



NATURE PROGRAMS

Chesterfield Parks and Recreation, 12140 Harrowgate Road, Chester

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Summer 2020 Activities

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, we have adapted our summer program offerings. As the situation changes, more programs may become available. Please stay updated by visiting the Parks and Recreation [website](#), [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages.

TO REGISTER ONLINE: <https://apm.activecommunities.com/chesterfieldparksrec?>

Family Paddles

Bring your children (minimum age 7) to the Dutch Gap Conservation Area to experience kayaking and explore nature. Single and tandem sit-on-top kayaks are available. This program will review basic paddling skills and give you a chance to paddle and explore the tidal lagoon. An adult must accompany children 7-14 years of age. Paddling time is approximately two hours. All programs meet at the Henricus Visitor Center, 251 Henricus Park Road
Fridays \$13/person

- Paddle for the Prothonotary
June 19, 5-8 p.m. Course 36835
- Graveyard Paddle
July 10, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Course 36832
Aug. 21, 5-8 p.m. Course 36833
- Evening Paddle
July 24, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Course 36830
- Exploring Island
Aug. 7, 5-8 p.m. Course 36831
- Abandoned Barges
Aug. 14, 5-8 p.m. Course 36829
- Muscadine, Tuckahoe, and Rice (Oh My!)
Sept. 4, 5-8 p.m. Course 36834

Dawn Discoveries

Start your morning at the Dutch Gap Conservation Area to explore the forest, wetlands, meadows, lagoon, vernal pool or river. Parents attend free but must accompany their children to help with social distancing. Unless noted, all programs are about 90 minutes in length and are for children ages 5-12. Register at least one week before program. All programs meet at 9 a.m. at the Henricus Visitor Center, 251 Henricus Park Road
Tuesdays
\$5/child (unless noted)



- Creatures from the Deep
Aug. 18 Course 36851
- Exploring Dutch Gap by Bike and Boat: for ages 8-12 \$13
June 30 Course 36825
July 28 Course 36826
- Wildlife Detectives: for ages 8-12
July 7 Course 36852
- Wildlife Olympics
July 21 Course 36853
- Butterflies and Dragonflies
Aug. 4 Course 36827
- Tremendous Trees
Aug. 11 Course 36838

Paddles

Join the naturalist staff to paddle and explore varied waterways. All trips include kayaks, life vest, paddle, paddling instructions, and guides. Unless noted: minimum age is 8. An adult must accompany children ages 8-14. Paddling time is approximately two hours. Meet at the Henricus Visitor Center, 251 Henricus Park Road.

- Rising Moon Paddle: Minimum age is 10.
Friday, July 3, 6-9 p.m. Course 36854 \$16
- Sunset Paddle: Minimum age is 10.
Saturday, June 20, 6-9 p.m. Course 36840 \$16
- Seldom Seen Island
Saturday, June 27, 4-7 p.m. Course 36839 \$16
- Tidal Lagoon Paddle
Saturday, July 25, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Course 36842 \$16
Saturday, Aug. 22, 5-8 p.m. Course 36843 \$16
- Swift Creek Paddle
Meet at White Bank Park, 400 White Bank Road, Colonial Heights
Saturday, Sept. 12, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Course 36841 \$21

