

North Inlet-Winyah Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve Education Schedule January – May 2012



Winter Wings

Join Wendy Allen, Reserve Manager, for a guided birding trip through the forests and marshes of Hobcaw, with emphasis on the shorebirds that congregate on marsh banks at high tide. Dress warmly and bring water, snack, and binoculars (if you have them). **Cost: \$10/person; weather permitting; limited to 14 participants; please call to register.**

February 9th (Thursday) 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Oysters & Clams in the Creek & Kitchen

Learn all about oysters and clams, including the importance of bivalves to the salt marsh, some of the interesting animals that inhabit the reefs and mudflats, rules and regulations for collecting, and how to choose and gather your own. We will start with a visit to a nearby tidal creek (boots or old shoes recommended) to demonstrate collection techniques, then cook and enjoy a tasty treat of freshly prepared oysters and clams. **Cost: \$25/person; weather permitting; limited to 14 participants; please call to register.**

March 9th (Friday) 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Bike to the Boardwalk

Bike through Hobcaw's forest to the Reserves beautiful saltmarsh boardwalk on North Inlet. Meet Reserve staff in the Hobcaw Barony Discovery Center parking lot and bike 2.5 miles (each way) on gravel roads to experience a leisurely salt marsh exploration. Upland forest habitats, wildlife, salt marsh ecology, and a variety of other topics will be discussed during the trip. Bring your own bike (all terrain tires recommended), helmet, snack, water, camera, and binoculars (if desired). **Free; weather permitting; limited to 15 participants; please call to register.**

Times for all trips are 9:30am - 11:30am

April 14th (Saturday) May 12th (Saturday)

Spring Wildflowers

Take a walk through maritime, upland forest, and wetland habitats to see spring in bloom at Hobcaw Barony. Reserve staff and naturalists will help identify common spring wildflowers. Wear comfortable walking shoes, bring insect repellent, camera, and binoculars (if desired). **Cost: \$10/person; weather permitting; limited to 14 participants; please call to register.**

May 23rd (Wednesday) 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

Paddle North Inlet

Join Reserve and Surf the Earth staff for a naturalist-guided tour through the creeks of North Inlet. This program includes instruction in basic kayaking, a natural history overview, and educational highlights of the North Inlet ecosystem. Fee includes kayak, paddle, personal flotation device, and water. Wear sturdy shoes and bring snack, camera, and binoculars (if desired). **Cost: \$50/person; weather permitting; limited to 6 participants; please call to register.**

Times for all trips are 9:30 am - 1:30 pm

May 14th (Monday) May 31st (Thursday)

PLEASE CALL (843) 546-4623 TO REGISTER.