



Ranger-Led Programs

September 20-26, 2026

Location	Program	Sun 20	Mon 21	Tues 22	Wed 23	Thurs 24	Fri 25	Sat 26
Naturalist Shack Lot # 1	Bird Walk	8:00 am						
Foul Weather Station on Beach Rd	Birding w/ a Ranger			1:00 pm			3:00 pm	
Bateman Visitor Center	Creature Talk  	1:00 pm	1:00 pm	3:00 pm	1:00 pm	1:00 pm	11:00pm	1:00 pm
Bateman Visitor Center	History Talk 		3:00 pm			3:00 pm	3:00 pm	
Bateman Visitor Center	Plant Talk 	3:00 pm	11:00 am			11:00 am		3:00 pm
Bateman Visitor Center	Story Time  	11:00 am			3:00 pm			
Naturalist Shack Lot # 1	Surf Fishing			9:00 am				

Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult on all programs.



These programs are especially popular with children.



Wheelchair accessible programs.

Program Descriptions

Bird Walk (1 ½ hours, ½ mile) - Discover some of Assateague's most colorful residents on this walk designed for birders of all skill levels. A limited number of binoculars and bird guides are available.

Birding With a Ranger (1 hour window) - See what birds the ranger is viewing along Beach Road in Toms Cove. Come and go as you please anytime during the 1-hour window. Some binoculars and field guides will be available.

Creature Talk (20-30 minutes) - Gather 'round the ranger and learn the life and lore of a special Assateague resident during this informal discussion.

History Talk (20-30 minutes) - What's that building on the hook? Why is the lighthouse so far inland? Come learn about the cultural history, Park legends, lore, local tales and more!

Plant Rant (20-30 minutes) - "Lettuce" dig up the dirt on plants to unearth their roots and blossoming potential!

Story Time (30 minutes) - You're never too old for a story. Come learn about an animal that calls Assateague home. An activity or craft related to the story will follow.

Surf Fishing (1 ½ hours) - 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.