

J.N. Ding Darling National Wildlife Refuge

2015 Programs and Tours (Jan 6 – April 12)

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
8:30 AM			Birding the Refuge Tour *Meet at flagpole		Birding the Refuge Tour *Meet at flagpole		
9:30 AM		Birds & Wildlife Tour *Meet at flagpole	Birds & Wildlife Tour *Meet at flagpole	Birds & Wildlife Tour *Meet at flagpole	Birds & Wildlife Tour *Meet at flagpole	Beach Walk *Meet at Gulfside City Park. Parking fees apply.	
10:00 AM		Biking the Refuge Tour *Meet at Flagpole	Plants of the Bailey Tract Tour *Meet at Bailey Tract Parking Lot	Biking the Refuge Tour *Meet at Flagpole	Biking the Refuge Tour *Meet at Flagpole ----- Birds of Prey of SW Florida *Crossdike	Indigo Trail Hike *Meet at Flagpole ----- Lecture Series in Ed Center	Gators and Crocs *Crossdike
11:00 AM	Florida Manatees *Crossdike	Nature Photography in Ed Center		Gators & Crocs *Crossdike	Birds of the Refuge *Crossdike		Birds of Prey of SW Florida *Crossdike ----- Family Craft & Story in Ed Center
1:00 PM	Endangered Species *Crossdike	Florida's Venomous Wildlife in Ed Center	Gators & Crocs *Crossdike ----- Calusa/Shell Mound Trail Tour *Meet at Shell Mound Trail	Florida Manatees *Crossdike	Reptiles & Amphibians *Crossdike	Lecture Series in Ed Center ----- Plants of the Bailey Tract Tour *Meet at Bailey Tract Parking Lot	Birds of the Refuge *Crossdike
2:00 PM				Film Series (held every other week) in Ed Center			

All programs are free of charge and family friendly. See program descriptions on back.

*Refuge entrance fees apply to the location where these programs are held. (\$5.00/vehicle or \$1.00/adult hiker)

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Entrance Fees Apply for tours on Wildlife Drive including Cross Dike Pavilion programs.

We encourage you to bring water and insect repellent to all outside tours, hikes, walks and programs.

Beach Walk Meet at Sanibel's Gulfside City Park for a 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
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, so the tour is suitable for people of all abilities. Fun for all ages! Meet at the flagpole in front of the Education Center. 4 miles, 1½ hours
Birding the Refuge Advanced Birders Delight! Meet at the flagpole in front of the Education Center to begin your bird identification tour. Follow a naturalist along Wildlife Drive while in the comfort of your car. 1½ hours
Birds & Wildlife Tour Come along on a car caravan tour of the refuge. This tour highlights the fascinating natural wonders of this unique mangrove ecosystem and the wildlife that lives here. Meet at the flagpole. 1½ hours
Calusa Shell Mound Trail Tour Meet naturalists who will enthrall you with tales of the Calusa people's history and learn about native Florida plant life on this enchanting boardwalk trail. Meet at the Shell Mound Trail Parking lot. 1/3 mile, 1-3pm continuously
Indigo Trail Hike Naturalists lead a tour identifying and discussing the ecosystems plants, animals, birds, and reptiles. Fun for all ages! Meet at the flagpole in front of the Education Center. Approximately 2 miles, 1 ½ hours
Plants of the Bailey Tract Tour Walk the trails of the Bailey Tract with a naturalist to learn about the plants and tree of this freshwater ecosystem of Southwest Florida. Fun for all ages! Meet at the Bailey Tract Parking Lot. Approximately 2 miles, 1½ hours

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All programs are at the Cross Dike Pavilion on Wildlife Drive unless otherwise stated.

Birds of the Refuge Not sure which feathery friends you are seeing through your binoculars? Learn interesting facts about birds and how to identify them in the estuary. Fun for all ages! 30 minutes
Endangered Species The habitats of animals throughout the world are disappearing, affecting species everywhere. Come discover endangered species of Southwest Florida and what you can do to help. Fun for all ages! 30 minutes
Florida Manatees Explore the world of one of America's most endangered species, the Florida manatee, as it faces a challenging future. Find out what you can do to help save this species. Fun for all ages! 30 minutes
Gators and Crocs Is it an alligator or crocodile? Learn about the order Crocodylia, including crocodiles, gharials, alligators, and caimans. Learn how to identify families and local species in the refuge. Fun for all ages! 30 minutes
Reptiles and Amphibians Come and discover our underappreciated refuge residents: snakes, lizards, toads, frogs and anoles! 30 minutes
Family Craft & Story Join a naturalist for story-time at our refuge. Bring your family to hear an exciting wildlife themed story and make a craft about an animal in our estuarine ecosystem. Story-time is appropriate for Pre-k through 6 th , although everyone is welcome. 30 minutes inside the Education Center
Florida's Venomous Wildlife Learn about the venomous wildlife that live in Southwest Florida. We will teach you how to identify the animals and their habitats. Fun for all ages! 30 minutes inside the Education Center
Birds of Prey of Southwest Florida Discover which birds of prey live in Southwest Florida and learn about their adaptations for survival. 30 minutes
Nature Photography Get back to nature! Learn the art of nature photography using basic equipment. We will teach you how to understand your subject and the etiquette involved in getting a great picture without disturbing the subject. Great for family outings in nature. 30 minutes inside the Education Center

LECTURE SERIES: Fridays at 10:00am and 1:00pm in the Education Center. See lecture series handout for schedule.

FILM SERIES: Wednesdays at 2:00pm in the Education Center. Held every other week – see film series handout for schedule.