# Program Schedule: July 10 - July 16, 2022

**Location** | **Program** | **Sun 10** | **Mon 11** | **Tues 12** | **Wed 13** | **Thurs 14** | **Fri 15** | **Sat 16**
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Toms Cove Visitor Center | **Birding with a Ranger** *(1 hour window)* | 11:00 am | 1:00 pm | | | 3:30 pm | 3:30 pm | 3:30 pm | 3:30 pm |
Toms Cove Visitor Center | **Free as a Bird**  🌟 *(1.5 hours, 1/2 mile)* | | | | | 1:30 pm | | | |
Toms Cove Visitor Center | **Story by the Sea** *(30 minutes)* | 1:00 pm | | 12:30 pm | | 12:30 pm | | | |
Toms Cove Visitor Center | **Plant Rant** *(15 minutes)* | | 3:30 pm | 11:30 am | 1:30 pm | | 1:30 pm | |
Toms Cove Visitor Center | **Hello Horseshoecrabs** *(2 hour window)* | 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm | 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm | 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm | 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm | 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm | 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm | 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm |
Toms Cove Visitor Center | **Creature Feature** *(15 minutes)* | 2:00 pm | 2:30 pm | 3:00 pm | 11:00 am | | 2:30 pm | 12:00 pm |
Toms Cove Visitor Center | **Assateague Detectives** *(45 minutes, ¼ mile)* | 3:30 pm | | 10:30 am | | 10:30 am | | 10:00 am |
Toms Cove Visitor Center | **Marsh Madness** *(1 hour, ¼ mile)* | | 10:00 am | | | | 3:30 pm | |
Toms Cove Visitor Center | **Under the Boardwalk** *(45 minutes, ¼ mile)* | | | | | 2:00 pm | | |
Naturalist Shack Lot #1 | **Hook, Line and Sinker** *(2 hours)* | | | | | | | | 8:30 am |
Beach at Lot #1 | **Beach Campfire** *(45 minutes)* | | | | | 8:30 pm | | |
Bayside of Lot #2 | **Marine Explorers** *(1 hour)* | 9:00 am | | | | | | |
Bayside of Lot #2 | **Kayak in the Cove**  🌟 *(2 hours)* | | | | | | | | 9:30 am | 10:00 am |

**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.

_disabled Wheelchair accessible programs.
Under the Boardwalk - What’s in bloom? Who made those tracks? Why are the crabs waving at me? You never know what you’ll see under the boardwalk!

Hook, Line & Sinker - Program is limited to those 12 years and older. If sitting on the beach bores you, you might just get hooked on surf fishing. Designed for those with limited surf fishing experience, this program includes demonstrations of equipment, bait and casting techniques. Equipment is provided, however, actual practice time depends on group size.

Beach Campfire - A campfire on the beach recreates the mood of days gone by. Join park rangers for a fun and educational program covering a variety of topics on the rich cultural and natural history of Assateague Island. You are welcome to bring marshmallows and roasting sticks. A flashlight and insect repellent are suggested.

Marine Explorers - Join a ranger and investigate the creatures found in and around Toms Cove. Expect to get wet! A snug pair of wading shoes is required, no flip-flops.

Kayak in the Cove - Join us for a paddle in Toms Cove to discover what’s beneath the boat. Be ready to get wet! Program is limited to those 13 years and older. Children must be 16 or older to paddle on a trip alone. One person per seat. All equipment is provided. Wear clothing and shoes (no flip-flops) for wading. Note: Reservations must be made in person at the Toms Cove Visitor Center. There is a $20.00 per person fee, payment due upon reservation (non-refundable except for weather cancellations).

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

Hello Horseshoecrabs - Stop by the visitor center anytime in this 2 hour window for a “meet and greet” with the Horseshoe Crab! Learn, observe and touch a few of Assateague’s resident marine life.

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.

Assateague Detectives - Do you want to become a detective? Want to help rangers find out what kind of “criminal” activity is going on? Join us as we venture down the boardwalk looking for evidence left behind by animals that live here on Assateague.

Marsh Madness - Use your senses to discover the many mysteries of the salt marsh. What sights, smells, sounds, tastes or feelings might you experience here that are found nowhere else? Wear shoes (no flip-flops) & clothing that you don’t mind getting wet and muddy.

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.