

# FOGISP

## Friends of Galveston Island State Park



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### Sea Turtle Nesting Season begins April 1st.

On April 1, volunteers will begin patrols twice per day, 6 days a week at the State Park and last through July 15th. Three species of sea turtles nest on Galveston Island: Green, Loggerhead and Kemp's Ridley. Please report any turtle tracks or nesting turtles to **866-TURTLE-5**.



### Kyle O'Haver Promotion

We are happy to congratulate Kyle O'Haver for his recent promotion at Galveston Island State Park! For the past 6 years Kyle has been the Assistant Superintendent and is now the Superintendent IV.

Kyle got his B.S in Parks Recreation and Tourism Management from the University of Missouri-Columbia. He worked at Estero Llano Grande State Park World Birding Center, Lake Colorado City State Park before moving to Galveston with his wife, Jessie, two kids Sibley and Kaleb, and Maco, the golden retriever. If he isn't working, he spends time on the trails birding, or supporting his kids in their many adventures and extracurricular activities.



**April 8: Partial Eclipse Viewing Party** will be held in the day-use area with activities that will give park visitors things to explore as they experience this amazing cosmic event! Don't miss it!

### Guided Gulf Fishing

Whether you are an expert or a novice angler, come fish with Park Host Chuck. If you have your own gear, bring it with you. Or use our loaner gear to catch something to brag to your friends about. Learn the tips and tricks for fishing in Galveston Bay.

Click the link for [calendar of fishing events](#)



Come and learn about our amazing kayaking program and help the park at the same time. We will be cleaning out the shed, organizing life jackets, repairing equipment, and chatting with our boating experts!

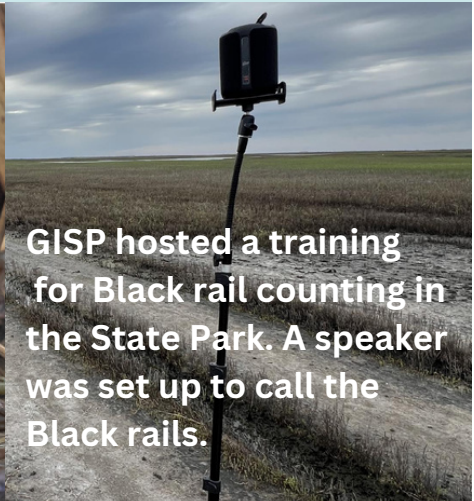
- Bring: Yourself and a bottle of water
- Meet: Kayak shed next to Horseshoe Pond
- Entry fee is \$5 for adults and FREE for children 12 & under, or

**Use your State Park Pass for free entry for everyone in your car.**

### The Great Bird Sit



Friends of Galveston Island State Park will participate in the Texas Parks and Wildlife's Great Texas Birding Classic to count bird species in the State Park.



GISP hosted a training for Black rail counting in the State Park. A speaker was set up to call the Black rails.

# APRIL 2024 PUBLIC EVENTS CALENDAR *Don't miss out!!*

**Cost: Entry fee of \$5 is required for adults and FREE for children 12 & under.  
Or, use your State Parks Pass for FREE entry!!  
[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)**

<b>Guided Beach walks</b>	<b>Meet up: Beachside Day Use Turtle Statue</b>
Join us on a short hike to the beach by walking through the swales and dunes to learn about the unique, but harsh ecosystem. Many plants and animals are adapted to survive along the sandy shores and in the surf.	
<u>Day walks</u>	<u>Sunset walks</u>
<u>11:00a to 12:00pm Sun, April 07</u>	<u>7:00pm to 8:00 pm Fri, April 12</u>
<u>11:00a to 12:00pm Sun, April 21</u>	<u>7:00pm to 8:00 pm Fri, April 19</u>

**Evening Bird Walks 5:30pm to 7:00pm**  
**Explore the wonderful world of birds**  
**Meet up: Observation Tower Parking Lot**



**SUN, APRIL 07**  
**SAT, APRIL 13**  
**SUN, APRIL 21**  
**SAT, APRIL 27**

**Sunset Watercolor**  
 Unleash your creative side and enjoy the island's best sunsets.  
**Spot are limited!**  
Registration is required, and you can register your group Here!  
**Thursday April 25th, 7:15pm to 8:15pm**  
**Meet up: Nature Center, drive to Observation Tower**

**Beach exploring**

**Bay exploring**

**Bird watching**

**Prairie hikes**

**We love volunteers! Join FoGISP today!  
Galveston Island State Park needs you!!!  
Scan the code and become a member.**

