

Saltmarsh Adventure at Chincoteague

Date: **Sunday, May 21, 2023**

Time: **2pm to 3:30 pm**

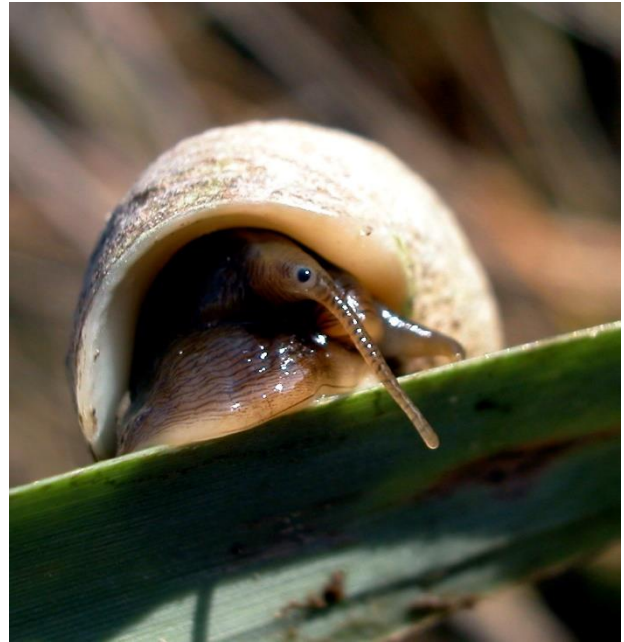
Location: **Assateague Island National Seashore – Virginia portion**

Meeting point: **Tom's Cove Visitor Center**

Address: **8586 Beach Rd, Chincoteague, VA**

Salt marshes support an incredibly diverse and productive ecosystem. Discover how salt marshes are formed, how they function, their critical role in the marine web of life, and the ecological benefits they provide for the environment. This is a very hands-on program. **Please wear shoes that will stay snug and secure on your foot. They might get wet. Please bring sunscreen, hat, and bug spray.**

For most Coast Kids members, Chincoteague is a little further than usual to drive. It takes about 1 hour 15 minutes from Berlin. But it is certainly worth a visit, especially if you can make it a whole day field trip. The Virginia part of Assateague Island National Seashore, and the adjacent Chincoteague Wildlife Refuge feature a great bike trail around the Wildlife Loop, many interesting hiking trails, two educational Visitor Centers, and a beautiful beach – not to mention the cute town of Chincoteague.



Please sign up for the event online at actforbays.org/coastkids, or by calling the Assateague Coastal Trust office at 410-629-1538. Leave a message with your name, phone number, and number of participating kids. The event is free for members and costs \$3.00 per person for non-members.

Directions:

From Berlin/OC: Go South on Rt. 113 toward Snow Hill. In Pocomoke City turn left onto Rt. 13 S toward New Church. Turn left onto Rt. 175 S toward Chincoteague. Continue through the town of Chincoteague. Take the second exit at the roundabout. Continue straight to Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge. Please tell the ranger at the entrance booth that you are participating in a Coast Kids event, and they will waive the entrance fee. Follow the road to the Tom's Cove Visitor Center.

From Salisbury: Go South on Rt. 13 toward Pocomoke City. Turn left onto Rt. 175 S toward Chincoteague. Continue through the town of Chincoteague. Take the second exit at the roundabout. Continue straight to Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge. Please tell the ranger at the entrance booth that you are participating in a Coast Kids event, and they will waive the entrance fee. Follow the road to the Tom's Cove Visitor Center.

If you have any questions, please email to coastkids@actforbays.org, or call the ACT office at 410-629-1538.