Bon Secour National Wildlife Refuges
Winter Walks and Talks 2020
Schedule

Saturday, Jan 11th - 9:30 am- Medicinal & Edible Plant Walk - Jeff Friend Trail (Office will be closed)
Tuesday, Jan. 14th- 8:30 am- Bird Walk- Jeff Friend Trail
Tuesday, Jan 14th - 10:00 am- Shark Spiel- Ft. Morgan VFD Station #1
Thursday Jan. 16th- 9:00 am- Nature Walk- Pine Beach Trail
Friday, Jan. 17th- 8:30 am- Bird & Nature Walk- Pine Beach Trail

Tuesday, Jan. 21st- 8:30 am- Bird Walk- Jeff Friend Trail
Tuesday, Jan. 21st- 10:00 am- U-Boats in the Gulf- Ft. Morgan VFD Station #1
Thursday Jan. 23rd - 9:00 am- Nature Walk- Pine Beach Trail
Thursday, Jan 23rd - 10:00 am -Medicinal & Edible Plant Walk - Jeff Friend Trail
Friday, Jan. 24th- 8:30 am- Bird & Nature Walk- Pine Beach Trail

Tuesday, Feb. 4th- 8:30 am- Bird Walk- Jeff Friend Trail
Tuesday, Feb. 4th- 10:00 am- U-Boats in the Gulf- Ft. Morgan VFD Station #1
Thursday Feb. 6th - 3:00 pm- Dynamic Dunes - Mobile Street Parking Lot
Friday, Feb. 7th- 8:30 am- Bird & Nature Walk- Pine Beach Trail
Saturday, Feb 8th- 9:30 am -Medicinal & Edible Plant Walk - Jeff Friend Trail (Office will be closed)

Tuesday, Feb. 11th – 8:30 am- Bird Walk- Jeff Friend Trail
Tuesday, Feb. 11th 10:00 am- Shark Spiel- Ft. Morgan VFD Station #1
Thursday, Feb. 13th- 10:00 am- Guided Beach Walk- Mobile Street Parking Lot
Thursday, Feb. 13th- 3:00 pm- Dynamic Dunes - Mobile Street Parking Lot
Friday, Feb. 14th- 8:30 am- Bird & Nature Walk- Pine Beach Trail

Tuesday, Feb. 18th – 8:30 am- Bird Walk- Jeff Friend Trail
Tuesday, Feb. 18th 10:00 am- Sea Turtle History and the Conservation Movement -Ft. Morgan VFD Station 1
Thursday, Feb. 20th - 3:00 pm- Dynamic Dunes - Mobile Street Parking Lot
Friday, Feb. 21st- 8:30 am- Bird & Nature Walk- Pine Beach Trail

For further information or to sign-up for a tour, please contact the Refuge Office,
Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at (251) 540-7720.

Additional information about the refuge can be found at our website
http://www.fws.gov/bonsecour or on our Facebook page
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*Please come prepared.*
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Topics

Winter Walks

Bird & Nature Walk
Have you ever wanted to know what that plant was? Or maybe that butterfly? Oh wait I just saw a dragonfly! Oh look at that bird! No experience is necessary just come with your curiosity. The walk will take place on Fridays from the Pine Beach Trail. Binoculars are encouraged but not necessary to enjoy the walk.

Bird Walk
Beginner and experienced bird watchers of all ages are welcome to come out and enjoy the beauty of birds and nature itself. Walks will take place from the Jeff Friend Trail on Tuesdays. Binoculars are encouraged but they are not necessary to enjoy the walk.

Nature Walk
Curious about the local plants? What this habitat is? Or the history of this area? Well, that is what you will find, and more on this diverse walk. This walk will start from the Pine Beach Trail.

Medicinal and Edible Plants Walk
Take a journey back to when native tribes and early colonizers needed to rely on the land around them to supply the medication and food they needed to live in this coastal habitat. This walk will begin at the Jeff Friend Trail.

Dynamic Dunes Walk
Come join us for a walk along the Gulf shore and discover why this dune habitat is so important. The talk includes a bit of history, coastal ecology, and native plants. The guided walk will meet at the Mobile Street parking lot.

Guided Beach Walk
Marine ecosystems are fascinating, dynamic, and sensitive to impacts from thousands of miles away. Come learn about the different marine habitats, the creatures that live there and their complex interactions. The guided walk will meet at the Mobile Street parking lot.

Winter Talks

Shark Spiel
This talk explores the diversity and complexity of our oceans apex predator and the integral role they play in sustaining a healthy ecosystem.

Sea Turtle History and the Conservation Movement Talk
Have you ever been curious where the sea turtle story all began? Join us for this talk on the history of the conservation movement and the efforts to protect the sea turtles.

U-boats in the Gulf
This talk will introduce audiences to the history of World War II and the presence of German U-boats in the Gulf of Mexico. The speaker will regale audiences with stories of growing up on the beached of Gulf Shores during the height of WW2 and share her firsthand experience of seeing U-boats in the Gulf.

The Shark Spiel, U-boats in the Gulf and Sea Turtle History and the Conservation Movement talks will be held at Fort Morgan Volunteer Fire Station #1 located next to Shell Banks Baptist Church at 12105 State Highway 180, Gulf Shores, AL 36542.
Attendees are asked to park their vehicles on the helicopter pad adjacent to the fire station.
These talks are free to the public but are limited to 24 people. Reservations are required.

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