

Bon Secour National Wildlife Refuges

Winter Walks and Talks

Schedule

Tuesday, Feb. 6th- 8:00 am- Bird Walk- Jeff Friend Trail

Tuesday, Feb 6th- 9:00 am- Dynamic Dunes- Mobile Street

Thursday, Feb. 8th- 1:00pm- Edible/Medicinal Plants- Jeff Friend Trail

Friday, Feb. 9th- 8:00 am- Bird Walk- Pine Beach Trail

Friday, Feb. 9th- 1:00 pm- Shark Spiel- Ft. Morgan VFD Station #1

Thursday Feb. 15th- 9:00 am- Dynamic Dunes- Mobile Street

Thursday, Feb. 15th-11:00am- Marine Ecosystem Talk- Ft. Morgan VFD Station #1

Thursday, Feb. 15th- 1:00pm- Edible/Medicinal Plants- Jeff Friend Trail

Friday, Feb. 16th- 8:00 am- Bird Walk- Pine Beach Trail

Tuesday, Feb. 20th- 8:00 am- Bird Walk- Jeff Friend Trail

Tuesday, Feb. 20th-11:00am- Marine Ecosystem Talk- Ft. Morgan VFD Station #1

Thursday, Feb 22th- 9:00 am- Dynamic Dunes- Mobile Street

Friday, Feb. 23rd- 8:00 am- Bird Walk- Pine Beach Trail

Tuesday, Feb. 27th- 8:00 am- Bird Walk- Jeff Friend Trail

Friday, Mar. 2nd - 8:00 am- Bird Walk- Pine Beach Trail

Tuesday, Mar. 6th- 8:00 am- Bird Walk- Jeff Friend Trail

Tuesday, Mar. 6th- 1:00 pm- Sea Turtle Talk-Mobile Street

Thursday, Mar. 8th- 9:00 am- Dynamic Dunes- Mobile Street

Thursday, Mar. 8th-11:00am- Marine Ecosystem Talk- Ft. Morgan VFD Station #1

Thursday, Mar. 8th- 1:00pm- Edible/Medicinal Plants- Jeff Friend Trail

Friday, Mar. 9th - 8:00 am- Bird Walk- Pine Beach Trail

Tuesday, Mar. 13th- 8:00 am- Bird Walk- Jeff Friend Trail

Thursday, Mar. 15th- 9:00 am- Dynamic Dunes- Mobile Street

Friday, Mar. 16th - 8:00 am- Bird Walk- Pine Beach Trail

Tuesday, Mar. 20th- 8:00 am- Bird Walk- Jeff Friend Trail

Tuesday, Mar. 20th-11:00am- Marine Ecosystem Talk- Ft. Morgan VFD Station #1

Tuesday, Mar. 20th- 1:00pm- Edible/Medicinal Plants- Jeff Friend Trail

Thursday, Mar. 22nd- 10:00 am- Legacy of Little Lagoon- Ft. Morgan VFD Station #1

Friday, Mar. 23rd- 8:00 am- Bird Walk- Pine Beach Trail

Tuesday, Mar. 27th- 8:00 am- Bird Walk- Jeff Friend Trail

Thursday, Mar. 29th- 9:00 am- Dynamic Dunes- Mobile Street

Thursday, Mar. 29th- 1:00pm- Edible/Medicinal Plants- Jeff Friend Trail

Friday, Mar. 30th- 8:00 am- Bird 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.**

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Topics

Winter Walks

Guided Bird Walks

Beginner and experienced bird watchers, young and old, 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 and the Pine Beach Trail on Fridays. Binoculars are encouraged but they are not necessary to enjoy the walk.

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.

Medicinal and Edible Plants

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.

The guided walks are free to the public; however, space is limited to 12 people per walk. Therefor a reservation is required. The walks lasts between 1-2 hours and will meet at the designated trailhead. We request at least 24 hours' notice for cancellations. Please be aware, there are no restroom facilities available on the trails.

Winter Talks

Sea Turtles Talk

Learn more about the sea turtles that nest along Alabama's beaches and the efforts around protecting their nests. This talk will be held on the beach at the end of Mobile Street.

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.

Legacy of Little Lagoon: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow.

This talk will introduce audiences to the ecology of Little Lagoon along with its important and complex relationship with the humans that have enjoyed it throughout the decades.

Marine Ecosystems

Marine ecosystems are fascinating, dynamic, and sensitive to impacts thousands of miles away. Come learn about the different marine habitats, the creatures that live there and their complex interactions.

The Shark Spiel, Legacy of Little Lagoon and the Marine Ecosystem 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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