

SCDNR Fall 2017 Coastal Explorations Series Calendar

All events are free (unless noted otherwise by \$\$\$\$) and open to the public.

Registration is required for all events via the website and opens 30 days in advance.

<http://www.dnr.sc.gov/marine/NERR/seminarseries.html>

- Once registered, participants will receive directions and further event details at least one week prior to the offering.

- Please direct any questions to the following:

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Please Read First! - "The Coastal Exploration Series (CES) largely highlights managed properties, projects, and expertise of the Reserve staff and that of the SCDNR. In that effort CES events are often held outdoors and activities and conditions could include, but are not limited to, extreme heat or cold, exposure to insects, walking or standing for long periods of time on unstable surfaces, climbing onto or out of boats, docks, and trailers, etc.

Please contact Lauton Sutley by phone at 843-953-9354 or by email at sutleyl@dnr.sc.gov prior to registration if you have a disability that you feel might prevent your participation in an event."

Bear Island WMA by Bicycle

Speaker: Lauton Sutley

Date: October 22nd

Time: 10:00 AM until

Location: Bear Island WMA

Limited to 15 people.

Come out and explore Bear Island as few get to, by bike! Ride through the property with stops at selected locations to look and listen. Habitats including rice impoundments, longleaf pine forest, tidal marsh, and isolated wetlands. This unique property teeming with wildlife is often overlooked by most travelling through the ACE Basin and is a perfect example of pristine ACE basin ecosystems. Dress for the day, and bring plenty of food and water.

Total distance is between 7-8 miles at a very leisurely pace. BYOB (bring your own bike).

Yawkey Wildlife Management Area

Speaker: Jamie Dozier/Jim Lee, SCDNR

Date: November 14th

Time: 9 AM

Location: Ferry landing, Georgetown, S.C.

Limited to 13 participants

The Tom Yawkey Wildlife Center was willed to DNR in 1976 by the late Tom Yawkey. Participants will catch a glimpse of the 31 square miles of marsh, managed wetlands, open beach, longleaf pine and maritime forest which together create what is considered one of the most outstanding gifts to wildlife conservation in North America. The Yawkey Wildlife Center is utilized for research and is primarily managed as a wildlife preserve. Participants will have a firsthand experience of this property, learning about the abundant plant and wildlife that inhabit it and why these areas are so important to protect.

South Carolina Aquarium

Speaker: Lauton Sutley, Aquarium staff

Date: November 21st

Time: 10 AM - Noon

Location: Charleston SC

Limited to 15 participants.

Come join us as we visit the South Carolina Aquarium and explore the wonders of the ocean. We will have full access to all the exhibits and will also have access to one of the sea turtle biologists for a Q&A about the sea turtle hospital and rehabilitation process. If you have never been to the aquarium, this will be a great chance to see all it has to offer. This event is family friendly and open to all ages.

Exploring the ACE Basin

Speaker: Lauton Sutley, Nick Wallover

Date: December 5th

Time: 10 AM – 3 PM

Location: Bennet's Point SC

Limited to 12 participants.

Join SCDNR staff on at the Bennet's Point field station and learn all about the ACE Basin National Estuarine Research Reserve. After hearing about how the ACE was born, embark on an adventure on DNR's education vessel to trawl the intertidal river waters for marine life. DNR staff will collect and interpret the day's catch and enjoy the breathtaking views of an undeveloped, pristine habitat. Limited to 12 participants.

[More Dates Coming Soon!!](#)