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FESTIVAL KEYNOTE

Leigh Ann Henion - *Embracing Natural Night*



Sunday, January 24, 2027 • 2:00 PM • Free
Meyera E. Oberndorf Central Library • No Registration Required

Leigh Ann Henion will share how spending time with synchronous fireflies motivated her to explore the importance of natural darkness in an age of increasing artificial light. Drawing from her celebrated book, *Night Magic: Adventures Among Glowworms, Moon Gardens, and Other Marvels of the Dark*, Henion will offer inspiring stories and empowering guidance about how embracing the night can lead to moments of wonder, reduced light pollution, and improved ecological health.

Special thanks to Virginia Beach Library Foundation for sponsoring our 2027 keynote speaker.

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Hoppers



Saturday, January 30, 2027 • 4:30 PM - 7:30 PM • Free
Williams Farm Recreation Center • No Registration Required

Come out for our Winter Wildlife Festival Movie Night at Williams Farm Recreation Center! Bring your own blanket and non-alcoholic beverage (no glass containers). Popcorn will be served! Please note: Outside chairs are not permitted. Free and open to the public — no membership required. Movie starts at 5:30pm.

FESTIVAL KICKOFF

Exhibit Hall • Children's Activities • Silent Auction • Food Trucks
Walk-Up Workshops

Saturday, January 23, 2027 • 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM • Free
Princess Anne Recreation Center • No Registration Required

Time	Workshop Title
10:30 am	Conservation & Management of the Eastern Tiger Salamander in the Coastal Plain of VA
11:45 am	Beyond the Blooms: Winter Landscapes that Support Wildlife with Native Plants
1:15 pm	How "Whale" Do You Know Your Neighbors?

TRIPS & EXCURSIONS AT A GLANCE

Please come dressed and prepared for outdoor activity in winter conditions.
All trips are weather dependent. Changes may be made for the safety of participants.
All trips and excursions that require registration include a $5, non-refundable administrative fee.

PRESENTED BY VIRGINIA BEACH PARKS & RECREATION AND VIRGINIA BEACH PUBLIC LIBRARY

Date	Time	Session Title	Cost	Meeting Location	Transport Included
1/23	8:30-11:30am	Cape Henry Tour	$20	Princess Anne Rec Center	Yes
1/23	12-4pm	Notable Trees - South	$20	Princess Anne Rec Center	Yes
1/23	12-5pm	Blue Goose History & Wildlife Tour - 1	$25	Princess Anne Rec Center	Yes
1/23	7-8pm	Owl Prowl	$10	Whitehurst/Beasley Tract	No
1/23	6-9pm	False Cape After Dark - 1	$15	Back Bay National Wildlife Refuge	No
1/24	8am-12pm	Princess Anne Wildlife Management Area Birding	$20	Princess Anne Rec Center	Yes
1/24	8am-1pm	Blue Goose Birding Tram Tour - 1	$25	Princess Anne Rec Center	Yes
1/24	8:30am-1pm	Fisherman Island - 1	$20	Bayside Rec Center	Yes
1/24	9-11am	Chespeake Bay Bridge Tunnel 4th Island Birding - 1	$15	Bayside Rec Center	Yes
1/24	10:30am-1pm	Whale Watching Boat Tour - 1	$35	Virginia Aquarium Boat Dock	No
1/25	10am-12pm	Nature Mandala Workshop	$5	West Neck Natural Area	No
1/25	10am-2pm	Seals & Winter Wildlife Boat Trip	$75	Virginia Aquarium Boat Dock	No
1/25	12:30 - 4:30pm	Great Dismal Swamp Walk Through the Wild	$20	Mount Trashmore Park	Yes
1/25	3-6pm	Wildlife Beyond the Gates - 1	$15	Parks & Recreation Admin	Yes
1/26	7:30-11:30am	Birds & History of Fort Monroe	$30	Fort Monroe Visitor's Center	No
1/26	8am - 12:30pm	Mackay Island Birding	$25	Princess Anne Rec Center	Yes
1/26	9am - 12pm	Birding Skillbuilder Workshop + Field Session	$5	Pleasure House Point/ Brock Center	No
1/26	12-4pm	Beach Combing at False Cape State Park - 1	$15	Back Bay National Wildlife Refuge	No
1/26	3-6pm	Wildlife Beyond the Gates - 2	$15	Parks & Recreation Admin	Yes
1/27	8-10am	Waterfowl Walk - 1*	Free	Back Bay National Wildlife Refuge	No
1/27	9am - 2pm	Birding Magothy Bay	$25	Bayside Rec Center	Yes
1/27	12-5pm	Blue Goose History & Wildlife Tour - 2	$25	Princess Anne Rec Center	Yes
1/27	1-3pm	Birds in the City	$5	Mount Trashmore Park	No
1/27	1-3pm	Chespeake Bay Bridge Tunnel 4th Island Birding - 2	$15	Bayside Rec Center	Yes
1/27	5:30 - 7:30pm	Family Painting - WWF Edition!	$25	Williams Farm Rec Center	No

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1/28	8am-1pm	Great Dismal Swamp - Winter Wildlife Drive	$30	Mount Trashmore Park	Yes
1/28	8:30am-1:30pm	NEW Eastern Shore Birding + Wildlife Boat Tour	$35	Bayside Rec Center	Yes
1/28	12-4pm	Beach Combing at False Cape State Park - 2	$15	Back Bay National Wildlife Refuge	No
1/28	1-3pm	Virginia Tech Hampton Roads Agricultural Research & Extension Center Tour	$10	Williams Farm Rec Center	Yes
1/28	2-4:30pm	Whale Watching Boat Tour -2	$35	Virginia Aquarium Boat Dock	No
1/28	6-8pm	Operation Owl	$20	Great Neck Park & Indoor Facility	No
1/29	8-10am	Waterfowl Walk - 2*	Free	Back Bay National Wildlife Refuge	No
1/29	8:30am-1pm	Fisherman Island - 2	$20	Bayside Rec Center	Yes
1/29	10am-3pm	Exploring VA's Seaside Lagoons Boat Tour - 1	$35	Oyster Boat Ramp	No
1/29	2-4pm	Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel 4th Island Birding - 3	$15	Bayside Rec Center	Yes
1/29	6-9pm	False Cape After Dark - 2	$15	Back Bay National Wildlife Refuge	No
1/29	6:30-8pm	First Landing State Park Night Hike	$5	First Landing State Park (Trail Center)	No
1/30	7:30am-9:30am	Pleasure House Point Birding & History Walk	$5	Pleasure House Point/Brock Center	No
1/30	8am-1pm	Blue Goose Birding Tram Tour- 2	$25	Princess Anne Rec Center	Yes
1/30	9am-12pm	Brumation Nation	$20	Parks & Recreation Admin	Yes
1/30	10am-3pm	Exploring VA's Seaside Lagoons Boat Tour - 2	$35	Oyster Boat Ramp	No
1/30	12-4pm	Notable Trees - North	$20	Bayside Rec Center	Yes
1/30	1-3pm	Digital Photography Deep-dive	$15	Great Neck Park & Indoor Facility	No
1/30	1-3:30pm	First Landing State Park Nature Walk	$5	First Landing State Park (Trail Center)	No
1/31	8-10am	Winter Waterfowl Walk - 3*	Free	Back Bay National Wildlife Refuge	No
1/31	8-10:30am	Wildlife Photography in the Field	$20	Stumpy Lake Natural Area	No
1/31	8:30am-1pm	Fisherman Island -3	$20	Bayside Rec Center	Yes
1/31	12-4pm	Notable Trees - Central	$20	Kempsville Rec Center	Yes
1/31	12-5pm	Blue Goose Wildlife & History Tour - 3	$25	Princess Anne Rec Center	Yes
1/31	1-3pm	Winter Sensory Walk	$5	Lake Lawson/Lake Smith Natural Area	No
1/31	2-4:30pm	Whale Watching Boat Tour - 3	$35	Virginia Aquarium Boat Dock	No

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Highlighted trips require transportation

OTHER FESTIVAL HAPPENINGS

Wildlife Trivia @ Voodoo Brewing
Wednesday, January 13, 2027 • 7:00 - 9:00 PM
300 Constitution Dr Suite 109, Virginia Beach, VA 23462

January Workshops
Various libraries, rec centers and partnered locations.
WinterWildlifeVB.com for more details or to register.

Nominate a Wildlife Advocate!
Help select the 2027 recipient of the
Mary Reid Barrow Wildlife Advocate Award.

PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

Friday, January 1 - Monday, February 1, 2027
2027 Photo Contest Winning Photos will be on display at the MEO Central Library Gallery in March 2027.

Contest Categories:

WILDLIFE | Excludes captive animals including those in a zoo or museum or similar.

- **PORTRAIT** - Must show wildlife in Coastal Virginia; animal(s) must be still. (e.g. a perched bird)
- **ACTION** - Must show wildlife in Coastal Virginia; animal(s) in motion, displaying a behavior, etc. (e.g. a bird in flight, a whale breeching)

FESTIVAL IN ACTION | Must show festival partcipants during any 2027 Winter Wildlife Festival activity. Submission should capture the "spirit" of the festival.

LANDSCAPE/SCENIC | Must show scenic landscape and/or native flowers, trees, shrubs or plants in Coastal Virginia.

YOUTH | Subject may be of wildlife, nature, or people participating in nature-based recreation taken in Coastal Virginia; must be under 16 to qualify.

PEOPLE'S CHOICE | Subject may be of wildlife, nature, or people participating in nature-based recreation taken in Coastal Virginia. Photo with the most likes on Facebook wins!

BEST IN SHOW WILL ALSO BE AWARDED!

FULL CONTEST RULES AT WINTERWILDLIFEVB.COM
All photos must be taken during entry period.

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