

Virginia State Parks Earth Day 2017 Events

Park	Event Name	Date	Time
Bear Creek Lake State Park 22 Bear Creek Lake Road Cumberland, VA 23040	Earth Day 2017 This day, come help the earth help itself. Meet at the Archery Range at 11:00 a.m. and volunteer to join in rejuvenating the parks pollinator garden and other landscaped areas. At 1 p.m., stop at the Recycle - Renew program at the Acorn Loop Shelter to make new stuff out of empty plastic bottles and keep them out of a landfill. At 3 p.m., head out from the Acorn Shelter on our Walk with the Pollinators program to search for spring wildflowers and the critters who make possible much of the flora on Earth. own.	4/22/2017	8:00 a.m.
Belle Isle State Park 1632 Belle Isle Road Lancaster, VA 22503	Earth Day: Resource Ranger Hike Park rangers work hard to protect and maintain Belle Isle's natural resources. Meet at the Visitor Center for a hike where we will learn about some of the tricks and tools that resource rangers use. You can even lend a hand with some light trail work. This hike will be less than a mile round trip over easy trails. We recommend dressing for the weather and wearing sturdy walking shoes.	4/22/2017	11:00 a.m.
Caledon State Park 11617 Caledon Road King George, VA 22485	Earth Day Celebration - One Man's Trash Is Another Man's Art Contest Each year tons of trash wash up on our shoreline. Participants will help us clean-up the beach and then use that trash to build a unique piece of art. Judges will pick winners for some cool prizes. Work in teams or by yourself. Part of the Stewardship Virginia program, each participant will get a certificate signed by the Governor. Co-sponsored by the Fredericksburg Center for Creative Arts.	4/22/2017	9:00 a.m.
Claytor Lake State Park 6620 Ben H. Bolen Drive Dublin, VA 24084	Earth Day at Claytor Lake State Park Come celebrate Earth Day with our State Park family. Start off the fun by joining Mary Rhoades on a Wildflower walk through the park to learn about the beautiful flowers bringing color to our area. After the walk, join the rangers as we bring new life to the park and plant saplings. We will be planting trees around the beach. Wildflower walk Join one of our volunteers on a walk through the park to see and learn about the small flowers that bring beauty and color after a long winter. Time: 11:00 a.m. Meeting place: the Overflow Parking Lot Tree Plantings Help celebrate Earth Day by bringing new life to the park. Get ready to get dirty as we plant new trees around the swimming area. Time: 2:00 p.m. Meeting place: the Swimming Area Building	4/22/2017	11:00 a.m.
Douthat State Park 14239 Douthat State Park Road Millboro, VA 24460	Earth Day All ages are free to help. Activities include litter pickup, mulching, and weeding. You bring the muscle and Douthat State Park will bring the tools.	4/22/2017	11:00 a.m.
False Cape State Park 4001 Sandpiper Road Virginia Beach, VA 23456	Earth Day Beach Cleanup - Celebrate Mother Nature with False Cape Join False Cape's Friends Group, staff and volunteers in helping keep our beaches pristine by picking up shoreline debris. For more information and to make a reservation please contact the park office. Trash bags, gloves and water provided. Dress accordingly based on the weather, bring a lunch and support False Cape's attempt in making this natural resource a better place. Reservations are required. No charge.	4/22/2017	9:00 a.m.
First Landing State Park 2500 Shore Drive Virginia Beach, VA 23451	Earth Day Celebration - First Landing Tree Army The Sixth Annual First Landing Tree Army is assembling to move out on their mission to battle unauthorized trails. While past Tree Armies have given a terrific effort, there are still sensitive habitat areas in danger from use of other unauthorized trails. This year we will be planting in these areas with small trees, so again we are calling on the caring citizens of Virginia to sponsor trees and to come out to plant trees. NOTE: VOLUNTEERS MUST REGISTER PRIOR TO EVENT. \$3 will sponsor one tree, \$5 will sponsor two trees, and \$10 will sponsor five trees, but individuals or groups are welcome to sponsor as many trees as they are interested in. To sponsor a tree or to volunteer in planting trees contact First Landing's Volunteer Office 757-412-1010	4/22/2017	9:00 a.m.
Fairy Stone State Park 967 Fairystone Lake Drive Stuart, VA 24171	Earth Week - Wildlife Tree Planting Event What better way to celebrate Earth Week and Stewardship Virginia events than to get together and plant some trees from the Virginia Department of Forestry to provide food for the wildlife and native pollinators here at Fairy Stone State Park. We will be planting American Elderberry, Buttonbush, Sugar Maple, Black Locust, and Alleghany Chinkapin in a few locations around the park. Please bring your work gloves and come prepared to get dirty.	4/22/2017	10:00 a.m.
Grayson Highlands State Park 829 Grayson Highlands Lane Mouth Of Wilson, VA 24363	Earth Day Resource Management Hike For Earth Day, help protect the Highlands' natural resources with other volunteers and park rangers by dismantling illegal fire rings and campsites. Camping is not allowed within the park except for in designated campgrounds. This is because the grassy balds and boreal forests are already used frequently by hikers and horse back riders. Therefore by prohibiting camping, the natural resources are better protected from being overly used. Unfortunately this rule is sometimes overlooked and campsites are built along trails in the back country. The hike will begin in Massie Gap and follow the Rhododendron Trail. We will then take the Appalachian Trail northbound, and connect to the Appalachian Spur Trail. The loop hike will be less than 2 miles and will be on moderate and sometimes difficult terrain. This hike is recommended for adults in good physical condition. Please check the weather ahead of time and dress accordingly. Bring snacks and extra water. The rangers will be providing work gloves.	4/22/2017	9:00 a.m.

High Bridge Trail State Park 6888 Green Bay Road Green Bay, VA 23942	Earth Week & Stewardship Virginia - Bird Survey and Site Cleanup In a partnership program with High Bridge Trail, the Margaret Watson Bird Club will have volunteers available for a birding adventure on High Bridge Trail. Help our local bird club conduct an informal bird survey of wild birds on our park property. Dress for the weather, wear good walking shoes, and carry water. The out and back walk will cover two miles for those who wish to walk, but transportation will also be provided from the Charleys parking lot. We recommend bringing binoculars, but the park has some that will be available. We welcome all visitors to this program which will be enjoyable and informative at all knowledge and experience levels. Following the bird survey, a cleanup will be held on the site.	4/22/2017	8:00 a.m.
Holliday Lake State Park 2759 State Park Road Appomattox, VA 24522	Earth Day at Holliday Lake In cooperation with the Earth Day Network and the National Arbor Day Foundation, Holliday Lake State Park is holding an Earth Day program that gives you the chance to get outside and explore the forest. Join us for a relaxing guided hike as we search for the park's tallest living plants. Along the way we'll discover why trees are so big and how forests thrive and die. Afterward, we'll plant a tree near the Park Office. Sturdy, close-toed shoes are required.	4/22/2017	2:00 p.m.
Hungry Mother State Park 2854 Park Boulevard Marion, VA 24354	Earth Day Celebration Celebrate Earth Day in the best way this Spring. Throughout the day, we'll have guided hikes led by volunteers each with a focus on a special part that makes the Earth whole. 9 a.m. Early Morning Bird Walk. Join bird enthusiast, Randy Smith to celebrate the beginning of spring with a bird walk throughout the park. Bringing along field guides and binoculars is encouraged. Meet at the Discovery Center. 11 a.m. Wild about Wildflowers. Enjoy a walk with Master Naturalist, Melanie Smith and discover the various wildflowers in bloom during the spring season! Bring along your camera to capture all of the spring beauty. Meet at the Boat Ramp Area off Mitchell Valley Road. 1 p.m. Wild Harvest. Have you ever wondered if a plant or flower has any medicinal uses or if it is edible? Carrie Sparks, Master Naturalist, will guide us on a hike pointing out different plants and their significance along the way. Bring water and wear comfortable shoes. Meet at the Spillway Parking Lot. 4 p.m. Find Your Tree Hike. Arborist, Kevin Sigmon will be discussing a few tips and tricks for identifying trees. Later join him on a short hike to see the diversity of trees at Hungry Mother to find your favorite tree. Meet at the Restaurant.	4/22/2017	9:00 a.m.
James River State Park 104 Green Hill Drive Gladstone, VA 24553	Earth Day - Stewardship Virginia In celebration of Earth Day and to recognize Stewardship Virginia, we are giving back to the planet by planting some trees. We invite volunteer groups and individuals to come out and get a little dirty. We will find an area in the park to give these trees a home. Please dress comfortably and you might want to grab some gloves. Contact our office at 434-933-4395 to register. Participants will receive a Stewardship Virginia certificate signed by the governor.	4/22/2017	10:00 a.m.
Kiptopeke State Park 3540 Kiptopeke Drive Cape Charles, VA 23310	Earth Day Celebrate Earth Day at Kiptopeke State Park. Join us for a clean-up day throughout the Park, encouraging stewardship of the land. We will be cleaning the beach as well as trails. During the clean-up we will learn how trash can negatively impact marine and shore life. Trash bags will be provided, but please bring your own gloves and water. While you are in the Park get further inspired to help the earth by taking a self-guided trip to discover Kiptopeke's hidden treasures, pick up one of our park packs, play at the beach, ride a bike, or sit at an overlook and watch the waves. Be sure to join us in the picnic area at 7 p.m. for a two hour Owl Prowl to end a wonderful day in the Park.	4/22/2017	9:00 a.m.
Lake Anna State Park 6800 Lawyers Road Spotsylvania, VA 22551	Earth Week Stewardship Virginia Spring Clean-up Crew We invite you to participate in a special Stewardship Virginia Spring clean-up event. Our beautiful lake needs more than a simple "spring cleaning". What better way to spend Earth Week than doing your part now so we can all enjoy the benefits of this waterway this summer whether boating, swimming, fishing, sunbathing or just taking a stroll on a nearby trail? This year we need everyone to help. So join us in cleaning up the Lake Anna State Park shoreline. This is a Stewardship Virginia Spring event. This program is a perfect fit for Scout Troops looking for a required Service Project. Certificates will be awarded to those who pre-register. Information is available: Lake State Park Visitor Center, or by calling 540-854-6245 or e-mailing Lauri.Schular@dcr.virginia.gov. Find additional information by following this link: http://tinyurl.com/Stewardship-Virginia	4/22/2017	10:00 a.m.
Leesylvania State Park 2001 Daniel K. Ludwig Drive Woodbridge, VA 22191	Earth Day: Useful Garbage & Green Fire Everyone knows that we are responsible for keeping our planet clean and green. One of the ways we can help reduce our negative impact on the planet is to reduce the trash we create. We'll show you how to craft useful objects that help wildlife out of common household garbage. For more information please call 703-583-6904. 2 sessions: 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. From 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. Join us for a screening of Green Fire. This film explains how Aldo Leopold shaped conservation and the modern environmental movement. For more information please call (703)583-6904. Sponsored by the Friends of Leesylvania State Park.	4/22/2017	11 a.m.

<p>Mason Neck State Park 7301 High Point Road Lorton, VA 22079</p>	<p>Earth Day 2017 The first Earth Day Celebration happened in 1970 and the ensuing environmental movement was instrumental in raising the awareness of what effect our everyday lifestyle was having on our planet. Out of it came the Clean Air Act and other legislation aimed at improving our stewardship of the earth's resources. Our programs for the day will focus on ways you can continue this movement.</p> <p>At 10 a.m. we'll take a hike on the Bay View Trail and talk about the Clean Water Act and brainstorm with you on ways we can help keep our waterways clean.</p> <p>At noon we'll attempt to use sunlight to cook something tasty. Bet you never thought of using solar energy for that did you? Outside the visitor center will be the place to be for this program.</p> <p>At 2 p.m. we'll take a walk on the Kane's Creek and Eagle Spur Trails where we'll talk about the importance of trees not only to us as humans but also their importance to the animals and other plants on our planet. Did you know we cut more than 15 billion trees each year?</p> <p>Finally, at 5 p.m. we'll gather behind the Visitor Center and talk about how even one person, or a very few people, can make a difference. The history of Mason Neck State Park is a prime example of what can be done to make every day Earth Day.</p>	<p>4/22/2017</p>	<p>10:00 a.m.</p>
<p>Natural Bridge State Park 6477 South Lee Highway Natural Bridge, VA 24578</p>	<p>Earth Day Celebration Spring into spring by participating in a special Earth Day celebration. The Botetourt Beekeepers Association will be on hand in the park's indoor classroom in the basement of the Visitor's Center. They will also be visible along the Cedar Creek trail to talk about the importance of nature's pollinators. Enjoy seeing demonstration bee hives. Regular admission applies for access to Cedar Creek Trail.</p>	<p>4/22/2017</p>	<p>10:00 a.m.</p>
<p>New River Trail State Park 176 Orphanage Dr. Max Meadows, VA 24360</p>	<p>Earth Day Come celebrate Earth Day with our State Park family. Join our park rangers as we bring new life to the park and plant saplings at Big Reed Island Creek. We will meet and travel by van to the site for planting saplings. Bring water, sunscreen, a camera, gloves and work clothes.</p>	<p>4/22/2017</p>	<p>11:00 a.m.</p>
<p>Natural Tunnel State Park 1420 Natural Tunnel Parkway Duffield, VA 24244</p>	<p>Earth Day and Stewardship Virginia: Pollinator Homesteads As we cover more and more of the earth's surface with buildings, roads, airports, and crops, it becomes vitally important to provide living quarters for the insects that serve us. These insects work hard to help pollinate plants for us to enjoy. Spend time giving back to the earth and critters by creating nifty recycled homesteads. These structures will be made out of natural material, recycled pallets/wood, and old bricks laying around. Help park guides create such homes throughout the Birding and Wildlife Trail. These structures will be displayed for the public to see and learn about pollinator homes. Those that participate in this program will receive a certificate signed by the governor of Virginia. This is a free program. Dress for the weather and to get dirty. Call or email to sign-up Megan.krager@dcr.virginia.gov or (276) 940-1643. Lunch will be provided.</p>	<p>4/22/2017</p>	<p>9:30 a.m.</p>
<p>Occoneechee State Park 1192 Occoneechee Park Road Clarksville, VA 23927</p>	<p>Earth Week See pollinators in action when you visit our butterfly garden. The new garden attracts many species of butterflies and other pollinators, including monarch butterflies. Participants can see what we are doing to restore pollinator habitats, as last year's plantings come to life this spring. Celebrate Earth Day by being outdoors at Occoneechee State Park.</p>	<p>4/22/2017</p>	<p>8:00 a.m.</p>
<p>Pocahontas State Park 10301 State Park Road Chesterfield, VA 23832</p>	<p>Earth Day Learn how you can make every day Earth Day by stopping by the Nature Center for programs designed to help you live a littler greener. From making simple household cleaners to solving a polluted water crisis, there's something for everyone. For more information on Earth Day programs, click here: http://tinyurl.com/jpszm43</p>	<p>4/22/2017</p>	<p>10:00 a.m.</p>
<p>Powhatan State Park 4616 Powhatan State Park Road Powhatan, VA 23239</p>	<p>Earth Day - Tree Planting & Natural Dyes We have 2 Earth Day activities just waiting for you today.</p> <p>From 10 to Noon - Tree Planting - Volunteers are needed to help us plant trees to beautify and sustain the park's land for future visitors to enjoy. Gloves and tools are provided. For more information you can contact us at 804-598-7148 or by emailing Cameron.lipscomb@dcr.virginia.gov. Please pre-register. Meet at the Yates Parking Area.</p> <p>From 1 to 2 p.m. - Natural Dyes - Celebrate Earth Day with us and discover the natural beauty the park has to offer. We will learn about various plants in the park that create magnificent colors and then we will tie-dye shirts with them. Dyes are provided, but please bring your own shirt. Parking fees apply. Meet at the Playground Area.</p>	<p>4/22/2017</p>	<p>10 a.m.</p>
<p>Sailors Creek Battlefield State Park 6541 Sayers Creek Road Rice, VA 23966</p>	<p>Earth Day Battlefield Restoration Tree Planting Project In recognition of Earth Week, staff members will be progressing with the next phase of the Battlefield Restoration Re-Forestation project. For the past several years park staff and volunteers have been planting saplings throughout designated portions of the Battlefield in effort to return the landscape to its April 6, 1865 appearance. Volunteers are needed for a large scale project such as this. Although individual volunteers are always welcome, this is also an ideal opportunity for scout groups, service fraternities, civic organizations, etc. Participants are encouraged to wear comfortable clothing dressed in layers along with comfortable, close-toed shoes. Work gloves, sun block, bug spray and hand tools will be provided by the park. Snacks and bottled water will also be supplied. The tree-planting effort is expected to last four to six hours and is recommended for ages 8 and up. Volunteers are not required to stay for the entire duration (some volunteer groups in the past have worked in shifts of two or more hours at a time). This event is weather dependent and will be rescheduled at a date to be determined, should it be postponed.</p>	<p>4/22/2017</p>	<p>9:00 a.m.</p>

Shenandoah River State Park 350 Daughters of Stars Drive Bentonville, VA 22610	Earth Week/Stewardship Virginia Spring Project Join The Friends of Shenandoah River State Park for an hour of planting flowers and weeding the native plant garden at the visitor center. Tools will be provided. This is a great opportunity to meet some of the Friends group members and learn more about their activities in the park. Volunteers will receive a certificate of appreciation from the governor for participating in this project.	4/22/2017	11:00 a.m.
Sky Meadows State Park 11012 Edmonds Lane Delaplane, VA 20144	Earth Day--Astronomy for Everyone When you think of pollution, do you think of light? Located in the outer reaches of the Washington, D.C. metro area, Sky Meadows is no stranger to the growing effects of light pollution. Yet, the park's immediate location in the undeveloped Crooked Run Valley has made it an ideal dark location from which to view the celestial skies. At our April Astronomy for Everyone program, join us in celebrating Earth Day by learning about the International Dark Sky Association, its initiatives, and Sky Meadows' endeavor to achieve certification as a Dark Sky location. Listen closely to hear how you are a part of this plan and can make a difference in your own neighborhood.	4/22/2017	7:30 p.m.
Smith Mountain Lake State Park 1235 State Park Road Huddleston, VA 24104	Earth Day "Mighty Sprouts" Tree Planting Event Do you want to contribute to the environment, but are not sure where to start? Come out and join us at the park for an Earth Day tree planting. Trees provide oxygen, conserve water, inhibit erosion, and support wildlife. Not only are you helping the Earth, but you can come back and visit the tree in future years to check on its growth. Prior to planting time, bring a lunch to eat at the lovely picnic area where the planting will be taking place. Be sure to wear the proper attire and footwear (no flip-flops, please), then bring sunscreen and bug spray just in case. Make sure to also have plenty of water with you: just as trees needs plenty of water, so do we. Tools and trees will be provided by the park. Please pre-register no later than Thursday, April 20, 2017 by 4:00p.m. Registration forms are available, starting March 1, 2017, at Smith Mountain Lake State Park's Visitor Center or call (540) 297-6066 for more information.	4/22/2017	1:00 p.m.
Southwest Virginia Museum State Park 10 West 1st Street North Big Stone Gap, VA 24219	Earth Week and Stewardship VA Event - Friends of the Museum: Celebration of Spring Celebrate Spring and Earth Day with a day of programs and special events sure to appeal to your green thumb, including an annual plant sale and workshops. Local growers and plant enthusiasts are invited to participate in the day's events. Also, join Museum staff for volunteer grounds maintenance and landscaping work from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., to participate in the spring Stewardship VA project. Specific activities will be decided based upon the Museum's needs in early spring.	4/22/2017	9:00 a.m.
Staunton River Battlefield State Park 1035 Fort Hill Trail Randolph, VA 23962	Earth Day Join the staff as we clean up the entrance and wetlands of trash, Helping to preserve the beauty of nature for all park guest.	4/22/2017	1:00 p.m.
Twin Lakes State Park 788 Twin Lakes Road Green Bay, VA 23942	Earth Day and Stewardship Virginia This Earth Day join the rangers at Twin Lakes for a morning of volunteer opportunities to help us to make an impact on the health of our park. We will work together to build an opportunity for a cleaner future, while leaving our mark on the park. There will be opportunities available for all ages, and those who participate will receive a certificate from Governor McAuliffe. Volunteer event will be from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. After the Volunteer event we encourage you to stay and enjoy our park and one of our family fun ranger lead activities. We'll enjoy an afternoon hike around our most popular trail in search of signs of Beavers, run a fun relay race to help us learn more about single stream recycling, and end the day with a family friendly campfire.	4/22/2017	9:00 a.m.
Wilderness Road State Park 8051 Wilderness Road Ewing, VA 24248	Earth Day - Restoring Natural History In honor of Earth Day, the park will host a special tree planting. This event will help restore the beauty and natural setting of the park grounds, with volunteers assisting park staff. Over time, we lose trees to weather, disease and other issues. And with them, we lose shelter for animals, oxygen we breathe and so much more. Some of the trees we lose each year are hundreds of years old. By planting new trees we can help restore the natural history, as various species of birds, bugs and other animals call these trees home.	4/22/2017	2:00 p.m.
York River State Park 9801 York River Park Road Williamsburg, VA 23188	Earth Week Celebrate Earth Day with our miles of hiking, mountain biking, and multi-purpose trails. Canoe and kayak rentals will be available for Taskinas Creek and the York River as well as paddle boats for Woodstock Pond. Join us for a quick Tyke Hike that ends with a fun bird feeder project at 10 a.m. to noon.	4/22/2017	9:00 a.m.