Visit Daily

Free Visitor & Education Center,
Open everyday from 9 am to 4 pm:
☼ Explore exhibits
☼ Rent a pair of binoculars at the front desk before 1 pm at no charge.
☼ Stop by the Refuge Nature Store, operated by the "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society. All proceeds support the Refuge.

Bailey Tract, on Tarpon Bay Road, is the Refuge's inland freshwater marsh habitat, featuring trails for hiking and biking. Open dawn to dusk. Parking is FREE.

Wildlife Drive Walk, bike, drive or take a guided tram tour. Open Saturday through Thursday, and it is CLOSED on Fridays.

Indigo Trail is open seven days a week for hiking or bicycling. Discover the Wildlife Education Boardwalk, only 3/10 mile from the Visitor & Education Center!
Note: Entry fees apply for Wildlife Drive & Indigo Trail.

Tour Tarpon Bay!

Tarpon Bay Explorers Nature Tours & Rentals

Visit our concessionaire for recreational activities, rentals, and private tours of the Refuge.
900 Tarpon Bay road
239.472.8900

Sensible Safety

What to Bring:

☼ **Water:** Be sure to stay hydrated! Filtered water is available for FREE to refill your own re-usable bottle, or *Just Water* (an eco-conscious water bottle) is available for purchase at the Refuge Nature Store.
☼ **Sunscreen/Hat**: Exposure to sun can be harmful. Protect your skin!
☼ **Bug Spray:** Insect repellent can defend against mosquito's, no-see-ums, and chiggers. Available to purchase in the Nature Store.

Although incidents with wildlife are rare, please exercise caution during your visit. Fire ants are found at the Refuge, so watch where your step!

SUMMER PROGRAM SCHEDULE MADE POSSIBLE BY THE:

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J.N. "Ding" Darling
National Wildlife Refuge

Free Programs & Activities

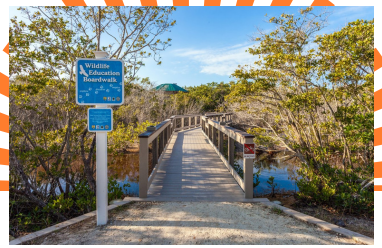
SUMMER 2019

J. N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge

FREE 2019 Summer Program Schedule June 5th - August 3rd

Program	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Description
Family Beach Walk			9 am		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.**
Indigo Trail Walk		10 am			Naturalists lead a tour identifying and discussing the ecosystem's plant and animal species. Fun for all ages! Meet at the flagpole in front of the Visitor & Education Center. **1 hour.**
Reading in the Refuge	10 am				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 from our estuarine ecosystem. Story-time is appropriate for Pre-K through 6th, although everyone is welcome. Program takes place in Visitor & Education Center classroom. **45 min.**
Wildlife Wonders				11 am	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 Refuge staff member in learning about the Refuge's unique ecosystem. Program located in Visitor & Education Center. Subject will change weekly, depending on the presenter. **30 min.**
GET OUTSIDE! KEEP LEARNING THIS SUMMER.					

Take a hike!



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Free Phone App!

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Find us on:

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Wildlife Drive is CLOSED on Fridays.
All visitors must exit refuge lands and waters no later than 1/2 hour after legal sunset.

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