

Everglades

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Royal Palm Ranger-Guided Programs Dec. 23, 2011 through Mar. 31, 2012*

All activities are free of charge, reservations only needed for specified programs

Everglades Activities	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
Pinelands Power Walk - 9:00 a.m., 1.5 hours. Jump start your weekend with a brisk 5 mile walk through pineland forest, the park's most botanically diverse habitat. Meet at the Long Pine Key Campground Amphitheater with hiking boots/sneakers and enough energy to keep pace. ⚠️ ⚠️ ⚠️							●
Coffee with a Ranger - 9:00 a.m., 30 minutes. Q&A. Plan your day. Coffee provided. Bring your own mug. Meet at the Long Pine Key Campground Amphitheater. ♿	●					●	
Bike Hike - 10:00 a.m., 2.5 hours. Reservations required. Explore the Everglades on bicycle! Bikes, helmets, and water provided or bring your own. Stop by the Ernest F. Coe Visitor Center or call (305) 242-7700 for reservations and information (12 years old and up). ⚠️	●	●				●	●
Anhinga Amble - 10:30 a.m. 50 minutes. Interested in seeing wildlife? Explore the Anhinga Trail where alligators, wading birds and other wildlife can be easily and frequently spotted. Meet at the Royal Palm benches. ♿	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Nike Missile Site Tour - 11:00 a.m. 1.5 hours. Step into the Cold War past for a tour of an historic Nike Missile Base where U.S. Army soldiers defended the Nation from the threat of Soviet as well as Cuban attack. Meet at the Daniel Beard Center. ♿	●						●
Nike Missile Site Tour - 2:00 p.m. 1.5 hours. Step into the Cold War past for a tour of an historic Nike Missile Base where U.S. Army soldiers defended the Nation from the threat of Soviet as well as Cuban attack. Meet at the Daniel Beard Center. ♿	●		●		●	●	●
Gator Spy - 1:30 p.m. 30 minutes. This short walk is all about alligators. Meet at the Royal Palm benches. ♿	●	●	●	●	●	●	
Paradise Lost? - 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Costumed reenactors will be at Royal Palm on Saturday afternoons portraying the colorful characters who made their mark on paradise. ♿							●
Slough Slog - 2:00 p.m. 2 hours. Reservations required. Wade through the river of grass into the shadows of a 'gator hole' or a cypress dome. Wear lace-up shoes, socks and long pants that can get wet or muddy. Stop by the Ernest F. Coe Visitor Center or call (305) 242-7700 for reservations and information (12 years old and up). ⚠️	●	●		●		●	
Mahogany Hammock Walk - 3:00 p.m. 50 minutes. Experience one of the most beautiful tree islands in the Everglades! Meet in the Mahogany Hammock parking lot, halfway between Royal Palm and Flamingo. ♿	●		●	●	●		●
Glades Glimpse - 3:00 p.m. 20 minutes. Discover fascinating Everglades' tidbits at this short talk. Topics vary daily. Meet at the Royal Palm benches. ♿		●				●	
Starlight Walk - 7:30 p.m. thru March 10; 8:30 p.m. after March 10. 50 minutes. Experience the Anhinga Trail by starlight! Night herons, pig frogs, fireflies and gator eyes create a completely different atmosphere on the trail at night. Meet at the Royal Palm benches. Flashlight recommended. ♿	●		●		●		
Evening Program - 7:30 p.m. thru March 10, 8:30 p.m. after March 10. 50 minutes. Meet under the stars at the amphitheater located at the south end of Long Pine Key Campground. Check bulletin boards and visitor centers for the night's topic. Flashlights recommended. ♿				●			●
Nike by Night - 7:30 p.m. thru March 10, 8:30p.m. after March 10. 1.5 hours. In the dark of night, the suspense and tension faced by soldiers stationed at a Nike Missile Base in the heart of the Everglades are palpable. Meet at the Daniel Beard Center. ♿		●					
Campfire Party - 7:30 p.m. thru March 10, 8:30 p.m. after March 10. 50 minutes. Kick back on the shore of Pine Glades Lake for an evening of old fashioned fun and games around the campfire. Bring a camp chair and don't forget the marshmallows. Meet at the turnaround in the Long Pine Key Picnic Area. ♿						●	

* Please note, all regular programs will be cancelled on March 3rd to celebrate Vintage Everglades Day.

⚠️ Note that this program is strenuous. Please consider your fitness level.



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NEW MOON STAR PARTY

Saturday, January 21, 9:00 p.m.
Saturday, February 25, 9:00 p.m.
Saturday, March 24, 10:00 p.m.



Meet at the Mahogany Hammock Parking Lot, 25 minutes from the Coe Visitor Center.

Shift your gaze from the vast Everglades to the infinite night sky. Meet a Ranger during the darkest nights and use the constellations to chart your course through the universe. ♿

Come early to **adjust to the darkness and enjoy the night.** **Telescopes and Binoculars** are welcome. Bring a flashlight and your imagination!



VINTAGE EVERGLADES DAY

Saturday, March 3, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Celebrate the heroes and villains who battled for the Everglades.

Enjoy an old fashioned ice cream social with the likes of John James Audubon, the Gladesman, May Mann Jennings, Ernest Coe and Marjorie Stoneman Douglas.

Native American reenactors will join the diverse cast characters this year.

Activities will begin at the Ernest Coe Visitor Center where the *Guardians of the Everglades* exhibit featuring Nicholas Petrucci's life-size oil portraits of Everglades protectors will be on display. ♿

Big Day Birding Adventure

Saturday, December 10, 2011

Saturday, January 7, 2012

Saturday, February 4, 2012

Saturday, March 17, 2012

8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. (6 hours)

Meet at the Royal Palm Visitor Center

Become a "citizen scientist" by helping Ranger Christi Carmichael to document the birds seen along the Main Park Road from the Royal Palm Visitor Center to Flamingo. Be prepared to drive your own car and bring lunch, water and sun protection. Bring binoculars (if you have them). Plan to walk at least three miles and be prepared for mosquitoes.

For more information call 239-695-3092.



Ernest F. Coe Visitor Center Art Gallery Exhibits

December 2011- Artists in Residence in Everglades (AIRIE) - 10th Anniversary Exhibit

January 2012- Tropical Botanic Artists - *Macroalgae: Hidden Colors of the Sea*

February 2012- Susan Schermer –Untitled - (Photography)

March 2012- Connie Bransilver - *Guardians of the Everglades* (Oil Portraits and Printed Panels) ♿