



South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation & Tourism birding programs throughout the state:

Charles Towne Landing State Historic Park

Feathered Trails Purpose: To allow visitors a chance to see migratory bird activity outside of regular park hours.

Duration: 1-2 hour sessions at 7:30AM and 5:30PM

Description: As the day's heat subsides, a diverse array of bird species takes to the skies! Join our park rangers for a unique opportunity to observe the heightened activity of birds throughout the park. Bird walks will be held at dawn and dusk, allowing participants to experience the vibrant bird activity outside of normal park hours. Each bird walk will highlight various habitats and the feathered inhabitants that call them home. This program welcomes bird enthusiasts of all skill levels and will include a 0.5 - 1 mile hike.

Cost: \$5.00 or Free with a FOL Membership.

What to Bring: Comfortable walking shoes, binoculars, camera, water, insect repellent, field guides.

Proposed Dates/Times:

March 21 (7:30-9:30AM) & (4:30-6:00PM) April 22 (4:30 - 6:00PM) April 25 (7:30-8:30AM)
May 1 (7:30-9:30AM) & (4:30-6:00PM)

Andrew Jackson State Park

World Migratory Bird Day 2026

Come out and join us to celebrate World Migratory Bird Day! Learn more about migratory birds who visit our park during their travels. This year's theme is "Every Bird Counts – Your Observations Matter."

Become a Citizen Scientist to help birds. Learn about bird counting opportunities. Visit websites and try apps that will help you collect data to share with researchers who need your help. Plus, you can make a simple bird feeder to take home

Meet in the yard of the Little School house on Saturday, May 9 at 10 a.m. This program is designed for children 12 and under, but people of all ages are invited. The program is free with park admission.

Battle of Musgrove Mill State Historic Site

Early morning access to the park for birding on Marh 24, 25 and 26. The park will be open to registered folks at 7 am – 9 am. They can stay after the park opens. Admission applies.

It's an early morning time where the birds are most active, when I'll be birding and/or on the porch for questions and coordinating a look at what everyone finds that day. The porch is accessible and a great way to bird for those who can't hike the trail, and I'll set up a display with the locations that I bird consistently year round. <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L299503>

Pine Island State Park

Birding Walk with a Ranger

Thur March 26 9:30AM 45min-1hour. \$10/per person admission included, 10 person max.

Come discover the birds at our newest state park! From bluebirds to eagles you never know what will show up at Pine Island! Join a ranger on a roughly 1 mile leisurely birding walk around the park.

Sesquicentennial State Park

Location: Sesquicentennial State Park

Title: Birding 101

Dates: April 3 & April 11

Time: 8 am – 9:30 am

Description: *Join us at Sesquicentennial State Park and learn the basics of birding! From field guides to binoculars, you'll learn what you need to get started. Participants will learn tips on how to identify birds, and we'll practice these skills during a short 1-mile walk. Pre-registration is required and space is limited. This program is designed for ages 15 and older. To register, click "Book Now." For more information call (803) 788-2706 or e-mail Stacey at sjensen@scprt.com.*

**Note: It is recommended that participants download the Merlin app with the SC Bird Pack prior to arrival.*

Table Rock State Park

Pinecone bird feeder program on April 4th at 1:30.

It will be \$2 to craft a feeder

Myrtle Beach State Park

Birding

Enjoy a leisurely 1-mile walk around the park as we search for birds in the woods, on the beach, and out on the fishing pier. Appropriate for ages 10 to 110. Please leave your pets at home.

Free with park admission

- March 27, 2026, 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM
- April 17, 2026, 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM
- May 15, 2026, 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Huntington Beach State Park

BIRDS OF PREY DAY

At Huntington Beach State Park

Sat. April 4th

10am – 11am: Bird Walk

Take a guided walk along the causeway in search of wading birds, waterfowl, eagles, and more.

Meet at the causeway parking lot.

11am: Meet the Animals

Join zookeepers from Brookgreen Gardens for this informal “meet and greet” of some of the animals under their care.

Meet at the Nature Center.

1pm – 2pm: Free-Flight Live Raptor Show

Watch live raptors soar above the flying field as you learn about their unique hunting and flying techniques. To ensure the safety of the animals used in this program, please: **NO PETS!** You may wish to bring a folding chair or blanket to sit on. Presented by the Avian Conservation Center.

Meet in the field next to Atalaya.

2pm – 3pm: Owl Pellet CSI

Explore the contents of a wild barn owl pellet during this guided, hands-on activity. Learn firsthand about the diet of owls. And don't worry- owl pellets are "coughed up", not "pooped out"!

Meet at the Nature Center.

3pm – 4pm: Children's Nature Craft

Craft your own pinecone owl to take home!

Meet at the Nature Center.

Also, every Wednesday, year round:

COASTAL BIRDING: Did you know that 359 different species of birds have been seen at Huntington Beach State Park? Join us for a walk along the causeway in search of wading birds, waterfowl, eagles, and more. Bring binoculars if you have them and enjoy this program that is great for beginner birders! Meet at the causeway parking lot at 10am. (1 hr.)

Binoculars are available to borrow free of charge from the Nature Center, which is open daily from 10 am - 5 pm. You can also pick up a free copy of the park's bird checklist while enjoying watching the birds at the Nature Center's bird feeding station. You can even watch from the comfort of your own home here:

[Huntington Beach Webcam | South Carolina Parks Official Site](#)

Park Center Nature Center

Feed the Birds: Bird Pine Cone Feeder Craft

Date: April 24

Drop in: 2:00 – 4:00 PM

Free with park admission

For more questions, please call 864-244-5565 or email

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Oconee Station State Historic Site

Program Title

Birds of the Backcountry: A Birding Hike to Station Cove Falls

Site / Location

Oconee Station State Historic Site: Station Cove Falls Trail

Program Type

Guided Interpretive Hike / Experiential Natural & Cultural Interpretation

Target Audience

- General public

- Adults and families with older children (8+)
- Beginner birders and outdoor enthusiasts

Program Date and Length

March 28, 2026- 2 hours
(9:00 AM – 11:00 AM)

Distance & Difficulty

- **Distance:** ~3 miles round trip
- **Difficulty:** Moderate
- **Terrain:** Forested trail with gradual elevation change

Program Capacity

15–20 participants
(to maintain quiet conditions for bird observation and ensure safety on trail)

Central Interpretive Theme (Theme Statement)

Birds have long shaped how people understood, survived, and navigated the South Carolina backcountry, connecting the natural rhythms of the foothills to daily life at Oconee Station.

Program Description

Participants join a park ranger for a guided birding hike from Oconee Station State Historic Site to Station Cove Falls. Along this moderate forested trail, visitors will explore foothills hardwood habitat while learning basic bird identification techniques, listening for bird calls, and observing bird behavior.

Interpretation weaves together natural history and cultural history, highlighting how birds served as seasonal indicators, resources, and companions for people living in South Carolina's 18th-century backcountry. The hike concludes at Station Cove Falls, where participants pause to reflect on the relationship between landscape, wildlife, and human history before returning.

Binoculars are encouraged but not required. Participants are invited to record sightings as part of South Carolina's statewide birding challenge.

Interpretive Content / Key Stops

- **Trailhead:** Introduction to birding basics and frontier context

- **Forested Sections:** Listening for calls; identification of resident species
- **Mid-Trail:** Discussion of birds as seasonal indicators and settlers' reliance on natural cues
- **Station Cove Falls:** Reflection on habitat diversity and why birds thrive near water sources

Likely Bird Species Observed

(Common to foothills hardwood forest)

- Carolina Chickadee
- Tufted Titmouse
- Carolina Wren
- Northern Cardinal
- Eastern Towhee
- Red-bellied Woodpecker
- Pileated Woodpecker
- Blue Jay
- White-breasted Nuthatch
- Eastern Bluebird (near open areas)
- Spring migrants possible: warblers, vireos, tanagers (April)

Safety & Accessibility Considerations

- Not stroller accessible
- Closed-toe shoes required
- Weather dependent
- Restroom access available at Oconee Station prior to hike
- Water and appropriate outdoor clothing recommended

One-Line Marketing Blurb

Hike through the historic backcountry to Station Cove Falls while spotting birds and contributing to South Carolina's statewide birding challenge.

