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DPNR TO OFFER FREE KAYAK TOURS ON ST. THOMAS

Commissioner Jean-Pierre L. Oriol of the Department of Planning and Natural Resources invites St. Thomas residents to join in the opportunity to enjoy our islands' natural resources by exploring a wildlife sanctuary and marine reserve during a FREE kayak adventure from June 6 – 27, 2026.

“As part of our mission at the Division of Fish and Wildlife to encourage Virgin Islanders to enjoy and appreciate all of our wonderful natural resources. We will be providing 200 FREE vouchers for a three-hour adventure of kayaking, hiking, and snorkeling with Virgin Islands EcoTours,” said Dr. Nicole Angeli, Director of the Division of Fish and Wildlife.

Vouchers will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis to current residents of the U.S. Virgin Islands beginning June 6, 2026.

Tours are three hours each and are available in the mornings, from 10 am to 1 pm, and afternoons from 2 pm to 5 pm, on June 6, June 13, June 20, and June 27.

Children must be at least ten (10) years old to participate and must be accompanied by an adult. There will be a limit of eight people per reservation, and each person may redeem one (1) voucher only.

Participants will kayak through mangrove waterways, hike on Cas Cay, and witness tidal pools, volcanic cliffs, and a geological blowhole before paddling back to the Mangrove Lagoon Marina.

Each participant will be asked to complete a brief survey at the end of each tour as a requisite for participating in this program.

To make a reservation, call Virgin Islands EcoTours at 340-779-2155 or toll-free 1-877-684-2441 and mention the phrase DPNR-DFW2026 or visit <https://viecotours.com/>. For more information, call the Division of Fish and Wildlife at 340-775-6762 ext. 5201.