

Program Schedule: September 27 – October 3, 2015

Location	Program	Sunday 27	Monday 28	Tuesday 29	Wednesday 30	Thursday 1	Friday 2	Saturday 3
Toms Cove Visitor Center	For the Birds * (2 hours, ¼ mile)	8:30 am					9:30 am (1 hour)	
Toms Cove Visitor Center	Marsh Madness (1 hour, ¼ mile)						3:30 pm	
Toms Cove Visitor Center	Tracks in the Sand (1 hour, 1/4 mile)	10:00 am			N	N		
Toms Cove Visitor Center	Aquarium Talk (½ hour)	3:30 pm	2:00 pm	2:30 pm	0	0	11:00 am	
Toms Cove Visitor Center	Creature Feature (15 minutes)	1:30 pm		11:00 am				11:30 am
Toms Cove Visitor Center	Assateague Detectives (45 minutes, ¼ mile)				Р	Р		1:00 pm
Toms Cove Visitor Center	Plant Rant (15 minutes)		4:00 pm		R	R	12:00 pm	4:00 pm
Toms Cove Visitor Center	Under the Boardwalk (45 minutes, ¼ mile)	2:00 pm			0	0		
Toms Cove Visitor Center	Seaside Explorers (1 hour, ½ mile)		10:00 am		G	G		
Toms Cove Visitor Center	Trash or Treasure? (45 min, ¼ mile)	11:00 am			R	R		
Toms Cove Visitor Center	Pirate Puppet Show (20 minutes)				Α	Α		2:00 pm
Toms Cove Visitor Center	Ocean Pharmacy (30 minutes)				M	M		3:00 pm
Bayside of Lot # 3	Marine Explorers (2 hours, ¼ mile)				S	S		9:30 am
Turn Circle at Park Entrance	Pinchers of Power (45 minutes)							3:30 pm

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

Advanced Reservations Required. Register at the Toms Cove Visitor Center.

These programs are especially popular with children.

Wheelchair accessible programs.









Program Descriptions

For the Birds - Advance registration required. Sign up at the Toms Cove Visitor Center. Discover some of Assateague's most colorful summer residents during this stroll to beach and salt marsh habitats. A limited number of binoculars and bird guides are available.

Marsh Madness - Use your senses to discover the many mysteries of the salt marsh. What sights, smells, sounds, tastes or feelings might you experience here that are found nowhere else? Wear shoes (no flipflops) & clothing that you don't mind getting wet and muddy.

Tracks in the Sand - Explore the hidden lives and movements of animals through their tracks and signs.

Aquarium Talk - The marine aquariums in the Toms Cove Visitor Center are just a "drop in the bucket" of the diversity of life surrounding the island. Get a peek at who is swimming around out there with you!

Creature Feature - Gather 'round the ranger and today's mystery "guest." Learn the life and lore of a special Assateague resident during this informal discussion.

Assateague Detectives - Do you want to become a detective? Want to help rangers find out what kind of "criminal" activity is going on? Join us as we venture down the boardwalk looking for evidence left behind by animals that live here on Assateague.

Plant Rant - "Lettuce" dig up the dirt on plants to unearth their roots and blossoming potential!

Under the Boardwalk - Who made those tracks? Why are the crabs waving at me? You never know what you'll see under the boardwalk!





Sun screen & bug spray are recommended when outdoors.

Seaside Explorers - It takes a mountain of sand to build a beach! Come explore how it got here and who is hiding under the sand!

Trash or Treasure? - Ever stumble upon marine debris while on your hunt for shells? Is it all trash? Does it tell a story? How long will it remain? Let's scavenge the shoreline to see what can be found.

Pirate Puppet Show - There are many treasures on Assateague. Join our pirate puppet Captain Coppertone to see what kinds of treasure he uncovers!

Ocean Pharmacy - Learn about the amazing potential that the oceans and its creatures may offer for human health.

Marine Explorers - Join a ranger and investigate the island from beach to bay. Expect to get wet! A snug pair of wading shoes is required, no flip-flops.

Pinchers of Power - Ever wonder what to do with a chicken neck? Attach it to a rope and drop it in the bay of course! Join Seashore staff in using these simple tools for catching the feisty and tasty blue crab. Bait, line and buckets provided. This program is catch and release. Sunscreen and bug spray are advised. **Bicycling to program is encouraged.**



The National Park Service assists the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in interpretation and recreation management, but only in the Toms Cove area of the Virginia portion of the island. The Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge provides many other activities throughout the rest of the refuge. Contact them at 757-336-6122 for program details.