

SCDNR Fall 2014 Coastal Explorations Series Calendar

All events are free (unless noted otherwise by \$\$\$\$) and open to the public.

Registration is required for all events via the website and opens 30 days in advance.

<http://www.dnr.sc.gov/marine/NERR/seminarseries.html>

- Once registered, participants will receive directions and further event details at least one week prior to the offering.

- Please direct any questions to the following:

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Please Read First! - "The Coastal Exploration Series (CES) largely highlights managed properties, projects, and expertise of the Reserve staff and that of the SCDNR. In that effort CES events are often held outdoors and activities and conditions could include, but are not limited to, extreme heat or cold, exposure to insects, walking or standing for long periods of time on unstable surfaces, climbing onto or out of boats, docks, and trailers, etc.

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Beaufort-Jasper Water Sewer Authority: Where Does Your Water Come From?

Speaker: Mathew Brady

Date: Thur, October 9th

Time: 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Location: BJWSA, Okatie SC

Limited to 20 participants.

Join us for a tour of the Beaufort-Jasper Water Authority facility. The group will take a tour of the complex to learn more about the processes involved with providing a clean water source. We will learn about both the source of fresh water for drinking and where this water will go after utilized by humans. Emphasis will be placed on how humans impact clean water sources and what can be done to help protect these resources.

Sneak a peek at this event in this [video](http://www.bjwsa.org/videos/) (<http://www.bjwsa.org/videos/>)

Pee Dee/Waccamaw River Delta Excursion

Speaker: Jim Lee

Date: Tue, October 21st

Time: 9:00 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.

Location: Samworth WMA

Limited to 12 participants.

This trip is a day-long exploration by boat on the lower reaches of the Waccamaw and Pee Dee in coastal Georgetown County. The trip will begin and end at Samworth WMA headquarters on the Pee Dee River. Explorers will visit the historic Dirleton Plantation House for an orientation and overview of the journey then board boats to view some of the former rice fields, now managed wetlands. The journey continues upriver past a number of the historic plantations to Bull Island where we will go ashore to view relics of the timber industry. USFWS personnel will guide us through exhibits @ Waccamaw National Wildlife Refuge. After a lunch break, we will travel down the Waccamaw River to Sandy Island and go ashore to view red-cockaded woodpecker habitat and talk with Nature Conservancy Representatives about this unique property.

Limited to 12 participants. Everyone should dress for weather of the day and carry bag lunch, drinking water, and camera/ binoculars. Footwear should be suitable for wet, muddy conditions.

[SC Dept of Natural Resources Marine Division Facility Tour](#)

Speaker: Lauton Sutley, SCDNR staff

Date: Thur, November 6th

Time: 10:am – 12 pm

Location: SC DNR Marine Division, Fort Johnson, James Island

Limited to 20 people.

Visit with the Department of Natural Resources' Marine Division and learn about the past and present of the Fort Johnson property. The visit will begin with a lab tour of the Marine Resource Research Institute, where we will learn about the exciting and cutting edge work being done to help manage marine resources. Next we will travel back in time to learn about the facility's historic past. The event will last several hours and people are encouraged to bring any food and water they might need.

[Beach sweep and Hammock Island walk](#)

Speaker: Lauton Sutley, Billy McCord

Date: Wednesday, November 12th

Time: 9 am – 12 pm

Location: Bennets Point SC

Limited to 15 people.

Join DNR staff for a day out on hammock islands. The group will take part in a beach sweep of Pine island and Hutchinson island as well as experience interpretation of hammock island habitats. The group will travel by boat and learn about the management of these unique lowcountry features. Participants should be prepared for exposure to sun and wind and bring food and water appropriate for a half day outing.

[Archaeology Along the Combahee River](#)

Speaker: Chester DePratter, Jim Spirek

Date: Thur, November 20th

Time: 10:am – 12 pm

Location: Nemours Plantation

Limited to 20 people.

Join archaeologists from the South Carolina Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology at the University of South Carolina, Columbia as they discuss their work with DNR and the Nemours Wildlife Foundation investigating the Yemassee Indian settlement on the Combahee River, and other areas in the ACE Basin. In addition we will be discussing work concerning the civil war naval actions in the ACE Basin. Weather depending there will also be a wagon ride to see some of the sites along the river. This event will last until lunch so please bring any food and water

[Ernest F. Hollings – ACE Basin National Wildlife Refuge](#)

Speaker: Mark A. Purcell (Refuge Manager) / Larry Hartis (Refuge Wildlife Biologist) / SCDNR Staff

Date: Wednesday, December 10th

Time: 10:30 am to 3:30 pm

Location: Grove Plantation/Jehossee Island

Limited to 15 participants.

Exploration of the natural, cultural, and historical resources on Jehossee Island, as well as, wildlife management discussion of historic ricefield impoundments:

Event will begin at the circa 1828 Grove Plantation House (Refuge Headquarters) wherein a short video presentation on the Refuge and the greater ACE Basin Project will be provided. The tour group will be transported by Refuge watercraft to Jehossee Island on the South Edisto River. Once on Jehossee Island, the group will continue with a trailer/walking tour of the Island's diverse points of interest. The tour will offer cultural, historical and natural resource interpretation and include outstanding birding opportunities. Dress for weather of the day.

Suggest participants bring any food or drink they will require for the outing and plan on using restroom facilities at the Grove Plantation prior to leaving for Jehossee Island, which has no improved facilities. At approximately 3:00 pm, the tour group will be transported from Jehossee Island back to the Grove Plantation on the mainland.