

Diamondback Terrapin Day

Saturday, July 18, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Meigs Point Nature Center



Event Schedule

FREE EVENTS!

Salt Marsh Days are family-friendly with no registration required.

Anyone planning to go on a marsh visit should wear boots or other sturdy, close-toed shoes that can get dirty.

10:30-11:15 AM

Guided Marsh Walk

Join a naturalist from the Meigs Point Nature Center to explore and learn about the salt marsh ecosystem. Discover what makes this unique habitat so important for our coastal environment.

11:30AM-12:30 PM

Diamondback Terrapins: Protecting a Salt Marsh Hero

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1:00-1:30 PM

Meet a Diamondback Terrapin with Ranger Russ

Meet a live Diamondback Terrapin and discover the only turtle species in CT adapted to life in brackish water!

2:00 - 3:00 PM

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