



SOUTH SLOUGH CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 2025



September 4, 2025

BIRDS ON THE ESTUARY

10:00AM - 11:30AM

Explore the shores of Charleston in search of winged wildlife. Interpreter, binoculars, and spotting scopes provided. **Meet at the Charleston Visitors Center. [Max - 15] FREE. Pre-registration is required.**



September 11, 2025

KAYAKING THE ESTUARY

9:00AM - 3:00 PM

Come experience the rich cultural history of the South Slough Reserve on a water trail that flows with the tides. During this five-mile paddle, experienced guides will show you the areas of the Reserve rarely seen by visitors. **Bring your own kayak/canoe and gear (including PFD) or rent a kayak (with paddle and PFD) from us.** Feet may get wet and muddy at launch points. Driver and shuttle will be provided. Meet at the Distant Water Fleet Parking Lot in Charleston, OR next to Qualman's Oysters. [Max. 18] (\$15/boat or \$35 with kayak/gear rental). **Pre-registration is required.**

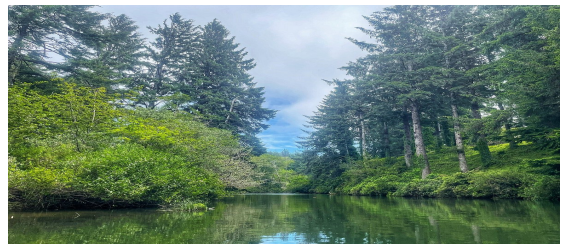


September 17, 2025

SILTCOOS RIVER PADDLE TRIP

12:30PM - 6:00PM

The 6-mile Siltcoos River Water Trail takes you from the largest lake on Oregon's coast through towering sand dunes and forest and brings you to a special stretch of ocean where snowy plovers nest on protected beaches. Along the way, there are tricky logjams that challenge your skills of Twister and a dam portage with a kayak slide. The paddling is easy to moderate however, this trip will require good paddling skills and the physical ability to enter and exit your kayak without additional help. **Bring your own kayak/canoe and gear (including PFD) or rent a kayak (with paddle and PFD) from us!** We will meet at the Westlake Boat Launch just south of Florence, OR. [Max. 10] (\$15/boat or \$35 with kayak/gear rental) **Pre-registration is required.**



Unless otherwise noted, all programs begin at the South Slough Reserve Visitor Center which is located 4 miles south of Charleston on Seven Devils Road.

Programs may be canceled due to low enrollment or hazardous weather. Activity fees and donations help cover material costs and support school field trips to South Slough Reserve.

Reservations are required for all programs.

For more information or to register for a class, please visit: southsloughestuary.org

Questions? Please contact Eric Dean, Education Specialist
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September 20, 2025

Birding at Millicoma Marsh Trail

10:00AM - 12:00PM

Come enjoy great views of the bay and one of the best birding spots in Coos County. Interpreter, binoculars, and spotting scopes are provided. Dress for the weather. **Meet in the parking lot directly behind Millicoma Middle School on 4th Avenue in Coos Bay.** [Max - 15] FREE. **Pre-registration is required.**



September 25, 2025

Introduction to Crabbing

2:00PM - 3:30PM

Learn about the amazing life cycle of crabs, their importance to the local economy and the various techniques for capturing this delectable Crustacean. Dress for the weather. **Meet at the Charleston Visitors Center.**

[Max - 12] FREE. **Pre-registration is required.**



September 27, 2025

Kayaking on the Estuary

10:00AM - 4:00 PM

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October 9 & 10, 2025

MCLENNAN CREEK WATER TRAIL

10:00AM - 11:30AM

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October 11, 2025

FALL MUSHROOM WORKSHOP

10:00AM - 2:30PM

Discover the world of mushrooms with local expert John Schaefer. Learn how to identify at least 15 local mushroom species and techniques for mushroom hunting. This workshop takes place indoors and along trails, so please dress for the weather and wear sturdy hiking shoes. Please bring a basket and knife for collecting. [Max. 20] (\$25/person) **Pre-registration is required.**

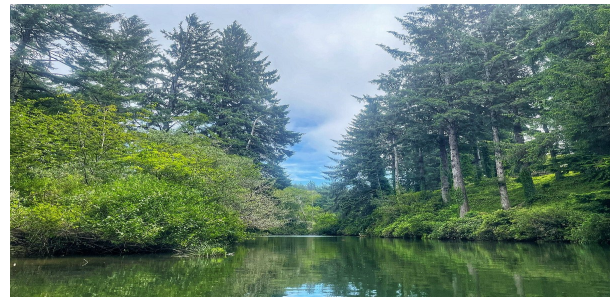


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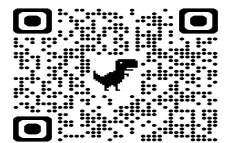
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October 23, 2025

Guided Nature Hike

1:00PM - 4:00PM

Come for a walk in the woods and explore the flora and fauna on some of South Slough Reserve's most popular trails. The two mile loop is well maintained and relatively flat. Please dress for the weather, wear sturdy shoes, and bring plenty of water and snacks. **[Max - 12] FREE.**

Pre-registration is required.