

BAREFOOT BEACH PRESERVE

A CANOE TRIP THROUGH THE ESTUARY

Jan 03-May 27 / Sun, Tue, Thu / 8:30am-11:00am / \$5

Join a Collier County Park Ranger for a guided paddle through one of the most productive ecosystems on earth. Often referred to as 'the cradle of the sea.' Reservations are required by calling (239) 252-4024 or (239) 252-4060.

A WALK IN THE PRESERVE

Jan 02-May 29 / Sat / 9:00am-10:00am / Free

Join a Collier County Park Ranger on a leisurely walk through a maritime forest. Learn how our ancestors used native plants to survive on the barrier islands of Southwest Florida.

GOPHER TORTOISE - A SPECIES IN DECLINE

Jan 07-May 20 / Thu / 12:00pm-1:00pm / Free

Barefoot Beach Preserve is a designated Gopher Tortoise Sanctuary. Join a Park Ranger and explore their natural habit, critical role in the environment, and constant challenges for survival.

FREEDOM PARK

FAMILY INSIDE/OUTSIDE ADVENTURES

Feb 20 / Sat / 10:00am-12:00pm / \$10 per person

Feb 27 / Sat / 10:00am-12:00pm / \$10

Mar 06 / Sat / 10:00am-12:00pm / \$10

Mar 13 / Sat / 10:00am-12:00pm / \$10

Calling all families! Join a Park Ranger Naturalist for some indoor/outdoor natural history exploration. Program includes garbage archaeology, dissecting owl pellets, the scoop on poop and making a family natural journal.

FREEDOM PARK SOFT WALKING

Apr 01 / Thu / 9:00am-11:00am / Free

Apr 08 / Thu / 9:00am-11:00am / Free

Apr 15 / Thu / 9:00am-11:00am / Free

Apr 22 / Thu / 9:00am-11:00am / Free

Apr 29 / Thu / 9:00am-11:00am / Free

No talking, step softly...listen. Join a Park Ranger/Naturalist for a quiet walk. Share what they saw, heard, and felt while taking a closer look at the wonders of nature. Reservations required, please call 239-252-4060.

NATURE WALK ON WHEELS

Jan 08-May 21 / Fri / 10:00am-11:00am / Free

Designed for visitors with special needs. The Nature Walk on Wheels is a Park Ranger escorted tour through the amazing world of Barefoot Beach Preserve. Reservations required call 239-252-4024 or 252-4060.



SHELLING & BEACHCOMBING 101

Jan 04-May 24 / Mon / 10:00am-11:00am / Free

Join a Collier County Park Ranger and explore hidden treasures found on our shores of Southwest Florida and the wonder of the maritime mollusk.



LAKE TRAFFORD

FISHING CAMP

Mar 13-May 01 / Sat / 8:00am-1:00pm / \$10

This program is designed to offer kids the opportunity to learn the fundamentals of fishing. Must sign up at the Immokalee Sports Complex. Camp takes place at Lake Trafford.

NORTH COLLIER REGIONAL PARK

WETLANDS WALK ON WHEELS

North Collier Exhibit Hall

Feb 03-Mar 31 / Wed / 9:00am-10:00am / Free

Designed for visitors with special needs the Wetland Walk on Wheels is a Park Ranger escorted 6-passenger club car tour around a restored wetland preserve. Reservations required. Please call 252-4024 or 252-4060.

WETLAND EXPLORATION @ DUSK

North Collier Exhibit Hall

Mar 02-Mar 30 / Tue / 5:45pm-6:45pm / Free

Join a Park Ranger/Naturalist for an elevated wetlands walk at dusk. Reservations required, please call 239-252-4060.

PORT OF THE ISLANDS MARINA

10,000 ISLAND ECOLOGY TOUR

MANGROVE TUNNEL KAYAK

CANOE ECO-TOUR

MANATEE PADDLE TOUR

Scheduled by appointment

These are fantastic ways to get out and discover Southwest Florida's great outdoors. The Port of the Island Marina is located east of 951 off U.S. 41. Parks and Recreation uses professional guides who know everything about Florida eco-system. For pricing and to book a tour, call 252-4024 or 252-4060.

SUGDEN REGIONAL PARK

SUGDEN JUNIOR ANGLER'S CLUB

Jan 05-May 04 / Tue / 4:30pm-5:30pm / Free

Calling all Junior Anglers! Learn to fish with a Park Ranger at Sugden Regional Park. No need to bring anything, we have rods, reels and bait. Meets the first Tuesday of every month.

TIGERTAIL BEACH

SHELLS

Jan 07-May 27 / Thu / 11:00am-12:00pm / Free

Did you know? Florida's queen conchs have been nearly lost forever? Due to over-harvesting of live shells these treasures and others, they are rare finds on our beaches. Join a Park Ranger and see how you can make a difference.

EXPLORE NATURE AT ITS FINEST

Jan 05-May 18 / Tue / 11:00am-12:00pm / Free

Come explore one of the best all around birding spots in S.W. Florida. The tidal lagoon offers great views of shorebirds. While beyond the lagoon the osprey, bald eagles and pelicans dive offshore for the latest catch.

VETERANS COMMUNITY PARK

SATURDAY SUPER SCIENCE CLUB

Jan 09-Jan 30 / Sat / 9:30am-10:30am / \$50

Feb 06-Feb 27 / Sat / 9:30am-10:30am / \$50

Mar 06-Mar 27 / Sat / 9:30am-10:30am / \$50

May 08-May 29 / Sat / 9:30am-10:30am / \$50

Apr 03-Apr 24 / Sat / 9:30am-10:30am / \$50

Enjoy museum-quality science, hands-on experiences, and amazing take-home projects. Prepare students for FCAT. 2 hours for \$80. Ages 6-10

HOMESCHOOL

YOUTH

HOMESCHOOL ART

Veterans Community Park

Jan 13-Feb 17 / Wed / 12:00pm-1:00pm / \$35

Apr 07-May 12 / Wed / 12:00pm-1:00pm / \$35

Classes will use different materials, techniques and art terminology to create different pieces of work. Pre-registration is required. Ages 6-12

HOME SCHOOL NATURAL HISTORY ADVENTURES

North Collier Exhibit Hall

Feb 04-Feb 25 / Thu / 2:00pm-3:00pm

\$20 per session or \$8 per class

Designed to provide a wide range of natural history field and lab based programs for home-school children. Ages 8, 9 and 10 years old.

HOMESCHOOL SPORTS

Veterans Community Park

Jan 06-Feb 10 / Wed / 1:15pm-2:15pm / \$30

Feb 17-Mar 24 / Wed / 1:15pm-2:15pm / \$30

Mar 31-May 05 / Wed / 1:15pm-2:15pm / \$30

Class will involve such sports as soccer, basketball, tennis, volleyball and softball. Pre-registration is required. Ages 4-15



HOMESCHOOL TENNIS

Veterans Community Park

Jan 13-Feb 17 / Wed / 3:00pm-4:00pm / \$40

Mar 03-Apr 07 / Wed / 3:00pm-4:00pm / \$40

Apr 21-May 26 / Wed / 3:00pm-4:00pm / \$40

Vineyards Community Park

Jan 12-Feb 16 / Tue / 3:00pm-4:00pm / \$40

Mar 02-Apr 06 / Tue / 3:00pm-4:00pm / \$40

Apr 20-May 25 / Tue / 3:00pm-4:00pm / \$40

This program is designed to teach the basic techniques and fundamentals of tennis. Pre-registration is required. Ages 6-17

