J.N. "Ding" Darling NWR

FREE 2015 Summer Program Schedule – June 6th through August 9th

Program	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Description
Family Beach Walk				9 am		9 am		Meet at Sanibel's Gulfside City Park for a one-hour 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			Join naturalists as they lead a tour identifying plants, animals, birds, reptiles and much more! Explore the Wildlife Education Boardwalk. Fun for adults and children alike. Bring water and bug spray. Meet at the flagpole in front of the Visitor & Education Center. **Note:** Entry fees for Indigo Trail apply. **1 hour.**
Reading in the Refuge			11 am				11 am	Join refuge staff to hear an exciting story & make a craft about the different animals that live in the refuge. Appropriate for pre-K through 6th grade, but everyone is welcome to attend. Program takes place in Visitor & Education Center classroom. **45 min.**
Family Film Series	Every other Sunday 2 pm							Spend family time watching an educational environmental movie inside the Visitor & Education Center. Check the website: fws.gov/dingdarling or call 239/472-1100 for a schedule. **Note: Every other Sunday @ 2pm: June 7, 21, July 5, 19 & August 2**
GET OUTSIDE! KEEP LEARNING THIS SUMMER.								

FREE PHONE APP!

Download, Discover & Play a Game!

Download FREE Discover Ding App from your app store.

See real-time wildlife sightings before you arrive! Play the game, share photos, leave tips while you visit!

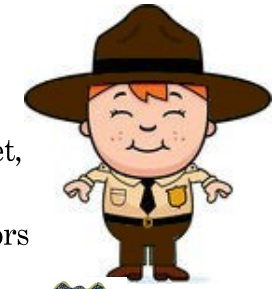
TAKE A HIKE!

Explore the 2-mile Indigo Trail and 3/10- mile trek to visit the Wildlife Education Boardwalk.

Become a "Scatologist." Learn about wildlife poop and pick up a scavenger hunt form at the front desk to complete!

BECOME A JUNIOR REFUGE MANAGER!

Earn a badge and join the team here at "Ding" by completing the Junior Refuge Manager activity sheet, available at the front desk. Designed for school-age visitors but open to all ages.



Free programs 7 days a week at the FREE Visitor & Education Center, open 9 am to 4 pm.

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

1 Wildlife Drive, Sanibel, FL 239/472-1100 www.fws.gov/dingdarling

Visit Daily

Free Visitor / Education Center,

Open 7 days a week from 9 am to 4 pm:

- Explore exhibits
- Forgot your binoculars? Check out a pair of ours at the front desk before 2 pm to at no charge.
- Need a gift? Shop 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 is open Monday through Thursday, Saturday and Sunday. Walk, bike, drive or take a tram tour.

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!

Take a guided tour by kayak, canoe or stand-up paddleboard.
Enjoy a Breakfast, Nature & Sealife, or Evening cruise.
Fishing licenses, charters, bait and tackle available.
Rent a bicycle, boat or paddleboard.
900 Tarpon Bay Road 239.472.8900
Tarponbayexplorers.com

Sensible Safety

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

Bring:

- **Water:** Be sure to stay hydrated and take plenty of drinking water with you. Cold filtered water is available for free, and refillable water bottles are available for purchase at the Refuge Nature Store.
- **Sunscreen/Hat:** Exposure to sun can be harmful. Protect your skin!
- **Bug Spray:** Insect repellant can defend against mosquitos, no-see-ums, and chiggers.

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