



## Program Schedule: May 26 – June 1, 2024

Location	Program	Sun 26	Mon 27	Tues 28	Wed 29	Thurs 30	Fri 31	Sat 1
Toms Cove Visitor Center	<b>Free as a Bird</b> (1.5 hours, ½ mile)	8:00 am						
Toms Cove Visitor Center	<b>Birding with a Ranger</b> ♿ (1 hour window)					9:00 am		
Toms Cove Visitor Center	<b>Aquarium Talk</b> ♿ ✨ (30 minutes)		10:30 am	1:00 pm				2:30 pm
Toms Cove Visitor Center	<b>Story by the Sea</b> ♿ ✨ (30 minutes)			2:00 pm		3:00 pm	1:00 pm	
Toms Cove Visitor Center	<b>Creature Feature</b> ♿ ✨ (15 minutes)	1:00 pm	3:30 pm		2:00 pm	11:00 am		3:30 pm
Toms Cove Visitor Center	<b>Plant Rant</b> ♿ (15 minutes)	2:00 pm		3:00 pm			2:00 pm	
Toms Cove Visitor Center	<b>History's Mysteries</b> ♿ (15 minutes)		11:30 am				3:30 pm	
Toms Cove Visitor Center	<b>Under the Boardwalk</b> ♿ (45 minutes, ¼ mile)							1:00 pm
Toms Cove Visitor Center	<b>Assateague Detectives</b> ✨ (45 minutes, ½ mile)	3:00 pm						10:30 am
Turn Circle at Park Entrance	<b>Pinchers of Power</b> ✨ (45 minutes)		1:00 pm					
Bayside of Lot #2	<b>Marine Explorers</b> ✨ (1 hour)							9:00 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.

♿ Wheelchair accessible programs.

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**Sunscreen, drinking water & bug spray are recommended when outdoors.**

**Free as a Bird** - Discover some of Assateague's most colorful residents on this walk designed for all levels of birders. A limited number of binoculars and bird guides are provided.

**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.

**Story by the Sea** - You're never too old for a story by the sea. Come learn about an animal that calls Assateague home. Make a craft to share with family and friends.

**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.

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

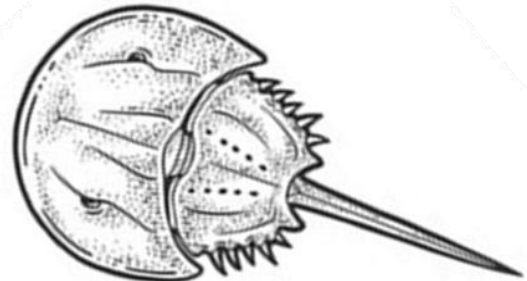
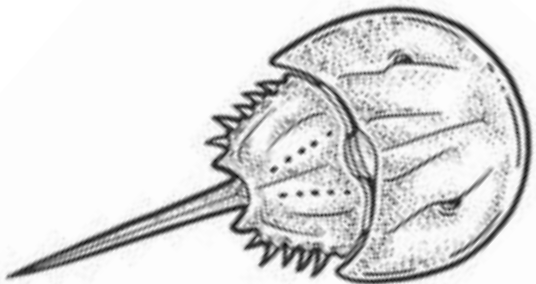
**History's Mysteries** - What's that building on the horizon? Why is the lighthouse so far inland? Come learn about the cultural history, Park's legends, lore, local tales and more!

**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!

**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.

**Pinchers of Power** - Come learn about the feisty and tasty blue crab by watching its powerful pinchers latch on to your bait! Equipment is provided. This program is catch and release. Sunscreen and bug spray are advised. Parking is limited. Bicycling to program is encouraged. Meets at the bridge before the Refuge entrance.

**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.**



*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.*