

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### FAMILY FUN FEST

Second Sunday of the month December through April

12/14/14, 1/11/15, 2/8/15, 3/8/15, and 4/12/15

1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Join us for the 15th season of this award-winning event! The signature zany themes, creative activities and colorful buttons that Family Fun Fest is known for will all be back - and it's all FREE! If you don't want to drive out to the park, hop aboard the free Homestead National Parks Trolley in downtown Homestead at Losner Park!



### "MEET THE ARTIST" ART OPENINGS

Artists have always played a crucial role in increasing awareness and inspiring stewardship of National Parks. Opened in 2002, the Dante Fascell Visitor Center gallery provides a space where contemporary artists, inspired by the beauty of Biscayne National Park and South Florida, can show their work.

Showing in the Dante Fascell Visitor Center Gallery:

#### Piecing Together a Changing Planet

Fiber Art by Studio Art Quilt Associates (Showing 12/5/14-2/27/15)

Reception: 12/7/14, 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

#### All Over the Place at Biscayne National Park

Ceramics by Anne Gorden-Vega (Showing 3/6/14-5/31/15)

Nearly Full-Moon Reception: 3/7/15, 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm

### FAMILY CANOE TRIPS

1/25/15, 2/22/15 and 3/29/15, 10:00am-12:00pm

Canoeing and kayaking are great ways to explore the park's mangrove-fringed shorelines and shallow waters of Biscayne Bay. This two-hour guided tour is perfect for parents with kids ages 9-13. **Reservations required.** Call 786-335-3612

### CLIMATE CHANGE ON THE SOUTH FLORIDA COASTLINE: A DIALOG ON PARKS AND RESTORATION

Sunday, 2/22/15, 2:00pm, Dante Fascell Visitor Center Gallery

Mangrove forests, seagrass meadows and coral reefs are all likely to be impacted by a rapidly changing climate. Join National Park Service researchers David Rudnik and Erik Stabenau for a discussion on some of the many issues we might face, with a special emphasis on the area's four national parks.

Biscayne

National Park Service  
U.S. Department of the Interior

Biscayne National Park  
South Florida



Schedule of Programs and Activities  
November 22, 2014 - April 30, 2015



Want to join in all the fun  
but don't have a ride?



Head over to Losner Park in Downtown  
Homestead to catch the City of Homestead's FREE  
National Parks Trolley, November 22-April 30.  
[www.cityofhomestead.com/gateway](http://www.cityofhomestead.com/gateway)

Biscayne National Park  
9700 SW 328 Street  
Homestead, Florida 33033  
Phone: 305.230.7275  
[www.nps.gov/bisc](http://www.nps.gov/bisc)



***All programs are free! Be sure to read the descriptions carefully for details including any reservation requirements, age limits, items to bring, meeting times/locations, etc.***

## **MONDAYS**

### **10:15 am – 11:15 am Jetty Walk**

Join Biscayne staff for a jetty walk along the shore of Biscayne Bay. This "Biscayne 101" provides a great opportunity for wildlife viewing and gives you all the basics about this unique national park. Meet in the Dante Fascell Visitor Center lobby.

### **2:00 pm – 3:30 pm Inside the Invader**

The non-native red lionfish is wreaking havoc on our marine environment. Discover what Biscayne National Park is doing to save our reefs and our native fish populations from this venomous villain. One way our resource managers learn about lionfish is by dissecting them to see what they've been eating. Come see science in action, and take a firsthand look "Inside the Invader!"

## **TUESDAYS**

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### **10:00 am – 12:30 pm Canoe & Picnic Lunch**

Spend the morning gliding along the bay, and then enjoy your picnic lunch waterside. This is a perfect trip for beginner paddlers. You must provide your own lunch. **Must be 14 years of age or older to participate and reservations are required.** Call 786-335-3612.

### **2:00 pm – 3:00 pm Porch Talk**

Manatees, trash, treasure, shipwrecks...you never know what topics might pop up during a porch talk. The day's topic and other details for these intriguing programs will be displayed on the front desk in the visitor center.

## **WEDNESDAYS**

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### **2:00pm – 3:30pm Who's Home? Dip-net Program**

Biscayne Bay is an important seagrass habitat and is home to hundreds of species of fish, crustaceans and invertebrates. You're invited to wade in the water with a ranger and discover "who's home and whose home." Bring a change of clothes, towel, and wear closed-toe shoes that you don't mind getting wet.

## **THURSDAYS**

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### **2:00pm – 3:30pm Manatee Walk**

This popular wildlife viewing program is back by popular demand! The Manatee Walk takes you off the beaten path to observe and photograph not only manatees, but birds, reptiles, and other wildlife too. Remember, Biscayne is a national park, not a theme park; no sightings are ever guaranteed (but you sure do have a great chance)!

 **Ranger's tip: This walk is of average difficulty due to distance and program length.**



## **FRIDAYS**

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## **SATURDAYS**

### **10:00 am – 12:00 pm Canoe/Kayak Trip**

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### **1:00 pm – 3:30 pm Jr. Ranger Kid's Connection Activities**

For kids and kids at heart, discover and connect to your Biscayne National Park by becoming a Jr. Ranger! Complete the required (and fun) activities to earn your very own badge.

### **1:45 pm – 3:30 pm Shoreline Snorkel**

Mangroves and seagrass habitats are fascinating places to explore. Grab a mask and a snorkel and submerge yourself in the shallow, crystal-clear waters of Biscayne Bay with this guided snorkel adventure. Meet on the Visitor Center porch. Must be 16 years of age or older to participate. Bring a swimsuit, towel and a change of clothes. Snorkel equipment provided. Space is limited. First-come, first-served.

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## **SUNDAYS** (Except 12/14/14, 1/11/15, 2/8/15, 3/8/15, and 4/12/15)

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### **1:00 pm – 3:30 pm Canoe/Kayak Lessons**

If you've ever wanted to go canoeing or kayaking but weren't sure how to get started, this program is for you! Biscayne staff will instruct you on the basics of paddling so you can take your new skills and get out there and start exploring right away. No prior skills or reservations required, but you must be 14 years of age or older to participate.

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