



## Events Around Smith Mountain Lake

FRIDAY, JULY 3, 2026

### Molly Tuttle — The Coves Amphitheater (Union Hall)

Gates 5:00 p.m. · Show 6:15 p.m. Grammy-winning singer/guitarist blending bluegrass, Americana, pop & rock — night one of two with a special guest. GA + private skyboxes; rain or shine.

 [covesatsml.com/amphitheater](https://covesatsml.com/amphitheater)

### Friday Night Campfire — SML State Park

6:00–7:00 p.m. Kick off the holiday weekend with a campfire at Smith Mountain Lake State Park.

 [dcr.virginia.gov](https://dcr.virginia.gov) — [SML State Park](#)

### Bedford Fireworks — National D-Day Memorial (~30 min)

Fireworks launch from the memorial grounds at dusk. Note: the memorial is not a public viewing site and closes to the public at 5 p.m.

 [SW Virginia 2026 fireworks guide \(WFIR\)](#)

### Lynchburg — Fireworks on the Riverfront (~45 min)

Downtown event begins 6:00 p.m.; fireworks over the James River at approx. 9:00 p.m.

 [SW Virginia 2026 fireworks guide \(WFIR\)](#)

SATURDAY, JULY 4, 2026

### ★ Parkway Marina Fireworks — Huddleston

The largest over-the-water display at SML, benefiting Saunders Volunteer Fire Company. Gates 5 p.m. · Live music (Glen Shelton) 6 p.m. · Fireworks at dusk. Food & drink vendors.

16918 Smith Mountain Lake Parkway, Huddleston, VA 24104.

 [SML Fireworks Insider's Guide](#)

### Molly Tuttle — The Coves Amphitheater (Night 2)

Gates 5:00 p.m. · Show 6:15 p.m. in Union Hall, VA. Second night with a special guest. Rain or shine.

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### Campfire + Fireworks Viewing — SML State Park


Free campfire at the Discovery Center Pavilion at 7:30 p.m., then view Parkway Marina fireworks from the Discovery peninsula shoreline (~9 p.m.). Standard park admission; a great free land option.

 [dcr.virginia.gov](https://dcr.virginia.gov) — [SML State Park](#)

### Virginia Dare Fireworks Cruise

Departs 8 p.m. for a 3-hour lake tour with front-row fireworks views; meal included. \$65 adults (11+), \$50 kids 10 & under. Reservations: (540) 297-7100.

 [July 4th celebrations around SML \(SM Eagle\)](#)

 **Boater Safety:** No-wake zone in effect 8–11 p.m. near Parkway Marina on July 4 (up to 3,000 boats). USCG Auxiliary & SML Sail and Power Squadron vessels with flashing amber lights mark the zone boundaries. Enter at idle speed; keep running lights on unless anchored or docked.



SUNDAY, JULY 5, 2026

### Mitchell's Point Marina Fireworks — Craddock Creek

Fireworks tradition 7–11 p.m. Parking is limited, so best viewed by boat near channel marker C4. Free; donations accepted for various charities.

[SML Fireworks Insider's Guide](#)

### Fincastle Fireworks — Breckinridge Elementary (~1 hr)

Closes out the holiday weekend. Free event begins 6:00 p.m.; fireworks at approx. 9:00 p.m.

[SW Virginia 2026 fireworks guide \(WFIR\)](#)

### More to Explore Around the Lake

Five local wineries offer tastings & occasional live music: Hickory Hill, Fables & Feathers, Brooks Mill, Ramulose Ridge and Wind Vineyards. Check the SML calendar for weekend live music, farmers markets and dining.

[SML Calendar of Events](#)

## BOAT SITE ACCESS OPEN

Public boating access sites on Smith Mountain Lake, managed by Virginia DWR. [View full list](#)

**Anchor Anthony Ford #4** • Pittsylvania County • Concrete ramp × 1 • Barrier-free

**Directions:** From Penhook, Rt 40 East (2 mi); left on Rt 626 (6 mi).

Coordinates: 37.0291, -79.5896 [Open in Maps](#)

**Anchor Hales Ford** • Bedford County • Concrete ramp × 1 • Barrier-free

**Directions:** From Moneta, Rt 122 S (1.5), L Rt 695 (1.25), R Rt 828 (1.5), R Meadow Pt. Dr (.25), R Oak Hollow Rd (.25).

Coordinates: 37.1429, -79.6569 [Open in Maps](#)

**Anchor Hardy Ford** • Bedford County • Concrete ramp × 2 • Barrier-free

**Directions:** From Stewartville, Rt 24 West (2.4); L on Rt 635 (1.5); L on Rt 634 (3.7).

Coordinates: 37.2200, -79.8013 [Open in Maps](#)

**Anchor Oak Grove** • Franklin County • Concrete ramp × 2 • Barrier-free

**Directions:** On Rt 122, 1.78 mi south of the south end of the SML Bridge; L on Rt 666 (.76), L on Oldfield Rd (.76), R staying on Oldfield Rd, .3 mi to the access facility.

Coordinates: 37.1343, -79.6682 [Open in Maps](#)

**Anchor Penhook #9** • Franklin County • Concrete ramp × 2 • Barrier-free

**Directions:** From Penhook, Rt 660 North (.8); R on Rt 966 (1.4).

Coordinates: 37.0130, -79.6255 [Open in Maps](#)

**Anchor Scruggs #8** • Franklin County • Concrete ramp × 1 • Barrier-free

**Directions:** From Moneta, southwest on Rt 122 (7); L on Rt 616 (5.7); R on Rt 601 (2).

Coordinates: 37.0512, -79.6633 [Open in Maps](#)

Note: No trespassing except to fish or launch boats. Camping, swimming, or public display of alcoholic beverages is prohibited at these sites (Virginia DWR).