

## Join Us Today at the Lake

Looking for a family friendly way to spend your weekends? Look no further than Smith Mountain Lake State Park! We'll have lots of activities for you and your family to enjoy this fall.

Come on over to the Park and help us celebrate the 80th Anniversary of Virginia State Parks and the 50th Anniversary of Smith Mountain Lake.



Programs offered throughout the year can be found listed on the Virginia State Parks website, in park bulletin boards, or pick up a copy of our Park Happenings! brochure at our Visitor Center or Discovery Center.

[www.virginiastateparks.gov](http://www.virginiastateparks.gov)

## 5th Annual Jim Cameron Memorial Walk

Saturday - September 17, 2016  
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

This 5K Memorial Walk will benefit Lake Christian Ministries.

For more information about the walk, contact Bart Matthies at 540-912-9141

Email: [corbakim@gmail.com](mailto:corbakim@gmail.com)

or visit: <http://www.lakechristianministries.org>

## National Public Lands Day and Stewardship Virginia "Litter League" Volunteer Event



Saturday  
September 24, 2016  
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

## Wildlife Wednesday Cruises

We've teamed up with Virginia Dare Cruises to offer this fun-filled & informative lunch cruise.

**Join us the third Wednesday of each month!**

Noon to 2:00 pm – Boat boards @ 11:30 am

Wildlife Wednesday Cruises run from June thru October 2016

**\*\*\*Next cruise: September 21\*\*\***

Call (540) 297-7100 for reservations & further info [www.vadarecruises.com](http://www.vadarecruises.com)

- For details of **special events**, please see the park office, bulletin boards, etc. Programs listed here repeat weekly throughout the summer.
- If weather is "iffy", programs are run on a "You show, we go" basis. However, if ever we judge weather conditions unsafe, we will cancel.
- To check on information for, or a **change** in any program, please call the Park office: 540-297-6066.
- Some programs **require pre-registration** and fees while others are free. Seasonal parking fees apply.

*Collection of wildlife, plants and fungi without a permit is **prohibited** in Virginia State Parks.*

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## Virginia State Parks

### Smith Mountain Lake State Park

## Park Happenings! September 16 - 30, 2016



Plan to spend your family's quality time with us at SML State Park in 2016: 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VA State Parks!

All activities are open to the public. Some of our programs **require** pre-registration at our Main Office.

Call 540.297.6066 for information on programs or to pre-register.



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## Saturday September 17

### 9:00 a.m. ~ 12:00 p.m. 5th Annual Jim Cameron Memorial Walk

#### Park-wide, starts at Beach Pavilion

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### 10:30 ~ 11:30 a.m. Clever Critters Beach Pavilion

Join us after the Memorial walk to pet some pelts, play a game, and learn about animals that live around the lake. **FREE**

### 3:30 ~ 4:00 p.m. Feeding Frenzy Visitor Center

See how many species of fish you can identify in our 700 gallon aquarium, and help the ranger feed the fish. **FREE**



## Wednesday September 21

### Wildlife Wednesday Cruise on the Virginia Dare VA Dare Marina

We've teamed up with VA Dare Cruises to offer this fun-filled & informative lunch cruise. Learn about our local owl species from our park interpreter.

**Boat boards @ 11:30 am.** Call (540) 297-7100 for reservations and information, or visit

[www.vadarecruises.com](http://www.vadarecruises.com).



### 3:30 ~ 4:00 p.m. Feeding Frenzy Visitor Center

See how many species of fish you can identify in our 700 gallon aquarium, and help the ranger feed the fish. **FREE**

## Thursday September 22

### 9:30 ~ 11:00 a.m. Smith Mountain Lake and State Park Historical Boat Tour Boat Ramp, near tournament building

Experience an enjoyable ride on the lake in our new 30 foot pontoon boat! Ride with a park guide and learn the history of how the lake was created and the origin of the state park.

**Pre-registration required at our Visitor Center.**

**Registration for this event opens one week prior to date of tour and closes at 4:00 p.m. the day before each tour. You MUST be present 15 minutes before start time in order to board & for safety talk. FREE**

## Friday September 23

### 7:00 ~ 8:00 p.m. Owl Prowl Hike

**Campfire amphitheater** (across from campground) Hoo-hoo who wants to join a park ranger in exploring the dark of night? We'll walk through the forest calling in owls hiding in the tree tops. Come prepared with your flashlight, hiking shoes, and be ready to learn about these perching predators. **Space is limited: Pre-register at Visitor Center. FREE**

**If weather is unsuitable - come to the Discovery Center for an Owl Program. No limit or registration required. Call the office 15 minutes before program to check location.**

## Saturday September 24

### 10:00 a.m. ~ 4:00 p.m. National Public Lands Day/Stewardship Virginia Event Park-wide, starts at Visitor Center

Volunteer and help us keep our park trails clean & beautiful. Collect litter and recyclables to win prizes.

**Pre-register** at Visitor Center or call 540-297-5998 for more information. Participants will receive a certificate signed by the governor. **FREE**

### 3:30 ~ 4:00 p.m. Feeding Frenzy Visitor Center

See how many species of fish you can identify in our 700 gallon aquarium, and help the ranger feed the fish. **FREE**



## Thursday September 29

### 9:30 ~ 11:00 a.m. Watchable Wildlife Boat Tour Boat Ramp, near tournament building

Experience an enjoyable ride on the lake in our new 30 foot pontoon boat! Ride with a park guide as we keep a lookout for waterfowl and wildlife found in the lake and around the shores of the state park.

**Pre-registration required at our Visitor Center.**

**Registration for this event opens one week prior to date of tour and closes at 4:00 p.m. the day before each tour. You MUST be present 15 minutes before start time in order to board & for safety talk. FREE**

### 1:00 ~ 2:00 p.m. VSP Fishing 101 Meet at Discovery Center Pavilion

Join our ranger & explore the basics of how to fish. **Pre-registration required at Visitor Center. FREE**



### 3:00 ~ 4:30 p.m. Gytaku! (Fish Printing) Discovery Center Pavilion

Take home a souvenir of your visit. If you haven't experienced this craft first hand, you're in for a treat (albeit a messy one!). Learn the history of this centuries old art and about the fish in Smith Mountain Lake. **Space is limited. Pre-register** at the office. \$5.00 fee includes a T-shirt or tote bag to keep.

## Friday September 30

### 7:00 ~ 8:00 p.m. Owl Prowl Hike

**Campfire amphitheater** (across from campground) Hoo-hoo who wants to join a park ranger in exploring the dark of night? We'll walk through the forest calling in owls hiding in the tree tops. Come prepared with your flashlight, hiking shoes, and be ready to learn about these perching predators.

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