

## Program Schedule: April 21 - April 27, 2024

Location	Program	Sun 21	Mon 22	Tues 23	Wed 24	Thurs 25	Fri 26	Sat 27
Toms Cove Visitor Center	Birding with a Ranger (1 hour window)					3:00 pm - 4:00 pm	3:00 pm - 4:00 pm	
Toms Cove Visitor Center	Aquarium Talk (30 minutes)	10:30 am					10:30 am	
Toms Cove Visitor Center	Free as a Bird (1 hour, 1/2 mi)	9:00 am						
Toms Cove Visitor Center	History's Mysteries (15 minutes)	3:00 pm					1:00 pm	
Toms Cove Visitor Center	Write with a Ranger (45 minute window)		11:00 am - 11:45 am					
Toms Cove Visitor Center	Story by the Sea (30 minutes)							10:00 am
Toms Cove Visitor Center	Prescription for a Park (45 minutes 1/4 mi)	11:15 am						
Toms Cove Visitor Center	Plant Rant (15 minutes)	1:30 pm	1:00 pm					
Toms Cove Visitor Center	Creature Feature (15 minutes)	12:00 pm	2:00 pm					2:00 pm

## Special Note: Children Under 12 must be accompanied by an adult on all programs.

- \* Advanced registration required. Register at the Toms Cove Visitor Center.
- These programs are especially popular with children.



## **Program Descriptions**

## Sun screen, drinking water & bug spray are recommended when outdoors.

Birding With a Ranger - See what birds the ranger is viewing off the Toms Cove Visitor Center deck. Come and go as you please anytime during the 1 hour window. Some binoculars and field guides will be available.

Aquarium Talk - Horseshoe crabs, hermit crabs, fish and more! Get a peek at who is swimming around out there with you by joining a ranger who will let you in on the secret lives of these diverse creatures.

Free as a Bird - (Advance registration required, limit of **25).** Discover some of Assateague's most colorful fall residents on this walk designed for beginning birders. A limited number of binoculars and bird guides are available.

History's Mysteries - What's that building on the horizon? Why is the lighthouse so far inland? Come learn about the cultural history, Park's legends, lore, local tales and more! Write with a Ranger - Feeling inspired about Earth Day? Drop by anytime in this 45 minute window and write a story or create a poster that shows others how to reduce their impact.

**Story by the Sea** - You're never too old for a story by the sea. Come learn about an animal that calls Assateague home. An activity or craft related to the story will follow.

**Prescription for a Park** - Doctor's Orders: Get outside! Take a walk with a ranger along the scenic boardwalk at Toms Cove and discover the many interesting and diverse habitats found on Assateague Island.

Plant Rant - "Lettuce" dig up the dirt on plants to unearth their roots and blossoming potential!

**Creature Feature** - Gather 'round the ranger and today's mystery "guest." Learn the life and lore of a special Assateague resident during this informal discussion.



The National Park Service assists the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in interpretation and recreation management, but only in the Toms Cove area of the Virginia portion of the island. The Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge provides many other activities throughout the rest of the refuge. Contact them at 757-336-6122 for program details.