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De Soto National Memorial
Bradenton, Florida

De Soto National Memorial 2012/2013 Events Calendar

Desoween V: October 27th from 6:30pm-8:30pm

Desoween V: Trail of Haunted Legends is a family friendly spooky trail walk. Will you find De Soto's lost gold or fall victim to the dreaded Skunk Ape, safe and fun for all ages.

Camp Uzita Living History: Every Day from December 8th through April 19th

Visitors get a unique look into Spanish and Native American life in the 16th Century. Park staff offer talks and demonstrations on the lasting impact De Soto would have on the history of America and the native people.

Winter Luminary Walk: December 15th from 6:30pm-8:30pm

For the holidays, park visitors are treated to an outdoor winter festival featuring music and a historic luminary walk along the parks nature trails.

Concerts on the Lawn: Dana and Susan Robinson February 16th Concert starts promptly at 5:30pm

Popular Appalachian folk music artist bring their unique blend of banjo, fiddle, and guitar in a concert under the stars. They are featured on the Ken Burn's Documentary America's Best Ideal Soundtrack.

Concerts on the Lawn: Injunuity February 23rd Concert starts promptly at 5:30pm

Award Winning contemporary and traditional Native American music performed by members of the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations.

Chickasaw Nation Gathering: March 9th All Day

Look for updates on our website at www.nps.gov/deso or stop by the Visitor Center for more details.

Five Centuries of Florida History: March 30th 10:00am-3:00pm

Every March De Soto Memorial brings together re-enactor groups from all over Florida for a timeline spanning 500 years of history.

De Soto Landing: April 20th 10:00am and 1:00pm

Be here as Conquistador Hernando De Soto comes ashore and claims Florida. Stay all day as we provide talks and demonstrations about De Soto's expedition and its lasting impact on the Native American people of the Southeast.

New Museum Exhibit: The Chickasaw People, an Enduring Culture:

A new multimedia exhibit of historical and traditional artifacts of the Chickasaw people. The Exhibit will be on display at the Visitor Center museum until April.

Park entrance, events, and activities are free. For events, dates, times and availability please contact De Soto National Memorial at (941) 792-0458 or check our website at www.nps.gov/deso

Driving Directions: We are located at 8300 De Soto Memorial Hwy, Bradenton, FL 34209.

From I- 75, take exit 220 west SR 64/ Manatee Ave. Travel 12 miles to 75th Street West. Turn right and travel to its terminus to the park's entrance.

From I-275 exit 5 follow US-19 into Bradenton. Turn West onto SR-64/ Manatee Ave 5 miles to 75th Street West. Turn right onto 75th Street West, and proceed 2.5 miles to its terminus at the park's entrance.

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