

Join Us Today at the Lake

Looking for a family friendly way to kick off your summer fun? Look no further than Smith Mountain Lake State Park! We'll have lots of activities for you and your family to enjoy throughout the entire summer. Come on over to the Park and help us celebrate the 80th Anniversary of Virginia State Parks and the 50th Anniversary of Smith Mountain Lake.



Individual programs for each week can be found listed on the Virginia State Parks website, in park bulletin boards, or pick up a copy of our Park Happenings! brochure at our Visitor Center or Discovery Center.

Music in the Park June-August Summer Saturday Concerts 2016 Schedule

July 23rd: The Country Boys

August 27th: Two Old, Two Young

8:00—10:00 p.m.

Bring your lawn chair to our Beach Pavilion & enjoy an evening of great music by local bands.

Refreshments will be available for sale.

\$5.00 per person, kids 12 & under get in free.

Sponsored by Friends of SML State Park

OUR DISCOVERY CENTER WILL BE OPEN ON THESE DATES:

Sundays: July 10 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
July 17 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
July 24 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Friday: July 1 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Stop by and explore with us!

Check out our butterfly garden, learn about our ospreys, or explore the Discovery Room.

Wildlife Wednesday Cruises

We've teamed up with Virginia Dare Cruises to offer this fun-filled & informative lunch cruise.

**Join us the third Wednesday
of each month June thru October 2016 !**

Noon to 2:00 pm – **Boat boards @ 11:30 am**
at the Virginia Dare Marina

Call **(540) 297-7100** for reservations & further
info www.vadarecruises.com

**Next Wildlife Wednesday Cruise:
July 20**

- For details of **special events**, please see the park office, bulletin boards, etc. If weather is "iffy", programs are run on a "You show, we go" basis. However, if ever we judge weather conditions unsafe, we will cancel.
- To check on information for, or a **change** in any program, please call the Park office: 540-297-6066.
- Some programs **require** pre-registration and fees while others are free.
- **Seasonal parking fees** apply.

*Collection of wildlife, plants and fungi without a permit is **prohibited** in Virginia State Parks.*

Discovery Center, Park Interpreter, Jet Lawler
Phone: 540-297-5998
Fax: 540-297-1578
Email: jeanette.lawler@dcr.virginia.gov



Smith Mountain Lake State Park
1235 State Park Road
Huddleston, VA 24104
Phone 540-297-6066

Virginia State Parks

Smith Mountain Lake State Park

Park

Happenings!

July 1 - 6, 2016

Independence Day Holiday



Plan to spend your family's quality time with us at SML State Park in 2016: 80th Anniversary of VA State Parks!

All activities are open to the public.
Some of our programs **require** pre-registration at our Main Office.

Call 540.297.6066 for information on programs or to pre-register.



www.virginiastateparks.gov

Friday July 1

10:00 a.m. ~ 12:00 p.m. Jr. Rangers:
"Amazing Monarchs" (Ages 7-12)
SORRY – this program is FULL.



2:00 ~ 4:00 p.m. Discovery Center
Exploration (Discovery Center Open)

Stop by and explore with us! See what the ranger is up to & join in the fun. Check out our butterfly garden, learn about ospreys, or explore the Discovery Room. Play games and see what you know about our local wildlife. **FREE**

Saturday July 2

10:30 ~ 11:00 a.m. Roving Ranger
Beach

Find our interpreters as they roam the beach to find out what cool things they brought with them from our Discovery Center. Feel free to ask the ranger any questions you have about the State Park, programs, or wildlife you might see while you're here. **FREE**

11:00 a.m. ~ 12:00 p.m. Beach Kids: Crafts
Under Tent near Beach Pavilion

Take some time to get out of the hot sun and join our park interpreters for some fun crafts! **FREE**

1:00 ~ 2:00 p.m. Sidewalk Art and Beach
Bubbles Beach

Meet the park interpreter on the sidewalk at our beach to express yourself through chalk art! We'll also have soap bubbles to enjoy. **FREE**

2:30 ~ 3:30 p.m. Castles in the Sand
Beach

Meet the park interpreter by the Main Lifeguard Tower for a special Beach Kids. Build your own sand castle! Work individually to create a unique castle, or gather your friends or family and work as a team of sand architects. We provide the shovels, buckets, and sand. **FREE**

6:00 ~ 7:00 p.m. Walk on the Wild Side
Meet at Campground overflow parking

Join our ranger for an evening hike on Beechwood Trail and learn about local wildlife. Please wear appropriate hiking shoes—no flip flops. Bring a water bottle. **FREE**

Sunday July 3



10:30 ~ 11:00 a.m. Roving Ranger
Beach

Find our interpreters as they roam the beach to find out what cool things they brought with them from our Discovery Center. **FREE**

Sunday July 3

11:00 a.m. ~ 12:00 p.m. Beach Kids: Crafts
Under Tent near Beach Pavilion

Take some time to get out of the hot sun and join our park interpreters for some fun crafts! **FREE**

2:00 ~ 3:30 p.m. Gyotaku! (Fish Printing)
Discovery Center Pavilion

Take home a unique souvenir of your visit. If you haven't experienced this craft first hand, you're in for a treat (albeit a messy one). Join the fun of this centuries old art and show your creativity as you learn about the fish of SML.

Space is limited. Pre-register at the Visitor Center.
Come dressed for messy fun! \$5.00 fee includes a T-shirt or tote bag to keep.

4:00 ~ 4:30 p.m. Feeding Frenzy
Visitor Center

See how many species of fish you can identify in our 700 gallon aquarium, and help the ranger feed the fish. **FREE**

8:00 ~ 9:00 p.m. Fireworks Campfire
Discovery Center Pavilion

What's a camping trip without a campfire? Help us celebrate two special anniversaries this year as well as the birth of our nation. Of course, there will be marshmallows to roast. We'll also have a special treat for the kids for this 4th of July holiday campfire! **FREE**



Monday July 4

10:30 ~ 11:00 a.m. Roving Ranger
Beach

Find our interpreters as they roam the beach to find out what cool things they brought with them from our Discovery Center. **FREE**

11:00 a.m. ~ 12:00 p.m. Beach Kids: Crafts
Under Tent near Beach Pavilion

Take some time to get out of the hot sun and join our park interpreters for some fun & patriotic crafts! **FREE**

1:00 ~ 2:00 p.m. Sidewalk Art and Beach
Bubbles

Beach, on sidewalk below pavilion
Create chalk art and blow some bubbles. **FREE**

3:00 ~ 4:30 p.m. Patriotic Tie-Dye
Discovery Center Pavilion

Express your patriotism by tie-dying your own red, white, and blue bandana to keep. Learn about this creative art form. (Please wear something you don't mind getting messy.)

Space is limited. Pre-register at the office. \$5.00 each

Tuesday July 5

9:30 ~ 11:00 a.m. Watchable Wildlife Boat
Tour Boat Ramp, near restrooms

Join us as we look for waterfowl and wildlife on the lake.

Pre-registration required at our Visitor Center.

Registration for this event opens one week prior to date of tour & closes at 4:00 p.m. the day before each tour. **MUST be present 15 minutes before start time in order to board & for safety talk.** **FREE**

3:00 ~ 4:30 p.m. Trick Your Stick
Discovery Center Pavilion

Decorate and make a unique hiking stick. We supply all materials. \$3.00 each. **Limit 15 people.**

Pre-registration required at Visitor Center.

4:30 ~ 5:00 p.m. Osprey Hike
Meet at Discovery Center

Learn interesting facts about our ospreys, then join the park ranger and take a short hike to view the nest in person.

FREE

8:15 ~ 9:15 p.m. Batty Wagon
Meet at Visitor Center Parking Lot

Hay ride while we talk to bats! **Limit 25 people.**

Pre-registration required at the Office. **FREE**



If weather is unsuitable - come to the Discovery Center for a Bat Program. No limit or registration.

Wednesday July 6

10:30 ~ 11:30 a.m. Little Rangers: "Reptile Rodeo" (Ages 4-6) Discovery Center

Come explore with us as we discover our reptile friends. A local zoologist will have live animals to see and touch.

Space is limited: pre-registration is required by 4:00pm Tuesday, 7/5. Call 540-297-5998 or email jeanette.lawler@dcr.virginia.gov to get a registration form. Our Little Ranger program is sponsored by the Friends of SML State Park. **FREE**

1:00 ~ 2:00 p.m. Turtletastic
Visitor Center-Front Porch

Stop by and learn about our Virginia turtles. Also create a neat turtle craft to keep and take home. **FREE**

3:00 ~ 4:30 p.m. You Too Can Canoe
Meet at Main Picnic Area Parking Lot

Learn the basics of safe canoeing and then try out your skills on a short paddle along the shores of SML. **For ages 10 years and up.** Participants must wear shoes that will stay on their feet - **NO flip-flops, please.** Water and sunscreen recommended. ***Space is limited to 6.*** \$5.00 each.

Pre-registration is required at Visitor Center.

NEW