



Program Schedule: May 5 - 11, 2024

Location	Program	Sun 5	Mon 6	Tues 7	Wed 8	Thurs 9	Fri 10	Sat 11
Toms Cove Visitor Center	Birding with a Ranger (1 hour window)							3:30 pm
Toms Cove Visitor Center	Aquarium Talk (30 minutes)		10:30 am					
Toms Cove Visitor Center	Free as a Bird (1.5 hours, 1/2 mile)	9:00 am						9:00 am
Toms Cove Visitor Center	Bird Buffet (30 minutes)							2:30 pm
Toms Cove Visitor Center	History's Mysteries (15 minutes)	3:30 pm	3:00 pm				1:00 pm	
Toms Cove Visitor Center	Under the Boardwalk (45 minutes, 1/4 mile)						3:00 pm	
Toms Cove Visitor Center	Story by the Sea (30 minutes)	12:30 pm						
Toms Cove Visitor Center	Plant Rant (15 minutes)	2:30 pm						
Toms Cove Visitor Center	Creature Feature (15 minutes)	11:30 am						1:30 pm

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

- Advance registration required. Register at the Toms Cove Visitor Center.
- These programs are especially popular with children.
- Wheelchair accessible programs.



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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.

Bird Buffet - Shorebirds on Assateague rely on waters of the bay and the marsh mud of Toms Cove to provide a balanced diet. Just as we use silverware, they too use tools to select tasty treats. Join us as we observe the birds utilizing their tools while foraging for food. Some binoculars will be available for use.

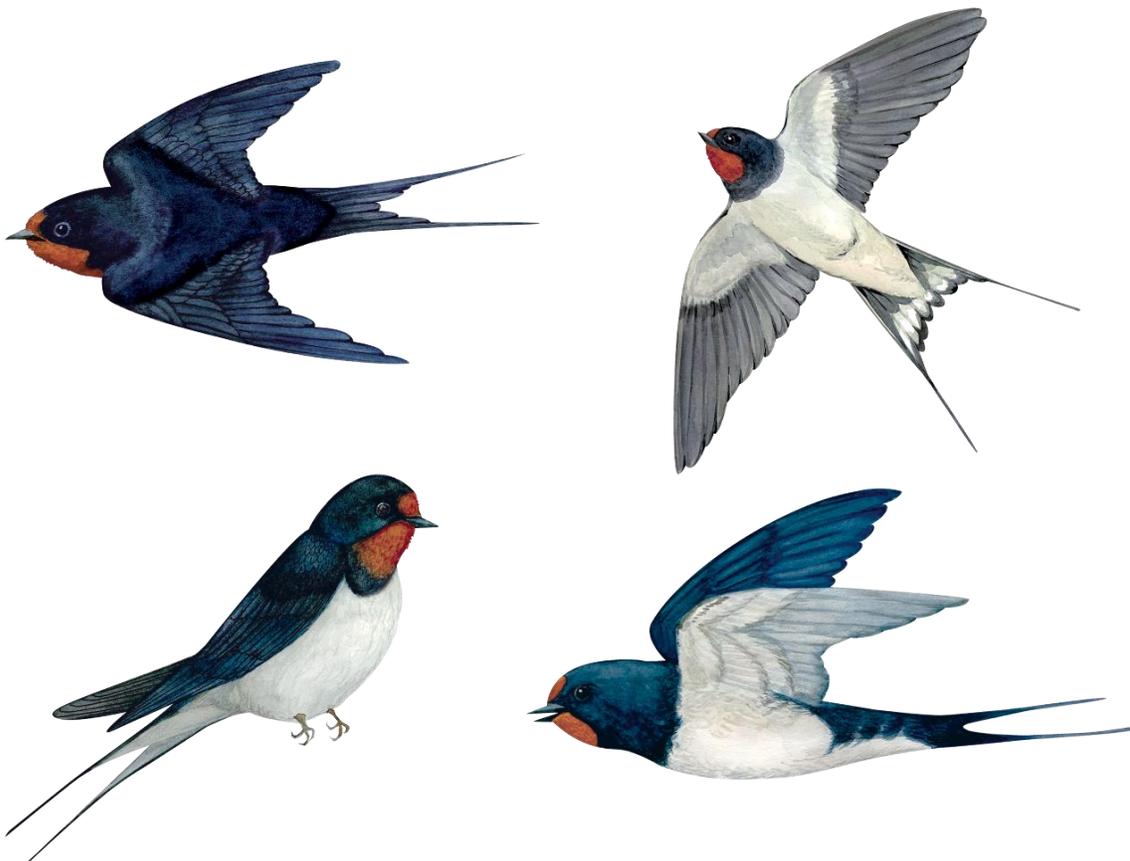
History's Mysteries - What's that building on the horizon? Why is the lighthouse so far inland? Come learn about the cultural history, Park's legends, lore, local tales and more!

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!

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.

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.