

winter wildlife festival

VIRGINIA BEACH, VA

JANUARY 27-29 | 2012

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FESTIVAL AT A GLANCE

Friday, January 27

Time	Session Title	Meeting Location	Cost
8:00 am - 5:00 pm	NEW! Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel & Back Bay/False Cape Tour (add'l reg form due 1/13)	Bayville Farms Park**	\$31
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Festival Kick-off: <i>Winged Migration</i>	Virginia Aquarium/Main Building	Free

Saturday, January 28: Excursions

Time	Session Title	Meeting Location	Cost
8:00 am - 12:30 pm	Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel (add'l reg form due 1/13)	Princess Anne Recreation Center*	\$10
8:30 am - 11:30 am	First Landing State Park Bird Walk	Princess Anne Recreation Center*	Free
8:30 am - 11:30 am	NEW! Winter Tree ID & Urban Forestry Walk	Princess Anne Recreation Center*	Free
9:00 am - 10:30 am	Beginning Birding	Virginia Aquarium/Marsh Pavilion	Free
10:00 am - 12:00 pm	Rain Barrel Workshop by <i>Lynnhaven River NOW</i>	Princess Anne Recreation Center	\$65
12:30 pm - 4:30 pm	Back Bay/False Cape Terra Gator & Tram Tour	Princess Anne Recreation Center*	\$10
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Urban Birding Tour	Princess Anne Recreation Center*	Free
1:00 pm - 3:30 pm	NEW! Wildlife Photography	Princess Anne Recreation Center*	Free
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	NEW! Twilight Aviary Tour	Virginia Aquarium/Marsh Pavilion	Free
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm	Owl Prowl - First Landing State Park	First Landing State Park/Trail Center	Free
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm	Owl Prowl - West Neck Natural Area	West Neck Natural Area	Free

Saturday, January 28: Walk-Up Workshops

Time	Session Title	Meeting Location	Cost
11:00 am - 12:00 pm	Backyard Birds	Princess Anne Recreation Center	Free
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm	Marine Mammals of Virginia's Winter	Princess Anne Recreation Center	Free
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Raptors of Virginia	Princess Anne Recreation Center	Free

Sunday, January 29: Excursions

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8:00 am - 12:30 pm	Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel (add'l reg form due 1/13)	Princess Anne Recreation Center*	\$10
8:00 am - 12:30 pm	NEW! Mackay Island Excursion	Princess Anne Recreation Center*	Free
8:30 am - 11:00 am	Whitehurst Tract Excursion	Princess Anne Recreation Center*	Free
8:30 am - 12:30 pm	Back Bay/False Cape Terra Gator & Tram Tour	Princess Anne Recreation Center*	\$10
9:00 am - 10:30 am	Beginning Birding	Virginia Aquarium/Marsh Pavilion	Free

*Transportation included from Princess Anne Recreation Center to trip site.

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Experience the Fun!

Virginia Beach Parks and Recreation



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MAIN REGISTRATION

#105488 | FREE


In order to participate in workshops and excursions, you must first register for the Winter Wildlife Festival main registration. Once registered, you can sign up for the sessions listed. (Some additional costs may apply.) This is your chance to witness winter wildlife all around Virginia Beach; whether it's following fascinating bird activity, exploring the natural areas of our community or the musings of harbor seals near the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel. Learn what it takes to properly observe and identify wildlife in their natural settings. | **Membership card not required.**

EXCURSIONS

Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel & Back Bay/False Cape Tour

NEW!  **Age 18 & up** | New this year we've combined our most popular trips into a day-long excursion for adults only. We'll spend the morning on the man-made islands of the CBBT looking for wintering birds and seals. For the afternoon we'll travel to the southernmost area of the city to explore Back Bay and False Cape by tram and the infamous Terra-Gator. Includes lunch at a local restaurant; once registered we'll contact you with choices. Additional registration form required by Jan 13. Meet at Bayville Park (4132 First Court Rd.) for transportation to locations. | \$31 lunch included
#105490 | Friday, January 27
8 am - 5 pm

Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel Excursion

 **Age 12 & up** | The man-made islands of the CBBT that support the bridge provide rest stops for migrating and wintering birds. The islands can offer unusual or locally rare sightings. Northern gannet, brant, king eider, harlequin duck, little gull, great cormorant, purple sandpiper and rarities such as black-tailed gull make this one of the best winter birding sites in Virginia. The presence of the occasional harbor seals and wintering whales adds to the appeal of this unique site. Additional registration form required by Jan 13. Meet at Princess Anne Recreation Center for transportation to CBBT. | \$10
#105491 | Saturday, January 28
#105492 | Sunday, January 29
8 am - 12:30 pm




FESTIVAL KICKOFF Winged Migration



All Ages | Brought to you free of charge by the Back Bay Restoration Foundation, this fascinating documentary by Sony Pictures follows the migratory patterns of birds on all seven continents over the course of three years. Come view the amazing, breathtaking footage of this Academy Award nominated film on the big screen. **Rated G; 85 mins.** | Free
Virginia Aquarium, Main Building
717 General Booth Blvd
#105510 | Friday, January 27 | 7 pm - 9 pm


First Landing Bird Walk

 **Age 12 & up** | This location offers views of the Chesapeake Bay where wintering seabirds and waterfowl can be plentiful. The extensive shoreline also offers the opportunity to view shorebirds. Meets at Princess Anne Recreation Center for transportation to First Landing. | Free
#105493 | Saturday, January 28
8:30 am - 11:30 am

Beginning Birding by the Virginia Aquarium

Age 10 & up | Learn the basics of bird identification in the aviary at the Virginia Aquarium. Let your instructor share tips and tricks in becoming a better wildlife viewer as you have the opportunity to see 55 species of birds native to Virginia. Meet at Virginia Aquarium's Marsh Pavilion (801 General Booth Blvd). | Free
#105494 | Saturday, January 28
#105495 | Sunday, January 29
9 am - 10:30 am

Winter Tree ID & Urban Forestry Walk

NEW!  **Age 16 & up** | Learn the basics of winter tree identification from Chesapeake Master Gardeners Ed & Linda Bradley. Tour one of our area's hidden urban treasures, the Chesapeake Arboretum, as they bring the basic principles of urban forestry to life. Please come prepared to walk throughout 2 miles of this outdoor classroom. Meet at Princess Anne Recreation Center for transportation to Arboretum. | Free
#105496 | Saturday, January 28
8:30 am - 11:30 am



Rain Barrel Workshop

Age 16 & up* | Excess nutrient run off is a serious water quality problem. It leads to algae which clouds the water and eventually leads to decreased levels of oxygen and possible toxins from algal blooms. A rain barrel is one way to reduce the amount of run off entering rivers through the storm water system. Rain barrels also provide homeowners with free non-chlorinated water to provide healthy irrigation to house plants and gardens. Attendees will leave with a completed rain barrel and simple installation instructions. Price is per barrel; couples and families welcome*. | \$65 per barrel
#105497 | Saturday, January 28
10 am - 12 pm



Back Bay/False Cape Terra Gator and Tram Tour



All Ages | Ride along the remote beach observing shorebirds and perhaps whales while riding in our unique beach transporter, the Terra-Gator. You'll also take a scenic ride through False Cape & Back Bay on the "Blue Goose Express" observing wintering snow geese, swans and other wildlife. Meet at Princess Anne Recreation Center for transportation to the park. | \$10
#105498 | Saturday, January 28
12:30 pm - 4:30 pm
#105499 | Sunday, January 29
8:30 am - 12:30 pm



Urban Birding Tour



Age 12 & up | You don't have to go to a wildlife refuge or state park to see birds in Virginia Beach. There are many "birdie" places that are right in the heart of the city where you are able to see a surprising variety of birds. This trip will take you to a few of those places; some of them so easy to bird, we may not have to leave the bus! Meets at Princess Anne Recreation Center for transportation to locations. | Free
#105500 | Saturday, January 28
1 pm - 4 pm

Wildlife Photography



Age 16 & up |

Learn basic tips and techniques on how to improve your photography skills and produce more artistic results. Wildlife Photographer, G. Michael Brown, will lead a classroom session at Princess Anne Recreation Center followed by a short field trip to gain some hands on experience. Participants should bring a camera. Transportation provided from to location field trip location from PARC. | Free
#105501 | Saturday, January 28
1 pm - 3:30 pm



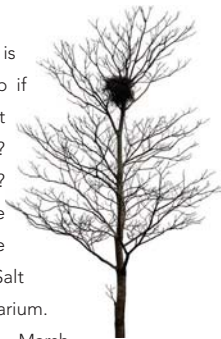
TRANSPORTATION INCLUDED

We require you travel with us for these excursions
Provided by Virginia Department of Game & Inland Fisheries

Twilight Aviary Tour



Age 10 & up | Where is the best place to sleep if you are a duck? What do Night Herons actually do at night? Where do Turkey Vultures roost? Come find the answers to these questions and many more at the Twilight Tour of Owls Creek Salt Marsh Aviary at the Virginia Aquarium. Meets at Virginia Aquarium Marsh Pavilion (801 General Booth Blvd). | Free
#105502 | Saturday, January 28
6 pm - 7 pm



Owl Prowl

Age 10 & up | Explore the night time woods of First Landing State Park and West Neck Natural Area looking and listening for their nocturnal hunters. Great horned, barred and screech owls and other creatures of the night are all possibilities for these trips. Meets at location. | Free
#105503 | Saturday, January 28
6 pm - 7:30 pm First Landing State Park
(Meet at Trail Center, 2500 Shore Drive)
#105504 | Saturday, January 28
6 pm - 7:30 pm West Neck Natural Area
(Meet in parking lot, 2441 North Landing Road)

Mackay Island Excursion



Age 12 & up | Located in North Carolina, just one mile past the Virginia border, this National Wildlife Refuge offers a

variety of habitats including freshwater and brackish marshes to upland and lowland eastern pine hardwood forests. Its location on the edge of Back Bay and the Currituck Sound, make this peninsula a fascinating place to view winter wildlife including large numbers of snow geese. The Friends of Mackay Island will provide a guided tour of the main refuge. Meet at Princess Anne Recreation Center for transportation to refuge. | Free
#105505 | Sunday, January 29
8 am - 12:30 pm

Whitehurst Tract Excursion



Age 12 & up | The Whitehurst Tract is a patchwork of marshes, weedy and cultivated fields, narrow freshwater impoundments and pine woodland. This area is known for plentiful winter waterfowl, including impressive numbers of snow geese. Raptors and wintering songbirds can also be found in the varied habitats here. Meets at Princess Anne Recreation Center for transportation to Whitehurst Tract. | Free
#105506 | Sunday, January 29
8:30 am - 11 am

WALK-UP WORKSHOPS

Princess Anne Recreation Center

All workshops are free and last approximately one hour. Pre-registration is preferred.

Backyard Birds

Age 14 & up | Join Donna Burnett of Wild Birds Unlimited as she shows you various ways of attracting birds to your backyard.
#105507 | Saturday, January 28 | 11 am

Marine Mammals of Virginia's Winter

Age 12 & up | The Virginia Aquarium Stranding Response Team responds to stranded marine mammals and sea turtles throughout the state of Virginia. Winter in Virginia often brings whales, seals and even dolphins to our Atlantic coastal and Chesapeake Bay waters.



Explore our marine winter visitors and the Stranding Team's work to study and conserve these species.
#105508 | Saturday, January 28 | 1 pm

Raptors of Virginia

Age 12 & up | Virginia is home to many breeding and migrating species of raptors, including hawks, eagles, falcons and owls. Join DGIF biologist, Steve Living, as he discusses the life histories of these amazing hunters of the sky. Concludes with a short live bird presentation by Virginia Beach Parks & Recreation.
#105509 | Saturday, January 28 | 2 pm

EXHIBIT HALL

Saturday, January 28 | 10 am - 4 pm |
Free & Open to the Public

All ages • Be sure to stop by the Exhibit Hall and speak with our Winter Wildlife Festival partners, including the Virginia Aquarium, Back Bay National Wildlife Refuge, False Cape State Park, First Landing State Park, Lynnhaven River NOW, and the Virginia Beach Audubon society. You'll also learn ways to get involved with local efforts, and find out what environmental groups



and businesses are up to. Check out various **Walk-Up Workshops** as well!