Yoga

Thursday, Sept. 10, 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Mount Pleasant Pier

The moon and stars enhance this flowing yoga class while sand serves as the classroom floor and crashing waves as the soundtrack.

Participants will receive a special glow in the dark prize.

Fee: \$12, \$14 day-of

Ages: 10 and up

<https://www.ccprc.com/event/starlight-yoga/295/>

Dancing on the Cooper

Friday, Sept. 11, 7 – 10 p.m.

Mount Pleasant Pier

Enjoy scenic views of the Charleston Harbor while dancing to live music from the Cooper River Band starting at 7 p.m.

Fee: \$10 in advance, \$15 day-of

Ages: 4 and up

<https://www.ccprc.com/event/dancing-on-the-cooper/279/>

Cast Off Fishing Tournament

Saturday, Sept. 12, 6 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Folly Beach Pier

This summer, catch fish, fun and prizes during tournaments at the Folly Beach Pier and the Mount Pleasant Pier! Tournament registration is \$12 for ages 13 and up, \$9 for members of the military, \$9 for seniors (60 and up), \$9 for youth (12 and under), \$5 for fishing pass members.

[Cast Off Fishing Tournament](#)

Dog Day Afternoon at Whirlin' Waters

Sunday, Sept. 13, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. or 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Whirlin' Waters Adventure Waterpark

Celebrate the dog days of summer with your four-legged best friend at the waterpark after the regular season ends. Dogs will have exclusive access to Otter Bay, the wave pool, and the lazy river (with 1-foot deep water) for an afternoon of splashing and play. Dippin' Dots and Soca Stop will be open for concessions. Participants can register for one of two time slots during the day.

Fee: \$15 in advance, \$20 at the event (if not sold out)

<https://www.ccprc.com/event/dog-day-afternoon%3A-north-charleston/463/>

Moonlight Mixer

Friday, Sept. 18, 7 – 10 p.m.

Folly Beach Pier

Moonlight Mixers are back on the Folly Beach Pier! Music starts at 7 p.m. Children 3 and under are free, and a registered and paid chaperone is required for all participants ages 15 and under.

Fee: \$10 in advance; \$15 on site

Ages: 4 and up

<https://www.ccprc.com/events/pier-dances/>

Cast Off Fishing Tournament

Saturday, Sept. 19, 7 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Mount Pleasant Pier

This summer, catch fish, fun and prizes during tournaments at the Folly Beach Pier and the Mount Pleasant Pier! Tournament registration is \$12 for ages 13 and up, \$9 for members of the military, \$9 for seniors (60 and up), \$9 for youth (12 and under), \$5 for fishing pass members.

Cast Off Fishing Tournament

Wine Down Wednesday

Wednesday, Sept. 23, 5 – 7 p.m.

Old Towne Creek County Park

Come Wine Down your Wednesday and explore Old Towne Creek County Park, one of West Ashley's hidden gems. Guests will enjoy wine and live music, while experiencing the beauty of this natural site. Food truck fare will be available for purchase on-site.

Ages 21 and up

Fee: \$20 per person in advance; \$25 day-of

<https://www.ccprc.com/event/wine-down-wednesday/468/>

Birds of a Feather

Saturday, Sept. 26, 5 – 7 p.m.

Caw Caw Interpretive Center

Spread your wings and join us for an evening of live music, cold beverages, and good company. Food truck fare will be available for purchase.

Ages 21 and up

Fee: \$20 in advance, \$25 day-of

<https://www.ccprc.com/event/birds-of-a-feather/498/>

September 2026 Programs

Lowcountry Senior Series: Rock Climbing

Tuesday, Sept. 1, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

James Island County Park climbing wall

This program empowers adults 50+ to continue to explore, discover, and grow. Discover the exciting sport of rock climbing in a fun, supportive environment! We'll introduce the basics of climbing, including equipment, safety, body positioning, and movement techniques. Participants will have the opportunity to climb our walls with the support of our trained staff while building confidence, strength, balance, and problem-solving skills. No prior climbing experience is necessary.

Ages 50+

\$20

[17892](#)

Early Morning Bird Walks at Caw Caw

Ongoing, Wednesdays and Saturdays, Sept. 2, 9, 12, 16, 19, 23, 26, 30, 8:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Caw Caw Interpretive Center

Join us on one or more of our regular bird walks. Our trek through many distinct habitats will allow us to view and discuss a variety of birds, butterflies, and other organisms. What to expect: Accessible parking, accessible restrooms, accessible water fountains, and accessible picnic tables are available at this location. The program route is a flat, loop and benches are available along the trail route. The trails are unpaved. The program speed is moderately slow and will require periods of standing and gazing upwards.

Fee: \$12

Ages: Any

Bird Walks

Let's Talk Hawks!

Thursday, Sept. 3, 1 – 3 p.m.

Johns Island County Park

Introduce yourself to some of the common raptors of coastal South Carolina, and get acquainted with the specific attributes that make them unique. Learn tips on how to identify these birds in flight as you expand your skills as a hawk-watcher during fall migration.

Ages 12 and up

\$12

[17624](#)

Beginners Night at the Climbing Wall

Thursday, Sept. 3, 5 – 7 p.m.

James Island County Park

New to climbing? This is the perfect place to start. Join us for a relaxed, staff-supported session designed to help you learn the basics, meet other beginners, and enjoy the experience at your own pace. Free gear rental is included, and you're welcome to stay and climb until close. No experience needed—just show up ready to try something new.

Ages 18 and up

\$15

[17570](#)

Nature Ramble

Saturday, Sept. 5, 8:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Old Towne Creek County Park

Join a Master Naturalist instructor to see the natural wonders of our parks in a new light. Discover plants and animals while learning about their connections to the world around them and how that connectivity may circle back to you!

Ages 12 and up

\$12

[17625](#)

Belay Basics

Sunday, Sept. 6, 10 – 11:30 a.m.

James Island County Park climbing wall

New to belaying? This class will teach you the essential skills to belay safely and confidently on top rope. We'll cover proper setup, communication, catching falls, and gear handling—all broken down step by step. No experience required, just a willingness to learn. By the end, you'll be ready to belay a climbing partner outdoors or indoors. Gear is provided; feel free to bring your own.

Ages 14 and up

\$25

[17567](#)

Gator Tales

Tuesday, Sept. 8, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Caw Caw Interpretive Center

Join us as we search for alligators and separate fact from fiction to learn why these large reptiles carry the special title of "keystone species." Alligators captivate us with their ancient features, remarkable survival skills, and dangerous potential. Join us to learn about many of their fascinating behaviors and features while learning how you can keep yourself and alligators safe!

\$12

[17547](#)

Lowcountry Senior Series: Disc Golf

Tuesday, Sept. 8, 10 – 11:30 a.m.

James Island County Park

This program empowers adults 50+ to continue to explore, discover, and grow. Come out and learn the art of flying discs! We'll start with the basics, including: types of discs, throwing techniques and etiquette on the course. We'll have the opportunity to play a few holes at our course.

Ages 50 and up

\$20

[17607](#)

Move and Groove Aerobics

Tuesdays and Thursdays, Sept. 8 – Oct. 15, 6 – 7 p.m.

Lincoln Recreation Center

Get ready to move, smile, and have fun! Enjoy an easy-to-follow aerobics class set to upbeat music that keeps you moving and motivated. Improve your cardiovascular fitness, coordination, and energy while staying active in a welcoming, supportive environment. Leave each class feeling energized, accomplished, and ready for more. All ages and fitness levels are welcome! Move and Groove Aerobics is an active living program designed to introduce older adults to new experiences, people, and opportunities in the Charleston area. This program is supported by the Charleston County Parks Foundation.

Ages 10 and up

\$60

[17919](#)

Gentle Yoga Flow

Mondays and Wednesdays, Sept. 9 – Oct. 14, 6 – 7 p.m.

Lincoln Recreation Center

Easeful movement promotes increases in range of motion, balance and flexibility, a sense of calm, and enhances overall wellbeing. Beginners, and those living with physical challenges will find this class particularly helpful. Open to all bodies, all abilities. Gentle Yoga Flow is an active living program designed to introduce older adults to new experiences, people, and opportunities in the Charleston area. This program is supported by the Charleston County Parks Foundation.

Ages 10 and up

\$55

[17689](#)

Gentle Yoga Flow

Mondays and Wednesdays, Sept. 9 – Oct. 28, 6 – 7 p.m.

Schroder Recreation Center

Easeful movement promotes increases in range of motion, balance and flexibility, a sense of calm, and enhances overall wellbeing. Beginners, and those living with physical challenges will find this class particularly helpful. Open to all bodies, all abilities. Gentle Yoga Flow is an active living program designed to introduce older adults to new experiences, people, and opportunities in the Charleston area. This program is supported by the Charleston County Parks Foundation.

Ages 10 and up

\$75

[17882](#)

Bird Photography

Thursday, Sept. 10, 6 – 8 a.m.

Cooper River County Park

Join wildlife photographer Colin Hocking, Licentiate of the Royal Photographic Society, and naturalist Kristina Wheeler for a program focusing on the photographic study of birds. Learn techniques on how to quickly adapt your camera settings for quality results, along with tips to help ensure that your perfect shot doesn't come at the expense of your subject.

Ages 15 and up

\$20

[17626](#)

Lighthouse Inlet Bird Walk

Friday, Sept. 11, 8:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Lighthouse Inlet Heritage Preserve

This walk focuses on the incredibly diverse northeast end of Folly Island. Once the home of a Coast Guard station, this Heritage Preserve protects maritime forest, beach, dune, and marsh habitats for wildlife. This site boasts one of the largest bird lists in South Carolina. At this time of year, we hope to see a variety of songbirds, seabirds, and shorebirds such as Painted Bunting, Sandwich Tern, Whimbrel, and much more.

Ages 12 and up

\$12

[17598](#)

Wee Wild Ones: Bouncing Beachcombers

Friday, Sept. 11, 9 – 10 a.m.

Isle of Palms County Park

Young children will channel their inner explorers while enjoying nature through hands-on activities, games, music, and art. Beachcombing is a great way to engage your young ones in the amazing world of the intertidal zone at the beach. Join us as we discover what lies above and below the sand!

Ages 18 months to 6 years old

\$10

[17521](#)

Seashore Exploration

Friday, Sept. 11, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Kiawah Beachwalker Park

Fall is a great time to explore the beach. Join an experienced naturalist to familiarize yourself with many species that may be found there. We'll search for artifacts and living creatures along the beach such as molluscs, sponges, corals, and more. Share in the discovery by learning intriguing stories about adaptations that allow for life near the ocean.

Ages 9 and up

\$12

[17542](#)

Family Archery

Saturday, Sept. 12, 1 – 2:30 p.m.

Johns Island County Park

Get your bull's-eye! Bring the family, get a brief orientation, and fling some arrows at Johns Island County Park's target archery range.

Equipment will be provided. Each family member wishing to participate must register.

Ages 8 and up

\$20

[17611](#)

Intro to Lead Climbing

Sunday, Sept. 13, 1 – 4 p.m.

James Island County Park

Ready to take your climbing to the next level? This class covers the basics of lead climbing in the gym—how to clip safely, manage rope drag, belay a lead climber, and fall safely with confidence. We'll walk you through key techniques and safety protocols, with plenty of hands-on practice. No prior lead experience needed, but participants should be comfortable top rope belaying and able to climb at a 5.9 level or higher.

All gear provided; bring your own if you prefer.

Ages 14 and up

\$40

[17577](#)

Lowcountry Senior Series: Archery

Tuesday, Sept. 15, 10 – 11:30 a.m.

Lincoln Recreation Center

This program empowers adults 50+ to continue to explore, discover, and grow. Come out and “fling” some arrows! We'll start with the basics of archery and you'll soon find that “inner child” as you start hitting those bull's-eyes.

Ages 50 and up

\$20

[17608](#)

Seashore Exploration

Thursday, Sept. 17, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Isle of Palms County Park

Fall is a great time to explore the beach, and a trained naturalist will help familiarize you with several species. Share in the discovery by learning intriguing stories about adaptations that allow for life near the ocean.

Ages 9 and up

\$12

[17543](#)

Shark Tooth Sleuthing

Saturday, Sept. 19, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Folly Beach County Park

Fall is a great time to explore the beach. Join an experienced naturalist to search for shark teeth and other beach artifacts. We'll discuss shark adaptations and biology while learning the secrets to searching for shark teeth.

Ages 9 and up

\$12

[17544](#)

The Bluest Dye: An Indigo-Dyeing Workshop

Saturday, Sept. 19, noon – 2 p.m.

Caw Caw Interpretive Center

Discover the world of indigo, a plant whose brilliant blue stretches across centuries, cultures, and communities. Join Cultural History Interpretive Lead Aide Kat Cutting at Caw Caw Interpretive Center for an immersive, hands-on workshop that blends history, science, creativity, and reflection. Learn how indigo became a major cash crop in colonial South Carolina, how enslaved African and African-descended men and women cultivated and processed the plant, and why indigo carries layered cultural memories for different individuals and communities. Then, roll up your sleeves and try your hand at dyeing your own t-shirt.

Ages 16 and up

\$12

[17583](#)

Dock Discovery

Monday, Sept. 21, 10 a.m. – noon

James Island County Park

Join one of our naturalists at the fishing dock at James Island County Park. We'll explore the marsh edges, the organisms that live underwater on the dock itself, and even microscopic plankton that drift their way down the creek. A net especially designed to trap tiny planktonic organisms will be used and microscopes will be set up at an indoor location to allow us to view this seldom seen world.

Ages 12 and up

\$12

[17538](#)

Lowcountry Senior Series: Archery

Tuesday, Sep. 22, 10 – 11:30 a.m.

Schroder Recreation Center

This program empowers adults 50+ to continue to explore, discover, and grow. Come out and “fling” some arrows! We'll start with the basics of archery and you'll soon find that “inner child” as you start hitting those bull's-eyes.

Ages 50 and up

\$20

[17609](#)

Surge and Spirit: Surviving the Lowcountry's Greatest Storms

Friday, Sept. 25, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

James Island County Park

The Lowcountry is no stranger to storms. Hurricanes in the region have disproportionately impacted Gullah Geechee communities on James Island and the Sea Islands. Focusing on the 1885 cyclone, the 1893 Sea Islands hurricane, and Hurricane Hugo, this program explores how these storms shaped Black coastal life in the Lowcountry through experiences of loss, disruption, and survival over time.

Ages 16 and up

\$12

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