

January Activities at Gulf Islands National Seashore Davis Bayou, Ocean Springs, Mississippi

Ocean Springs, MS:

Superintendent Dan Brown encourages the public to come and enjoy the brisk cool weather with one of our outdoor activities this winter. All activities at Gulf Islands are free.

Saturday, January 7 – 2:00 p.m. – Alligator Walk

Alligator or crocodile? Meet at Pavilion #4 in the Davis Bayou picnic area to find out more about Mississippi's largest reptile. Weather permitting, we will take a walk to look for alligators. This program is appropriate for all ages.

Sunday, January 15 – 2:00 p.m. – Historic Games

Celebrate the early days of U.S. history and learn how children of the past spent their playtime. Have you ever heard of "Jacob's Ladder," "Cup and Ball," and "Graces"? These are only a few of the historic games visitors will enjoy. Meet the ranger at the William M. Colmer Visitor Center.

Saturday, January 21 – 2:00 p.m. - Trees in the Forest

Ever wondered what tree that is in your backyard? What's the difference between a live oak and laurel oak? Join a ranger and get outside to answer these questions and more. Discover several species of native trees every local resident should know. Learn to identify other mystery trees with a guide book in our challenge course. This program will meet in the William M. Colmer Visitor Center.

Saturday, January 28– 1:00 p.m. - Nature Walk

Join a ranger for a stroll along an ancient dune ridge, now covered by maritime forest. Explore the native flora and fauna, learn about the importance of fire in our ecosystem, and get some exercise! Meet at the Nature's Way Loop trailhead.

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