



Driving Directions to Eastern Shore Birding and Wildlife Festival Trip Venues, Including Boat Trip Departure Locations

Bus trips will meet outside festival headquarters in Cape Charles.

The trips are listed in geographical order from south to north. All distances are approximate and are calculated from the festival grounds. All directions start at the festival grounds. Festival emergency phone number: (757) 581-1081.

Trip Name: Owl Prowl ESNWR

Trip Location: Eastern Shore of Virginia National Wildlife Refuge

Total Distance: 10 mi.

Drive Time: 20 min.

From the festival grounds, return to U.S. 13. Turn right onto U.S. 13 and follow south for approximately 9 miles. Turn left onto Seaside Rd. (Refuge entrance). Travel .3 mi. east and then turn right (south) onto Fitchetts Rd. at the intersection of Fitchetts Rd. and Seaside Rd. Follow Fitchetts Rd. approximately a quarter of a mile to the *second* paved road on your left (on the way you'll pass the photography blind on your right and a paved road leading to the refuge office on your left). Turn left onto the second paved road and follow it to where the road ends as a circular turnaround in front of a gate. Park along the road.

Trip Names: Wise Point Hike and Owl Prowl Wise Point

Trip Location: Eastern Shore of Virginia National Wildlife Refuge

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Drive Time: 20 min.

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Trip Names: Eastern Shore of Virginia NWR Butterfly Walk

Trip Location: Eastern Shore of Virginia National Wildlife Refuge

Total Distance: 10 mi.

Drive Time: 20 min.

From the festival grounds, return to Hwy. 13. Turn right onto Hwy 13 and follow south for approximately 9 miles. Turn left onto Seaside Rd (Refuge entrance). Turn right at the Refuge Visitor Center sign, park and meet group at the Visitor Center entrance doors.

Trip Name: Eastern Shore National Wildlife Refuge Kayak Trip

Trip Location: Eastern Shore of Virginia National Wildlife Refuge

Total Distance: 10 mi.

Drive Time: 20 min.

From the festival grounds, return to U.S. 13. Turn right onto U.S. 13 and follow south for approximately 9 miles. On your right, just before the Sunset Beach Resort you will see a small cinderblock building which houses **SouthEast Expeditions**. Meet your guide at the SouthEast Expeditions' shop to be fitted for your personal floatation device and sign waiver forms.

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Trip Names: Kiptopeke Songbird Banding, Kiptopeke Hawk Observatory, Kiptopeke Butterfly Walk, and Kiptopeke Owl Prowl

Trip Location: Kiptopeke State Park

Total Distance: 8 mi.

Drive Time: 15 min.

Follow U.S. 13 south for 6 miles to Rt. 704 or Kiptopeke Road. Turn right (west) onto Kiptopeke Rd. and go to the Park's Contact Station. Show your ticket to the attendant on duty (if there is no attendant, proceed ahead). Turn left at the "Picnic Area" sign and park in the lot.

Kiptopeke Songbird Banding Participants: Walk several hundred yards south on the lane that continues south of the parking lot. The banding station will be on your right. Meet your group at the banding station.

Kiptopeke Hawk Observatory and Advanced Hawk ID Workshop Participants: Walk west past the picnic shelter. You will see the Hawk Watch Tower ahead. Meet your group at the tower.

Kiptopeke Butterfly Walk and Kiptopeke Owl Prowl Participants: Meet your group at the picnic shelter west of the parking lot.

Trip Names: Magothy Bay Natural Area Preserve Tour

Trip Location: Magothy Bay

Total Distance: 11 mi.

Drive Time: 15 min.

Follow U.S. 13 south for 8.2 miles and turn left onto Latimer Siding Road. Proceed 0.2 miles and turn right onto Seaside Road (Route 600). Proceed 0.3 miles and turn Left onto Bulls Drive (gravel road). Proceed on Bulls Drive to sharp turn to left (dirt road). Proceed to preserve entrance. Please carpool, if possible.

Trip Name: Cape Charles Walking Tour

Trip Location: Cape Charles

Total Distance: n/a

Drive Time: n/a

Meet at festival headquarters.

Trip Name: Cape Charles Natural Area Preserve

Trip Location: Cape Charles

Total Distance: 1.1 mi.

Drive Time: 5 min.

Head east on Mason Avenue for approximately 0.1 miles and bear right onto Old Cape Charles Road. Follow the road over the overpass, turn right onto Rt. 1108 (Bayshore Rd.) and continue past the Coast Guard Station, public boat ramp, and entrance to the concrete plant. Turn right at the boardwalk and park in the parking area.

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Trip Name: Bay Creek Resort and Club

Trip Location: Cape Charles

Total Distance: 2.5 mi.

Drive Time: 7 min.

Head east on Mason Avenue for approximately 0.1 miles and bear right onto Old Cape Charles Road. Follow the road over the overpass, and through the left hand curve. Just beyond the curve you will see the entrance to Bay Creek. Tell the guard the you are meeting the Eastern Shore Birding and Wildlife Festival tour at the Coach House. Continue through the guard gate, through the first stop sign and bear left at the fork. You will see the golf club house on your left. Turn into the parking lot, park and meet the group in front of the main building. Golf carts will transport you to the tour locations.

Trip Name: Beginning Birding: ID Basics

Trip Location: Saint Charles Catholic Church Fellowship Hall (corner of Tazewell Avenue and Nectarine Street)

Total Distance: Less than 1 mi.

Drive Time: Less than 5 min.

Go west of Plum (Cape Charles Volunteer Fire Department Building is on the corner of Mason and Plum). Cross over Randolph Avenue (your first stop sign) and take a right at the second stop sign onto Tazewell Avenue. The Saint Charles Fellowship Hall will be on the next corner. The entrance is on Tazewell Avenue.

Trip Name: Dragonfly Workshop

Trip Location: Saint Charles Catholic Church Fellowship Hall (corner of Tazewell Avenue and Nectarine Street)

Total Distance: Less than 1 mi.

Drive Time: Less than 5 min.

Go west of Plum (Cape Charles Volunteer Fire Department Building is on the corner of Mason and Plum). Cross over Randolph Avenue (your first stop sign) and take a right at the second stop sign onto Tazewell Avenue. The Saint Charles Fellowship Hall will be on the next corner. The entrance is on Tazewell Avenue.

Trip Name: Oyster - Sea Grasses and Oyster Reefs Boat Trip

Trip Location: Oyster

Total Distance: 6 mi.

Drive Time: 15 min.

Go to U.S. 13. Proceed through the traffic light onto U.S. 13 Business. Turn right (east) onto Rt. 184 (South Bayside Rd.) and follow it into the town of Cheriton to Sunnyside Rd. (Sunnyside Rd. is marked by a church on either side of the road). Take a right onto Sunnyside Rd. and follow it into the village of Oyster. Turn left at the green state boat landing sign, which will be on your right. Follow the winding road all the way to the boat landing and park in the parking lot. Meet your group at the boat ramps.

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Trip Name: Cherrystone Creek Kayak Trip

Trip Location: Cheriton

Total Distance: 6 mi.

Drive Time: 10 min.

Take U.S. 13 North to Cheriton. At your first light (there will a SunTrust bank of your right) take a left onto Townfield Road. Take an IMMEDIATE right onto Cherrystone Road. Follow this road to the end and meet your guide.

Trip Name: Eyre Hall Hike

Trip Location: Cheriton

Total Distance: 12 mi.

Drive Time: 15 min.

Take U.S. 13 North to Cheriton. On the way you'll pass the Cheriton traffic light where there is a SunTrust Bank on the right corner. After the Cheriton light, travel 1.8 mi. and turn left (west) onto Eyre Hall Dr., which is directly west of Rt. 636 (get into the left lane when you pass the Shell gas station on your left; note: there is no left-turn lane for Eyre Hall Dr. so use caution when preparing for the turn). Follow Eyre Hall Dr. to the grassy area between the main house and stables. Park in the grassy area and meet your group.

Trip Name: Savage Neck Dunes Natural Area Preserve

Trip Location: Eastville

Total Distance: 13 miles

Drive time: 25 mins.

Take U.S. 13 north to Eastville for approx. 4.7 miles. Take the *first* Eastville exit on the left (west) onto Courthouse Rd (U.S. 13 Business North). Follow Bus. 13 North to Rt. 634 (Savage Neck Rd.). Turn left (west) onto Savage Neck Rd. toward Smith Beach. After approximately 2 miles you will come to a fork in the road. Take the left fork – this will keep you on Savage Neck Rd. Continue for 2 miles, and you will come to a red brick home on your right. The gravel road to Savage Neck Natural Area is immediately past the brick-house driveway. Turn right and park in small parking area to your immediate left.

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Trip Name: Chelsea Farm

Trip Location: Chelsea Farm, Church Neck

Total Distance: 23.5 miles

Drive time: 40 mins.

Take Hwy. 13 North to Machipongo. Follow for 9.4 miles. Once you are past Eastville, look for the Blue Heron Realty Co. on your left marking Rt. 628. Turn left (west) on to Rt. 628 and take an immediate right (north) on to Bayside Rd. (Rt. 618). Follow Bayside Rd. for 3.5 miles to Church Neck Rd. Turn left (west) on to Church Neck Rd. and go 1.5 miles to a dirt farm road on the left. (If you pass the "Waverley" sign on your left, you've gone too far. Turn around - the dirt road will be the first one you come to after the "Waverley" sign on your right). Go down the road as far as possible and park.

Trip Name: Chatham Vineyards (PLEASE DO NOT USE THESE DIRECTIONS IF YOU ARE PARTAKING IN THE KAYAK WINERY TOUR!!! SEE DIRECTIONS BELOW FOR THE KAYAK WINERY TOUR)

Trip Location: Church Neck

Total Distance: 25 miles

Drive time: 35 mins.

Take U.S. 13 North to Machipongo. After 10 miles turn west off U.S. 13 at the Barrier Islands Center onto Young Street (Rte 627). Take the first right onto Bayside Rd (Rte 618). Follow Bayside Road for approximately 3 miles to a left turn onto Church Neck Road (Rte 619). Chatham Road will be an immediate right. The winery is on the lefthand side of Chatham Road.

Trip Name: Glebe Farm Hike

Trip Location: Church Neck

Total Distance: 20 mi.

Drive Time: 30 min.

Take U.S. 13 north to Machipongo. After 10 miles turn left off U.S. 13 at the Barrier Island Center onto Young St. Turn right onto Bayside Rd. (Rt. 618). After approximately 3 miles turn left onto Church Neck Rd. (Rt. 619). Go 1 mile and turn right onto Glebe Rd. Go 2 miles to the entrance of the farm, park there and meet your group.

Trip Name: Brennan Farm Marsh and Woodland Hike

Trip Location: 11500 Bayside Rd., Machipongo

Total Distance: 15 mi.

Drive Time: 20 min.

Take U.S. 13 north to Machipongo. After 11 miles turn left onto Sylvan Scene Rd. (Rt. 625). Follow Sylvan Scene Rd. to the stop sign and turn left onto Bayside Rd. (Rt. 618). Go 0.1 mile to the first dirt road on the right. Turn right and follow the dirt road to the house. (the entrance to the dirt road is bordered by a wooden rail fence; directly across Bayside Rd. there is a black mailbox with 11500 on the post.). Once at the house, park and meet your group.

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Trip Name: Chatham Vineyard Kayak Winery Tour

Trip Location: 5375 Bayford Road, Franktown, VA

Total Distance: 21 mi.

Drive Time: 30 min.

Take U.S. 13 North for 14.4 miles. Once you have passed Birdsnest start looking for Bayford Road/County Route 617. Take a left on Bayford Road/County Route 617. Travel 4.2 miles to the launch site. You will see the docks on your right. Park on the left across from the dock. Your kayak, personal floatation device and guide will be awaiting your arrival.

Trip Name: Maplewood Gardens Butterfly and Birding Tour

Trip Location: Nassawadox

Total Distance: 17 mi.

Drive Time: 22 min.

Go to U.S. 13; follow for approx. 14.5 miles. Once you pass the Nassawadox traffic light, go 2 more miles and turn right at the Maplewood Gardens sign. Follow the dirt road to Maplewood Gardens, which is marked by a number of greenhouses and buildings. Park near the red Gift Cottage and meet your group.

Trip Name: Broadwater Bay Ecotours

Trip Departure Location: Willis Wharf

Total Distance: 27 mi.

Drive Time: 35 min.

Take U.S. 13 north for approximately 19 miles and take the first right exit for Exmore. Travel for approximately 2 miles on Main Street and then turn right on Willis Wharf Road. Continue on Willis Wharf Road for approximately 3 miles and the marina will be on the left just after crossing the bridge. Meet Capt. Rick Kellam there.

Trip Name: Broadwater Bay Ecotours

Trip Departure Location: Wachapreague

Total Distance: 35 mi.

Drive Time: 55 min.

Take U.S. 13 north for 28 miles to Rt. 180 (Wachapreague Rd.) north of the town of Keller (on the way, you'll pass Cheriton, Eastville, Nassawadox, Exmore, and Painter). Turn right (east) onto Wachapreague Rd. Travel 4.3 mi. on Wachapreague Rd. to end. Go straight at the stop sign, pull into the Island House Restaurant parking lot and park (if there is no space available in the restaurant parking lot, park along the road). Meet Capt. Rick Kellam on the left side of the restaurant.

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Trip Name: Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge Kayak Trip

Trip Departure Location: 6631 Maddox Boulevard, Chincoteague Island, VA

Total Distance: 68.5 mi.

Drive Time: 1 hour, 23 min.

Take U.S. 13 north for 54.4 miles to Rt. 175 E (Chincoteague Road). Turn right (east) onto Chincoteague Road for 10.9 miles. Chincoteague Road will turn into Maddox Boulevard once you are on the island.

Follow Maddox Boulevard .9 miles. Meet your guide at 6631 Maddox Boulevard, **SouthEast**

Expeditions where you will be fitted for your personal floatation device and then depart for your kayak tour.

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