



Earth Day at the J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge



Saturday, April 18, 2015

10:00 am – 3:00 pm

7am – 4pm Wildlife Drive is **FREE** to Hikers and Bikers ONLY

8am – 4pm **FREE** BIKE rentals provided by Tarpon Bay Explorers

Note: Must pick up bikes at Tarpon Bay Explorers' location, NOT the Education Center

Earth Day mascot "Bagzilla" will make appearances throughout the day!

Earth-friendly & **FREE** Program schedule:

9:30 am: Biking the Refuge Tour *Bike enthusiasts, bring your bicycle and join a naturalist on the Wildlife Drive/Indigo Trail Loop to learn about the refuge's bird life and ecology. The drive is paved while the Indigo Trail is hard-packed shell. Meet at the flagpole. 4 miles, 1 ½ hours.*

10 am – 3 pm: Earth Crafts in the Education Center

Make & Take these UP-cycled crafts home!

- ◆ Soda-bottle flower pot
- ◆ "Cloud Window" frame
- ◆ "Mother Earth" ornament
- ◆ Create a soda-pop bottle butterfly or jellyfish
- ◆ Design your own "Plam" (plastic bag) bracelet

10:00 am: Guided Hike along the Indigo Trail

Join a refuge naturalist as they lead you on a guided hike through the refuge's Indigo Trail, stopping to view the refuge's Wildlife Education Boardwalk. Meet at the Flagpole. 1 hr.

11:00 am: Reading in the Refuge: Family Story-time

Learn all about Sanibel's Sea Turtles!
Education Center Auditorium. 30 min.

12:00 pm: "Let's Talk Trash": Marine Debris Timeline

How long does it take trash to biodegrade in a marine environment? Take your chances in this fun, interactive trash challenge! Education Center Auditorium 30 min.

1:00 pm: Reading in the Refuge: Family Story-time

Learn all about the endangered Florida Manatee!
Education Center Auditorium. 30 min.

2:00 pm: Guided Hike along the Indigo Trail

Join a refuge naturalist as they lead you on a guided hike through the refuge's Indigo Trail, stopping to view the refuge's Wildlife Education Boardwalk. Meet at the Flagpole. 1 hr.

Thanks for celebrating the earth with us!

