



Fall 2008 at South Slough



Enjoy the best of fall at South Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve. All programs begin at the Interpretive Center unless otherwise noted.

Please register for all programs in advance. Call 541-888-5558 to register.

Activity fees and donations cover materials and are used by the Friends of South Slough in support of the Reserve. The Interpretive Center, located 4 miles south of Charleston on Seven Devils Road, is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 am to 4:30 pm.

For more information visit us at www.southsloughestuary.org

SEPTEMBER

Saturday the 6th

South Slough Birding 8 - 10 am

Join an interpreter in search of winged wildlife on the Reserve. Binoculars, spotting scopes and field guides provided. (\$1/birder)

Curt Hitch Art Opening 1 - 3 pm

Welcome Curt's *Landscapes & Boats* exhibit to South Slough. Light refreshments provided. (free)

Friday the 12th

Paddle the Estuary 9 am - 2 pm

Discover the beauty of South Slough as we travel from Charleston to Hinch Road with the tide. Bring your own kayak or canoe, life jacket, lunch and water. Trips may be canceled up until the launch time due to hazardous conditions. (3 boat minimum & 8 boat maximum, \$15/boat)

Saturday the 20th

Tide of the Toddlers - Leaves 10 - 11 am

Bring your wee ones, 1 - 5 years old. Sing a song, read a story, make a craft and explore the natural world. (\$1/toddler)

Saturday the 27th

National Estuaries Day - Celebrate with Us!
Self guided activities will be available all day.

Guided Estuary Hike 10 am - 12 pm

Learn about the importance of estuaries along the Sloughside Pilings trail. (free)

Free Flight 1 - 2 pm

Meet some of the winged wildlife of South Slough when Free Flight visits with a resident raptor. Donations will be accepted for Free Flight.

OCTOBER

Saturday the 4th

Birds on the Estuary 8 - 10 am

Join fellow birders as we explore the shores of our area in search of winged wildlife. An interpreter will provide binoculars and spotting scopes. **Meet at the Charleston Visitors Center.** (\$1/birder)

Preserving Natural Treasures with Cheryl Lee Lindmeier 10 am - 12 pm

Join local artist, Cheryl Lee, in a survey of techniques used to display the natural wonders you have collected. Bring your own natural treasures, such as shells, leaves, etc. and learn how to create and display these pieces of natural art. Cheryl Lee will demonstrate the weaving techniques she uses in her own work. Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult. Base materials will be provided. (\$10/person, 10 person maximum)

Saturday the 11th

Octoberfish - Old Charleston School 12 pm - close

Find local food, music and art including South Slough fish printing and FOSS bookstore items at the 3rd annual Octoberfish. All the fun is in support of the Charleston Food Bank!

Saturday the 18th

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Dissecting Owls with April Azary Thomas 10 am - 12pm

Join author and naturalist April Azary Thomas for a morning of owl pellet dissection. Learn about the owls of South Slough and what's hidden inside their pellets. (\$3/person)

Saturday the 25th

Tide of the Toddlers - Nocturnal Animals 10 - 11 am

Bring your wee ones, 1 - 5 years old. Sing a song, read a story, make a craft and explore the natural world. (\$1/toddler)

BATS with Steve Langenstein 1 - 2 pm

Learn about the only flying mammal from wildlife biologist Steve Langenstein. (free)

South Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve's mission is to improve the understanding and stewardship of Pacific Northwest estuaries and coastal watersheds.



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NOVEMBER

Saturday the 1st

South Slough Birding 8 - 10 am

Join an interpreter in search of winged wildlife on the Reserve. Binoculars, spotting scopes and field guides provided. (\$1/birder)

Mushrooms, a Wild Edible! 8:30 am - 4 pm

Join naturalist Chuck Holbert for a day of foraging for mushrooms and other wild edibles. By the end of the day all students will feel comfortable with identifying at least a half dozen mushroom species.

The majority of class time will be spent in the field on moderate hiking trails so please come prepared for the weather with sturdy walking shoes or boots. Please bring a sack lunch, pocket knife and plastic bag for collection purposes. Participation is limited to 60 students, so register early! (\$20/person or FREE to FOSS memberships paid prior to November 1)

Saturday the 8th

Estuary Arts & Crafts 10 am - 12 pm

All artists, over 6 years of age, are invited to join us in creating estuary treasures in celebration of fall. (\$2/artist)

Tuesday the 11th

Interpretive Center closed for Veterans Day.

Saturday the 15th

Tide of the Toddlers - Estuary Puppets 10 -11 am

Bring your wee ones, 1 to 5 years old, to be part of a South Slough puppet show and make their own finger puppet. (\$1/toddler)

Saturday the 22nd

Film - *Life of Birds* 1 - 3 pm

David Attenborough hosts *The Life of Birds* as you learn about the mysteries of birds' eating habits and body language. We'll provide the popcorn! (free)

Thursday the 27th

Interpretive Center closed for Thanksgiving.

Saturday the 29th

Creature Feature - *Watershed Critters* 1 pm

Learn about the many animals who call the South Slough watershed home from reptiles to mammals. (free)

DECEMBER

Looking for that hard to find gift? Try the Friends of South Slough gift shop!

Saturday the 6th

Birds on the Estuary 8 - 10 am

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Winter Holiday Celebration 1 pm

Bring your holiday spirit and help decorate the Interpretive Center for the holidays. Shop the Friends of South Slough bookstore for one of a kind gifts. (free)

Saturday the 13th

Tide of the Toddlers - *Whales* 10 - 11 am

Bring your wee ones, 1 - 5 years old. Sing a song, read a story, make a craft and explore the natural world. (\$1/toddler)

Saturday the 20th

Estuary Arts & Crafts - *Natural Ornaments* 10 am - 12 pm

All artists over 6 years old are invited to create natural ornaments and gifts for the holiday of their choosing. (\$3/artist)

Thursday the 25th

Interpretive Center closed for Christmas Day.

Saturday the 27th

Film - *The Gray Whale Obstacle Course* 1 - 2 pm

In honor of Whale Watch week, come view this exciting film by Jean Michel Costeau that follows the gray whale from Baja to the Artic. (free)

