

South Carolina Bat Week:

October 24-31, 2021

Bat Week is an annual, international celebration of the role of bats in nature. #SCBatWeek, #BatWeek



SC Bat Working Group Events

Sat, Oct 23rd, 5:45 - 7:00 pm – *Bat Chat*

Myrtle Beach State Park, Myrtle Beach SC

<https://scparkstore.com/collections/programs-and-events/products/bat-chat-at-myrtle-beach-state-park-program>

Bats, the only mammal capable of true flight, often give us chills and leave us in fright. Discover fascinating facts about bats as we first meet inside the activity center. Around dusk, we will head outside and have a rare opportunity to hopefully see and even hear these master aerialists at work. Using a special device called a bat detector, we will eavesdrop on bats as they hunt for insects.

Sat, Oct 23rd, 6:30 - 8:30 pm – *Bat Walk & Talk*

Lake Conestee Nature Preserve, Mauldin SC

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/conesteenaturepreserve/567804>

There won't be too much walking during this nighttime experience in the Preserve which will be all about BATS! DNR wildlife biologist, Jennifer Kindel, will share lots of interesting facts about bats, their place in the ecosystem, and the conservation issues they face. Then her and her team will show us how bats are caught using a mist net. Biologists use mist nets to catch birds and bats. This allows them to be able to measure the animal, check for issues, and tag them for future research.

Thurs, Oct 28th, 5:30 - 6:30 pm – *Bats of the Lowcountry*

Webinar, Palmetto Bluff

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_HNI6zNFZRC2doZmy_vazBQ

Bats are often portrayed as vile creatures that should be feared- a portrayal that fosters revulsion and misunderstanding. Lydia Moore, Research and Education Coordinator for the Palmetto Bluff Conservancy, will discuss the beneficial roles of bats in the Lowcountry. This Bat Week, join us and learn why bats are essential components of ecosystems, threats they are facing, and what you can do to help.

Thurs, Oct 28th, 6:00 pm – *Going Batty*
Table Rock State Park, White Oaks Shelter, Pickens SC

<https://southcarolinaparks.com/products/10006268>

The last week of October is designated as bat week in SC. Before the weather turns colder, we'll give our attention to the world's only flying mammal. Learn about bat behavior, why bats are important, how to attract them, and more. Hopefully we can watch them leave a roost box at dusk to forage for insects.

Fri, Oct 29th, 6:00 pm – *Sunrift Halloween Bat Count*
Sunrift Adventures, 1 Center Street, Travelers Rest SC

<https://fb.me/e/24LDzb7J4>

Sunrift Adventures has bat houses fostering hundreds of beneficial, insect-eating bats that emerge in an impressive display at sunset. Join us while we survey and celebrate these mysterious creatures with a bat talk, bat count, prizes and more!

Fri, Oct 29th, 6:30 - 8:00 pm – *Nature at Night*
Sesquicentennial State Park, Columbia, SC

<https://southcarolinaparks.com/products/10002811>

Join us at Sesquicentennial State Park to find out what's up when the sun goes down! Look for animal eye shine, listen for nocturnal clamors and calls and try your hand at some of the skills nighttime critters need to survive! Pre-registration is required. To register, call the park at (803) 788-8332 or e-mail us at sesqui@scprt.com.

Sat, Oct 30th, 1:00 - 1:45 pm –
Hanging out with Rafinesque's Big-eared Bats
Hampton Plantation State Historic Site, McClellanville SC

<https://southcarolinaparks.com/products/10006265>

Join us for a talk about the big-eared Rafinesque bats that call Hampton their home! We'll be showing off some video footage of the colony that lives in the old kitchen building, as well as discussing some facts about bats and how we manage them.

Sun, Oct 31st, 1:00 - 1:45 pm –
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More information about National Bat Week: <https://batweek.org/>
More information about the South Carolina Bat Working Group:
<https://southcarolinabatworkinggroup.org/>