

South Carolina Bat Week: October 24-31, 2024

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

SC Bat Working Group Events

Counting on Bats

October 18, 2024 (Fri) from 5:30 – 7:30 PM

Hampton Plantation State Historic Site

1950 Rutledge Rd, McClellanville, SC 29458

Join us for a free ranger-led talk about why bats are so important for our ecosystem! Then participate in some citizen science and help us do an exit count of the Rafinesque's big-eared bats in the evening. Talk will begin at 5:30; bat count will begin around 6:00 or as bats begin to emerge.

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Bats of the Lowcountry

October 24, 2024 (Thurs) from 5:30 – 6:30 PM

Palmetto Bluff Conservancy Classroom in Moreland Village

655 Old Moreland Rd. Bluffton, SC 29910 (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 Manager 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. 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:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_HmjukOWGskWAr9zu8mxjTg

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

Bat Walk

October 24, 2024 (Thurs) from 6:30 – 8:30 PM
Palmetto Bluff Conservancy Classroom in Moreland Village
655 Old Moreland Rd. Bluffton, SC 29910

The last full week of October is international Bat Week! Join the Conservancy as we take a stroll through the woods and seek out bats using ultrasonic bat detectors! Along the way, we will learn more about these intriguing, flying mammals.

Head lamps, closed-toed shoes, and long pants required.

Reservations required through: info@pbconservancy.org.

Nocturnal Nature

October 25, 2024 (Fri) from 5:00 – 9:00 PM
Nature as Teacher Preserve for Education,
247 Chestnut Ferry Rd, Camden SC

A FREE family friendly night of spooky nature programs!

5:00-6:00 PM – Webs & Weavers

6:30-7:30 PM – Nocturnal Animals

8:00-9:00 PM – Cryptozoology

Registration required – Email Leoncic@clermson.edu

Annual Halloween Bat Count at Sunrift

October 25, 2024 (Fri) from 5:30 - 7:30 PM
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 the Batman of Travelers Rest, Jon Gillespie and SCDNR Bat Biologist Jennifer Kindel to survey and celebrate these mysterious creatures with a bat talk, bat count, and prizes PLUS Mac Mercedes with PAWS Animal Wildlife Sanctuary's educational owls! See www.dnr.sc.gov/wildlife/bats/index.html for more details.

Nature at Night

October 25, 2024 (Fri) from 6:30 – 8:00 PM

Sesquicentennial State Park

9564 Two Notch Rd, Columbia, SC 29223

Join us at Sesquicentennial State Park to find out what's up when the sun goes down on this family-friendly night hike! 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! This program is designed for ages 5 and older and adults must accompany children 15 and under.

Pre-registration is required, and space is limited. For questions call the park at (803) 788-2706 or email Stacey at sjensen@scprt.com.

*Please Note: This is a moderately difficult hike due to uneven terrain and low visibility. Dress appropriately for outdoors, wear comfortable shoes and bring a flashlight.

For more information visit <https://southcarolinaparks.com/products/10002811>

Let's Get Batty

October 29, 2024 (Tues) from 6:00 – 7:00PM

Learn All About Bats at Daufuskie Island, SC

239 School Road, Daufuskie Island, SC

Lindsey Troutman, Fish and Wildlife Biologist for the US Fish and Wildlife Service, will teach all about bats. This Bat Week, join us and learn interesting facts about bats, new information we have learned about them in the Lowcountry, and how we study these cryptic creatures.

No registration necessary. Non-residents of the Island welcome; transportation can be secured through private charters at participants own discretion.

Bat Chat

October 30, 2024 (Weds) from 1:00 – 1:30 PM

Bat Chat Myrtle Beach State Park Nature Center

4401 S Kings Hwy, Myrtle Beach, SC 29575

Using a batty costume, sounds, and illustrations, swoop into the fascinating world of bats as we learn what makes them so beneficial and amazing! Program is free with park admission. Meet in the nature center.

<https://southcarolinaparks.com/myrtle-beach>

Other Fang-tastic information:

Bat Week Art Contest and other Batty Activities visit:

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More information about National Bat Week:

batweek.org/

More information about the South Carolina Bat Working Group:

southcarolinabatworkinggroup.org/

