

FREE

Daily activities offered at
J.N. "Ding" Darling NWR
Education Center

- Education Center is **OPEN** daily from 9 AM – 4 PM, 7 days a week.
- Earn your very own **Junior Refuge Manager Badge!** Ask how at the education center front desk!
- Want to explore nature but forgot your binoculars at home? Ask at the front desk to borrow **refuge binoculars** for a better wildlife viewing experience!
- Bailey Tract's hiking trails are **OPEN** during daylight hours (dawn-dusk).
- Explore the refuge's Perry Tract at Gulfside City Park. Parking fees apply.
- Tarpon Bay Explorers is **OPEN** 8 AM – 6 PM, 7 days a week and is located at 900 Tarpon Bay Road.



Sensible Safety

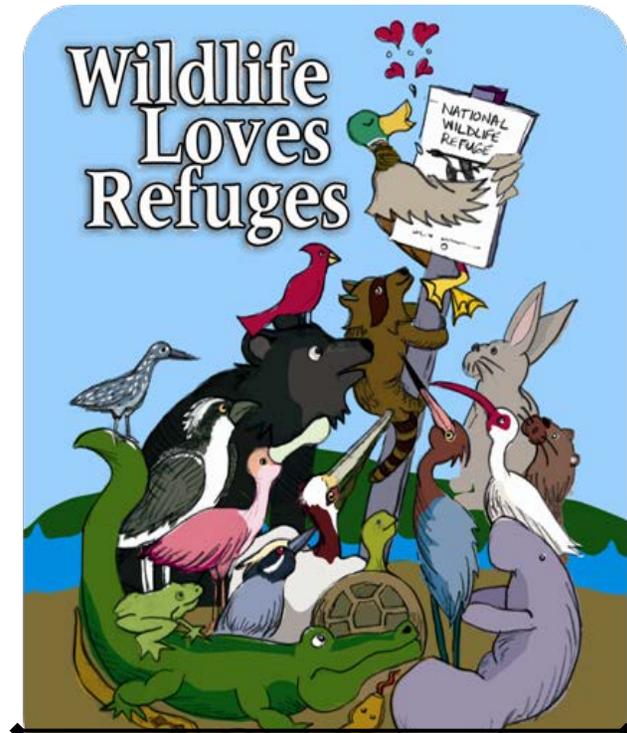
Bring listed items with you on
refuge programs:

- **Water:** Be sure to stay hydrated and take plenty of drinking water with you.
- **Sunscreen:** Exposure to sun can be harmful, protect your skin with sunscreen.
- **Bug Spray:** Use insect repellent to avoid mosquito, no'iseum and chigger bites.
- Be **Cautious!** Fire Ants are found on the refuge...Watch where you step!
- **Leave No Trace.** Please deposit all trash in its proper place and remember that if it doesn't grow there, it doesn't go there!

Summer Program Schedule made possible by the:



Wildlife Drive is **CLOSED**
for Re-surfacing &
Construction/Maintenance



May 21 - August 15

Summer Program Schedule



Don't Mind Our Dust...While our Wildlife Drive is Re-surfaced



2013 Summer Program Schedule – May 21 – August 15

Program	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Program Description
Family Beach Walk				9 AM		9 AM		Meet at Sanibel's Gulfside City Park for a one-hour guided exploration of the refuge's Perry Tract. Learn about this vital beach ecosystem. Don't forget to bring your shell bag! Note: Parking Fees at Gulfside City Park apply. 1 hour.
Indigo Trail Walk	10 AM				10 AM		10 AM	Join naturalists as they lead a tour identifying the ecosystem's plants, animals, birds, reptiles and much more! Explore the NEW Children's Education Boardwalk! Fun for adults and children alike! Bring water and bug spray. Meet at the flagpole in front of the Education Center. 1 hour.
Bailey Tract Tour			10 AM			10 AM		Join naturalists as they lead you through the freshwater, spartina marsh ecosystem of the refuge's Bailey Tract. Learn about the birds, wildlife, wildflowers and much more! Meet in the Bailey Tract parking lot. 1 hour.
Reading in the Refuge		11 AM		11 AM	11 AM		11 AM	Join refuge staff to hear an exciting story about the different animals that live in the amazing ecosystem of the refuge. Story-time is appropriate for pre-K thru 8 th grade, but everyone is welcome to attend. Program located in Education Center classroom. 45 min.
Wildlife Wonders	1 PM		1 PM		1 PM		1 PM	What makes a bird a bird? Why is a manatee a sea cow? Is it a crocodile or alligator? Find the answers to these questions and more as you join a naturalist in learning about the refuge's unique ecosystem. Program located in Education Center classroom. 30 min.
Oh Scat! & Animal Tracks						1 PM		Whose scat is that? Whose tracks are those? Learn about the wondrous world of animal tracking from a refuge naturalist in this fun interactive program! Program located in Education Center classroom. 30 min.
Estuary Exploration Tram**			9 AM		9 AM			Join a Tarpon Bay Explorers naturalist as you explore the estuary with seine and dip nets. Search this tidal zone for live shells, sea stars, crabs, fish & much more! You will get wet, dress accordingly. 2 hours; including roundtrip transportation from Education Center. Water Shoes Required. FEE/RESERVATIONS REQUIRED (239.472.8900) \$13 A / \$8 C
Bunche Beach Exploration Tram**				TBA		TBA		Join a Tarpon Bay Explorers naturalist for birding at this great beach at low tide when many different species of shorebirds can be seen and identified. Some seashore exploration also included. 2 hours; including roundtrip transportation from Education Center. FEE/RESERVATIONS REQUIRED (239.472.8900) \$13 A/\$8 C.
Biking the Indigo Trail Tour**		10 AM						Travel to the main refuge entrance and then up and down the Indigo Trail on bikes alongside a Tarpon Bay Explorers naturalist to learn about refuge ecology, history and wildlife. Tour will include a break as we walk the NEW Children's Education Boardwalk. Meet at Tarpon Bay Explorers. FEE/RESERVATIONS REQUIRED (239.472.8900) \$5 A / \$4 C (does not include bike rental- available for \$10 half day)

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FEE/RESERVATION REQUIRED for starred programs, call (239) 472-8900

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