

April 17, 2024 | Pocahontas State Park

## AGENDA:

- 8-9am: Registration, Breakfast and Exhibiting
- 9-10:20am Welcome and opening sessions
  - Welcome Jack Berry, Richmond Region Tourism
  - The Annual State of Virginia Green Travel Program Report Tom Griffin, Exec Director, Virginia Green Travel Alliance
  - The History of Virginia State Parks & Pocahontas State Park
    - Matt Wells, Director of VA Dept of Conservation & Recreation
  - Sustainability Projects in Virginia State Parks
    - Nancy Heltman, Virginia State Parks
  - Let's Go Adventures! Diego Riffle
- 10:30-11:30am Teach Your Children Well!
  - Environmental Projects by the Virginia Beach Environmental
    Studies Program Chris Freeman & Dianna McDowell
    - Presentations by:
      - Lexi Bradshaw & Molly Jones
      - Pearce Redford, James Olansen and Zach Starr.
      - Quinn Zelinski
  - 5-Minute Beach Clean-Up
    - Annabelle Dyer, 5-Minute Foundation
- 11:30am-1:30pm Go for a HIKE!

Interpretive hike, carpool, bus tours of Pocahontas State Park & Visitor Center, lunch & exhibits and outdoor adventure opportunities!

- 1:30-2:30pm Outdoor Recreation Drives Local Tourism!
  - VDOT State Trails Program, Torsha Bhatttacharya, VA Dept of Transportation
  - Public Access to State Lands & Recreation, Stock Watson,
    VA Wildlife Resources
- 3-4:15pm Featured Speakers
  - The Honorable Travis Voyles, VA Secretary of Natural & Historic Resources
  - KEYNOTE: Jessica Bowser of the award-winning podcast
    Virginia Outdoor Adventures
- 4:30-5:45pm Reception & the Virginia Green Travel Star
  Awards Celebration
  - Hosted by Rita McClenny, CEO of Virginia Tourism Corporation & Jack Berry, President of Richmond Region Tourism
- Adjourn

## AGENDA:

- 8 9am: Registration, Breakfast and Exhibiting
- 9am Welcome and opening sessions
  - The Annual State of Virginia Green Travel Program Report
  - The History of Virginia State Parks & Pocahontas State Park
  - Sustainability Projects in Virginia State Parks
  - Let's Go Adventures!
- 10:30-11:30am Sustainability in Education
  - Environmental Projects by the Virginia Beach Environmental Studies
    Program
  - 5-Minute Beach Clean-Up
  - 11:30am-1:30pm Interpretive hike, carpool, bus tours of Pocahontas State Park & Visitor Center, lunch & exhibits and outdoor adventure opportunities!
  - 1:30-2:30pm

Outdoor Recreation Drives Virginia Tourism and Local Economies!

- VDOT State Trails Program, Virginia Tourism Corporation
- The Virginia Outdoors Plan
- 3-4:15pm Featured Speakers:
  - The Honorable Travis Voyles, the Virginia Secretary of Natural & Historic Resources
  - KEYNOTE: Jessica Bowser of the award-winning podcast Virginia Outdoor Adventures
- 4:30-5:45pm Reception & the Virginia Green Travel Star Awards &
  - Hosted by Rita McClenny, Virginia Tourism Corporation & Jack Berry, Richmond Region Tourism
- Adjourn