



Shark Valley Ranger-Guided Programs May 1 – September 30, 2016

All activities are FREE unless noted and subject to change. Reservations are only needed for specified programs.

Shark Valley Tram Tours (2-hours, fee charged)

Find yourself in the middle of the “River of Grass”, the heart of the Everglades. See alligators, wading birds and other wildlife in their natural habitat. Narrated by a park ranger or park naturalist. (Reservations highly recommended - 305-221-8455) ♿

**Trams run every day 9 am – 4 pm at the following times
9:30 a.m., 11 a.m., 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.**

Program Descriptions

Sun. Mon. Tues. Wed. Thurs. Fri. Sat.

Ranger Walk - 9:15 am (45 minute walk)

Join a park ranger or volunteer for a stroll along the Shark Valley Canal. Learn about the history of the area, identify the birds and wildlife, and discover what makes the Everglades unique. Meet at the benches by the canal. ♿

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Everglades Exploration - 2:30 pm (30 minute sit-down talk)

The Everglades story is a complex tale of plants, animals, water, and history. Join us for a short talk and get an in-depth glimpse of the Everglades. Meet at the benches behind the visitor center. ♿

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“Welcome to Our Home” - 2:30 pm (45 minute sit-down talk)

The Everglades is home to hundreds of wildlife. Come join a ranger and listen about one of these fascinating species whom call the River of Grass home. ♿

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Wild Walk in the Wilderness! – (9:00am (Approx.2hrs.)

“SAWGRASS and CATTAILS and MUCK OH MY!

Want to try something different? How about “off-roading”? Want to test yourself against the Everglades in the summer? A Park Ranger or Volunteer will lead you through the Shark River Slough using your “feet” as your “wheels” for a great adventure! Be prepared for high water, insects, and mosquitoes. An immersion into the Everglades and adventure awaits!

Reservations are required (Children must be at least 12 yrs. old).

Call 305-221-8776 for reservations and what to wear.

**Saturdays
May - September**

May: Sat. 21st
June: Sat. 18th
July: Sat. 16th
Aug: Sat. 20th
Sept: Sat. 17th

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Biking Programs

Participants 15 years and under **MUST** wear a helmet for all Bike Programs

Canal Biking - 7:30am (approx. 3hrs.)

Join a ranger for a car caravan trip to the L-67 Canal, approximately 5 miles to the east of Shark Valley Entrance. This is the old eastern boundary of your national park here in the Everglades. The bike tour will lead you down the canal berm on an unpaved, gravel road. Explore the wildlife along the canal and also the great views of the eastern portion of Shark Valley Slough and the Everglades. The subtleness of the wetlands as the morning light wakes up its inhabitants, birds, turtles and alligators sunning themselves along your path. Spider webs covered in the morning dew glistening in the sun.

Reservations are required call 305-221-8776 and will be taken 1-week prior to the scheduled ride.

Bring your own bicycle.

Meet near entrance gate at Shark Valley, car caravan to L67 lot, five miles east of Shark Valley.

**Saturdays
May – September**

**May: Sat. 28th
June: Sat. 25th
July: Sat. 23rd
Aug: Sat. 27th
Sept: Sat. 24th**

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Glades Biking in the Morn' - 9:00am (approx. 3hrs.)

Explore the subtleness of the wetlands as the morning light wakes up its inhabitants, birds, turtles and alligators sunning themselves along your path. Spider webs covered in the morning dew glistening in the sun. Join a Park Ranger or Volunteer for a 15-mile bike ride out into the Shark River Slough.

**Bring your own bicycle or rent one from the concession for \$18.00.
Meet on the back side of the visitor center by the benches.**

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**Sundays
May - September**

**May: Sun. 15th
June: Sun. 12th
July: Sun. 10th
Aug: Sun. 14th
Sept: Sun. 15th**

Meteor Shower Bike Ride - (approx. 3hrs.)

Watch an amazing meteor shower over the sawgrass prairie. Listen to the accompanying Everglades "night symphony" as you get a glimpse of a meteor shower arching across the dark night sky. Climb the observation tower to enjoy the mystery and to feel the magic of the Everglades Wilderness at night. Join a park ranger for an evening 15-mile bike ride.

Your own bicycle required.

**Reservations will be taken 1-week prior to the scheduled ride.
Call 305-221-8776**

May – September

May, Thurs 5th – 6:30 p.m.

July, Fri 29th – 6:30 p.m.

Year - Round	Sun.	Mon.	Tues	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
<p>Tamiami Trail “Try-Athlon”, a triathlon you can complete anytime you please.</p> <p>Bike, Hike, and Canoe to complete the Tamiami Trail Triathlon in one day, one month, one year. It is up to you. Start at the Gulf Coast Visitor Center, at Shark Valley Visitor Center or Big Cypress Oasis Visitor Center.</p> <p>However - Whenever - Get out and enjoy the experience along Tamiami Trail.</p> <hr/> <p>Up to a Challenge? Come join a Ranger on the following dates and do the “Try-Athlon” – canoe, hike and bike – in <u>ONE</u> day. Can you do it?</p> <p>Call the Gulf Coast Visitor Center to sign-up two weeks in advance and to get more information. 239-695-3311</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Sundays</u> December 20th January 24th February 21st March 6th</p>	X						