

South Carolina Bat Week:

October 24-31, 2022

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



SC Bat Working Group Events

Nature Story Time

Thursdays in October: Oct 6, 13 and 20, from 1:00 – 1:15 PM

Myrtle Beach State Park

Spend some time with your youngster while listening to a BAT-tastic story! Appropriate for ages 4 to 8. Free with park admission.

<https://southcarolinaparks.com/myrtle-beach/programs-and-events#jump>

Bat Ecology

Oct 21 (Fri) and Oct 22, 2022 (Sat) from 6:00 – 7:45 PM

Hampton Plantation State Historic Site

Come see scientists at work! Watch as nets are set up to capture bats as they exit their roost in the historic kitchen building. Scientists will measure the captured bats and attach tracking devices to learn where the bats are going! Bat ecology, biology and the history of bats at Hampton Plantation will be discussed. You can join the scientific effort as participants but due to the delicate nature of the bats, your participation will be the “WATCH” only kind. No touching will be permitted. If possible, bats will be shown to the public before their release, however, there is no guarantee. *All bat netting and handling will be lawfully conducted by State and Federally permitted biologists. What to bring: Headlamp or flashlight, water bottle, bug spray, dress for the weather, camp chair. Program is free but registration required. For more information visit <https://southcarolinaparks.com/products/10006504>

Hanging Out with Rafinesque's Big-Eared Bats **Oct 22, 2022 (Sat) at 1:00 PM**

Hampton Plantation State Historic Site

Join us for a talk about the Rafinesque big-eared bats that call Hampton Plantation 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. No registration necessary. For more information visit <https://southcarolinaparks.com/products/10006265>

Batty Over Bats

Oct 22, 2022 (Sat) from 1:00 – 1:45 PM

Myrtle Beach State Park

Using a batty costume and illustrations, discover what makes bats so fascinating. We will start the program with a silly craft, and then swoop into the world of bats. Appropriate for ages 5 to 105!

In addition to park admission, \$2 per craft. If you do not want to make a craft, the program is free. If you do not plan on making a craft, please be prepared to wait for that portion (15 minutes or so) of the program to conclude. There is a limited capacity of only 20 people so please sign up before all slots are filled!

Register online: <https://reserve.southcarolinaparks.com/register/batty-over-bats>

Trick or Treat Trail

Oct 22, 2022 (Sat) from 4:30 – 6:30 PM

Nature as Teacher Preserve for Education, 247 Chestnut Ferry Rd, Camden SC

Fun and educational event for local kids and their families that involves walking a trail with booths, each focusing on a local "spooky" animal - animals that are typically portrayed as scary like snakes, bats, spiders, ect. Each station would have a quick message, activity or exploration debunking the scary myths, and of course, hand out candy and goodies! There may even be a real life "bigfoot" hiding amongst the trees! Say hello to SCDNR Lead Bat Technician Trevor Walker at the bat table. No registration necessary.

Nature Story Time

Oct 27, 2022 (Thurs) from 1:00 – 1:15 PM

Myrtle Beach State Park

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Bats of the Lowcountry

Oct 27, 2022 (Thurs) from 5:30 – 6:30 PM

Palmetto Bluff Conservancy Classroom in Moreland Village or online

Bats are often portrayed as vile creatures that should be feared- a depiction 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.

Face masks are welcome. Walk-ins welcome. If you would rather attend virtually, click on the following link (or copy and paste into your browser) to watch through zoom webinar:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_h4ybI4rcQveZxLX1powoig.

Email info@pbconservancy.org with questions. No registration necessary.

Bat Walk

Oct 27, 2022 (Thurs) from 6:30 – 8:30 PM

Palmetto Bluff Conservancy Classroom in Moreland Village

October 24th to the 31st is international Bat Week! Join the Conservancy as we head to Hog Island Drain to listen for bats using ultrasonic bat detectors! Along the way, we will learn more about these intriguing, flying mammals. Head lamp or flashlight, closed-toed shoes, and long pants required.

Reservations required through: info@pbconservancy.org.

Going Batty!

Oct 27, 2022 (Thurs) from 6:30 – 7:15 PM. Please arrive by 6:15 PM.

Table Rock State Park

The last week of October is designated as bat week in South Carolina. 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. <https://southcarolinaparks.com/products/10006268>. Meet at the White Oaks Picnic Shelter. Dress for warm or cooler temperatures as the sun sets. Free with Park Admission, no registration necessary.

Annual Halloween Bat Count at Sunrift

Oct 28, 2022 (Fri) from 5:00 PM until dark

Sunrift Adventures, 1 Center Street, Travelers Rest SC

Sunrift Adventures has bat houses fostering hundreds of beneficial, insect-eating bats that emerge in an impressive display at sunset. Join SCDNR Bat Biologist Jennifer Kindel and the bat man Jon Gillespie to survey and celebrate these mysterious creatures with a bat talk, bat count, prizes and more! The HostMobile food truck will be there, and from 5 to 6 pm PAWS Animal Wildlife Sanctuary will have an educational display of live bat predators: owls! Afterward, bat talks and bat shenanigans will begin. No registration necessary.

Nature at Night

Oct. 28, 2022 (Fri) at 6:30 PM

Sesquicentennial State Park

A family night hike for ages 6 and older. This program includes observing bats in action as they come out to feed at dusk as well as the use of a bat detector to pick up their echolocation.

“Participants will 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!”

\$5/participant + regular park admission. Pre-registration required. Spaces are limited. Please call the park to register. For more information visit

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

Batty Over Bats

Oct 29, 2022 (Sat) from 1:00 – 1:45 PM

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Bat Chat

Oct 29, 2022 (Sat) from 5:45 – 7:00 PM

Myrtle Beach State Park

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 classroom. Around dusk, we will head outside and hopefully have a rare opportunity to 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. Appropriate for ages 8 to 108. There is a limited capacity of only 20 people so please sign up before all slots are filled! In addition to park admission, \$5 per person.

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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/>